



SYNOPSIS

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January 26, 2021
Schedule 6

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 26, 2021

SB 532 Senator Kramer

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – CONSUMER CREDIT – SALES–BASED FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

Prohibiting a person from engaging in the business of making or soliciting a sales–based financing transaction unless the person is licensed by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; requiring an applicant for a license to have \$20,000 in available liquid assets and to have demonstrated a sufficient level of responsibility to command public confidence and warrant faith in the honest operation of the business; requiring the Commissioner to investigate and ensure that each applicant meets certain qualifications; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, § 13-301(14)(xxix) - added and FI, § 11-610(a) through (c) - amended and §§ 12-1101 through 12-1124 - added

Assigned to: Finance

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SB 533 **Senator Guzzone****HORSE RACING – MARYLAND–BRED RACE FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Maryland–Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee to include a member of and recommended by the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association, Inc.; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

BR, § 11-532(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 534 **Senator Guzzone****INCOME TAX CREDIT – WINERIES AND VINEYARDS – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the termination for a credit against the State income tax for certain expenses related to certain wineries and vineyards in the State to June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Chapter 659 of the Acts of 2013, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 535 **Senator King****CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – MEETING REQUIREMENTS**

Making clarifying changes to certain additional meeting requirements for a council of unit owners; requiring notice of an initial properly called meeting of a council of unit owners to include certain information under certain circumstances; requiring an additional meeting of a council of unit owners to be held no earlier than 15 days after the initial properly called meeting; requiring a certain notice of an additional meeting of the council of unit owners to be delivered, advertised, or posted in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, §§ 11-109(c)(8) and 11B-111(4) and (5) - amended and § 11B-111(6) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 536 **Senator King****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – STORMWATER CHARGES – ORGANIZATIONS OFFERING AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS**

Exempting an organization that offers agricultural exhibitions and is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code from a certain stormwater charge established by Montgomery County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 4-204(e)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 537 **Senator Hershey****PHARMACISTS – REQUIRED NOTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZED SUBSTITUTION – LOWER-COST DRUG OR DEVICE PRODUCT**

Requiring a pharmacist, or the pharmacist's designee who is under certain supervision, to inform a certain consumer of the availability of a therapeutically equivalent brand name drug that is the lowest cost alternative to the originally prescribed drug or device and the cost difference between the therapeutically equivalent drug or device and the prescribed drug; altering the cost difference of which a pharmacist is required to inform a retail consumer; requiring a certain determination to be made based on a certain drug benefit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 12-504 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 538 **Senator Guzzone****COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION AND RESIDENCY WAIVERS – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include in the annual State budget for the Maryland Higher Education Commission a General Fund appropriation of \$10,000,000 to fund State-mandated tuition and residency waivers for community colleges; requiring the Commission to distribute the appropriation to each community college board of trustees based on the number of qualifying students enrolled in each community college in proportion to the total number of enrolled qualifying students, as determined by the Commission; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 16-322 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 539 **Senator Guzzone****INCOME TAX CREDIT – FOOD DONATION PILOT PROGRAM – EXTENSION**

Extending through December 31, 2023, the taxable years for which a qualified farm may claim a certain credit against the Maryland income tax for the donation of fresh farm products for human consumption; extending through December 31, 2023, the period of time during which the State Department of Agriculture may issue certain tax credit certificates; extending through December 31, 2024, the period of time for which the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the Comptroller, shall submit a certain report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-745 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 540 **Senators Hershey and Gallion****FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT – AUTHORITY OF STATE**

Prohibiting the State from entering into an agreement that waives the State's authority under § 401 of the federal Clean Water Act as part of exercising the State's authority and carrying out the State's duties under the federal Clean Water Act and State law, including the State's authority and duties related to the federal relicensing of the Conowingo Dam.

EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT

EN, § 9-353 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 541 **Senators Hershey and Gallion****MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY – TOLL PLAZAS**

Prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority from making any capital investment in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway toll plaza; and requiring the Authority to remove the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway toll plaza when it becomes functionally obsolete and establish a new toll plaza for the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway at a location between Maryland Route 279 and Maryland Route 272.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TR, § 4-408 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 542 Senator Eckardt

STATE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – EMPLOYEES – ALTERNATIVE WORKWEEKS

Authorizing the Secretary of Health to authorize an employee of a State facility to work according to an “alternative workweek”, which means a work schedule under which a certain employee works atypical shifts and may work less than 40 hours in a week; requiring that a certain employee be considered a full-time employee of the State; providing that certain provisions of law governing the payment for overtime work apply to employees of a State facility who are authorized to work according to a certain alternative workweek; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT

HG, § 2-104(p) - added and SP, § 8-305 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 543 Senator Eckardt

INSURANCE – HEALTH CARE SHARING MINISTRIES – EXEMPTION

Exempting from State insurance laws health care sharing ministries as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 5000A(d)(2)(B)(ii).

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

IN, § 1-202(a)(4) and (5) - amended and § 1-202(a)(6) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 544 Senator Eckardt

CHARTER AND CODE HOME RULE COUNTIES – COUNTY PROPERTY LEASES – NOTICE EXEMPTIONS

Authorizing a charter or code home rule county to enter into a lease without giving certain notice if the lease is not renewable and has a term of 5 years or less.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LG, § 10-312 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 545 **Senator Jennings****TASK FORCE TO STUDY CANINE BREEDING FACILITIES**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Canine Breeding Facilities; requiring the Task Force to study achievements made in the past 20 years in combating substandard canine breeding practices and current efforts and standards relating to canine breeding; requiring the Task Force to make recommendations and report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Finance

SB 546 **Senator McCray****SCHOOL BUILDINGS – DRINKING WATER OUTLETS – ELEVATED LEVEL OF LEAD (SAFE SCHOOL DRINKING WATER ACT)**

Altering the definition of “elevated level of lead” for purposes of certain provisions of law requiring the periodic testing for the presence of lead in drinking water outlets in occupied public and nonpublic school buildings; and requiring by August 1, 2022, a school to take certain remedial measures on a drinking water outlet tested on or before April 1, 2021, if the test indicated a concentration of lead that was more than 5 parts per billion but less than 20 parts per billion.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EN, §§ 6-1501(c), 6-1502, and 6-1503(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 547 **Senator McCray****BALTIMORE CITY – 45TH DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B–D–7 LICENSE**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class B–D–7 license in the 4800 block of Harford Road in the 45th alcoholic beverages district if the applicant meets certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 12-1603(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 548 **Senator Augustine****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION SURVEYS – REVISIONS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish procedures for the administration of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Survey/Youth Tobacco Survey to public middle school and high school students in the State; repealing the authority of the Department to omit a certain amount of survey questions under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to include in the survey certain tiers and questions related to adverse childhood experiences and positive childhood experiences; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-420 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 549 **Senators Hershey and Edwards****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEMS**

Authorizing certain biomass systems primarily fueled with qualifying biomass other than animal manure to be eligible for renewable energy credits; and altering the definition of “thermal biomass system”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-701(r) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 550 **Senator Beidle, et al****SHEILA E. HIXSON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Sheila E. Hixson Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program for Service Members and Veterans to provide funds to local nonprofit organizations to establish and expand community behavioral health programs to serve members, veterans and their families; requiring the Department of Health to administer the Program and to establish a statewide system to assess the services provided by the nonprofit organizations; authorizing the Governor to provide \$2,500,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HG, § 7.5-210 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 551 Senator Rosapepe**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION INCENTIVE ACT OF 2021**

Requiring an eligible cost of a public school construction or capital improvement project to include costs relating to certain planning, design, and analysis; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to establish a certain incentive program for certain school construction and renewal projects; providing for the calculation of the incentive, including an increase in the State share percentage and a decrease in the local share percentage of school construction and renewal costs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 5-303(a)(1) and (d)(2) - amended and § 5-324 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 552 Senator Young**MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE USE OF CREDIT HISTORY RATING POLICY**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from rating a risk based, in whole or in part, on the credit history of an applicant or insured in any manner; repealing certain provisions of law authorizing an insurer to use the credit history of an applicant or insured to rate a new policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance; applying the Act to all private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

IN, § 27-501(e-2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 553 Senator Young**VEHICLE LAWS – INTERSECTIONS – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting a vehicle facing a circular green signal, a green arrow signal, or a steady yellow signal from entering an intersection if the vehicle is unable to completely proceed through the intersection; establishing certain exceptions to the prohibition; prohibiting a police officer from issuing a citation for a violation of the Act unless the approach to the intersection has certain signage installed notifying the public that a vehicle may not make a movement at the intersection that violates the Act's provisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-202 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 554 **Senator Young****HIGHER EDUCATION – RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS – IN-STATE TUITION**

Exempting returned Peace Corps volunteers who are domiciled in the State from paying nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State subject to a certain requirement; and requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 15-106.11 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 555 **Senator Young****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR – REQUIRED MEETING**

Requiring a certain assistant State's Attorney, with knowledge of the case, to meet with a victim of sexually assaultive behavior, at the request of the victim, or the victim's representative, within 10 days after a decision to not file a charging document or to dismiss charges against an alleged suspect; requiring the assistant State's Attorney, at the meeting, to explain the justification for not filing a charging document or for dismissing the charges; and authorizing the meeting to be held in person, by phone, or by other means as requested.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 11-1009 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 556 **Senator Young****COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – TEACHERS AT THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – SEPARATE BARGAINING UNIT**

Establishing a separate collective bargaining unit for employees who have been designated with teacher status by the Board of Trustees of the Maryland School for the Deaf, but does not include officers or supervisory employees of the school.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SP, §§ 3-101 and 3-403(f) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 557 Senator Young**SUICIDE TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS ACT**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide training for certain staff who assist callers on a certain hotline to ensure that the staff are able to provide counseling for suicidal persons who may be in crisis; requiring certain facilities to ensure that suicidal patients and patients who have attempted suicide are treated in a certain manner; requiring certain facilities to ensure that certain staff act in a certain manner and receive certain training; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 7.5-501, 10-701, 10-709, and 10-1003 and IN, § 15-802 - amended and PS, § 3-207(j) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 558 Carroll County Senators**CARROLL COUNTY – INSTANT TICKET LOTTERY MACHINES**

Expanding the list of organizations in certain counties that may be licensed to operate not more than five instant ticket lottery machines to include certain fraternal and sororal organizations in Carroll County, provided that the organization is not a high school or college fraternity or sorority or any other organization the membership of which is restricted wholly or largely to certain students or graduates; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 9-112 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 559 Senator Ready**DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – TESTING – WARRANTS**

Establishing an exception to the prohibition on compelling a person to undergo a certain test of the person's breath or blood for a test that is required by a valid warrant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 16-205.1(b)(1) and CJ, § 10-309(a)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 560 **Senator Ready, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT OF A HANDGUN**

Classifying the theft of a handgun as a felony; and establishing a penalty for theft of a handgun, for a first conviction, 2 to 5 years of imprisonment and a fine of up to \$1,000 or both, and for a second or subsequent conviction, imprisonment for 5 to 10 years and a fine of up to \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 7-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 561 **Senators Hershey and Eckardt****ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES – MEETINGS – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing annual and special meetings of the members of an electric cooperative to be conducted in person, virtually, or both; requiring the notice of annual and special meetings to include certain information; altering certain requirements for a quorum; repealing a requirement that for voting to occur by mail or electronic transmission, the manner must be provided in the cooperative's bylaws; and authorizing voting to be conducted in a certain manner in accordance with the cooperative's bylaws.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

CA, §§ 5-616 through 5-619 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 562 **Senators Hettleman and West****AGRICULTURE – LICENSE TO PRODUCE HEMP – LIMITATION**

Altering a certain licensing requirement for producing hemp in the State; prohibiting the Department of Agriculture from issuing a license to a person to produce hemp if the Department determines that the land subject to a license application is located within 25 feet of a property or properties with three or more individual residences, unless the person agrees to produce hemp in an indoor facility that exhausts its fumes to the outside with an approved apparatus; requiring the Department to make a certain determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

AG, § 14-308 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 563 **Senator Griffith**

LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS – FUNDING

Specifying the amount of funding required to be included in the State budget for local health services for certain fiscal years; altering the purposes for which local health department funding may be used to include protective equipment for certain health care personnel and materials appropriate to prepare for potential communicable disease emergencies; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct a certain evaluation by December 1, 2021; requiring the Department to submit a certain report by December 15, 2021; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HG, §§ 2-302 and 2-304 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 564 **Senator Griffith**

CONSOLIDATION OF THE PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Merging the Procurement Improvement Council and the Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services; altering the duties and membership of the Procurement Improvement Council; repealing provisions of law relating to the Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 12-105 - amended and § 12-110 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 565 **Senator Griffith, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – DATA – RACE AND ETHNICITY INFORMATION**

Altering a certain provision of law requiring the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to collaborate with the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish a report card that includes racial and ethnic composition data on individuals who hold a license or certificate issued by a health occupations board, rather than only physicians; requiring the Office, as permitted by certain privacy laws, to respond to requests for health data that includes race and ethnicity information within 30 days of receipt of the request; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 20-1004 and 20-1005 - amended and HO, § 1-225 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 566 **Senator Elfreth (By Request – Anne Arundel County Administration)****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – TRANSFER TAX – HOUSING TRUST SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to increase the rate of the transfer tax imposed on certain written instruments conveying title to property or a leasehold interest in real property; requiring any revenue derived from a higher transfer tax rate to be distributed to a certain special fund; establishing a Housing Trust Special Revenue Fund and requiring that certain revenue attributable to certain transfer and recordation tax rates be paid into the fund; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

PLL of Anne Arundel Co, Art. 2, §§ 4-3A-102 and 4-11-111 - amended and § 4-11-122 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 567 The President (By Request – Administration)**TELEHEALTH SERVICES – EXPANSION**

Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to provide through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; altering a provision of law requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse certain health care services provided through telehealth to require reimbursement to be provided in a certain manner and at a certain rate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HG, HO, IN, Chapter 17 of the Acts of 2020, and Chapter 18 of the Acts of 2020, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 568 The President (By Request – Administration)**HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – TELEHEALTH – OUT-OF-STATE
HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS**

Authorizing an out-of-state health care practitioner to provide telehealth services to a patient located in the State in accordance with certain provisions of the Act; requiring a certain health occupations board to register an out-of-state health care practitioner, under certain circumstances, to provide telehealth services to a patient located in the State; prohibiting an out-of-state health care practitioner who is registered under certain provisions of the Act from taking certain actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HO, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 569 The President (By Request – Administration)**DRIVER’S LICENSES, LEARNER’S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMITS, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS – APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS**

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to extend the period of time that an identification card remains effective by 90 days under certain circumstances; altering the documentation that applicants for a learner’s permit who are under the age of 16 years are required to present to the Administration; altering the time period before expiration within which a driver’s license is renewable; altering the standards for determining whether an individual is required to appear in person to renew the individual’s driver’s license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TR, §§ 12-301(i), 16-105(a), and 16-115(a)(3) and (4) and (i)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 570 The President (By Request – Administration)**EMERGENCY SERVICES – EXPOSURE TO CONTAGIOUS DISEASES AND VIRUSES – NOTIFICATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the definition of “contagious disease or virus” for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the notification of a possible exposure of certain emergency services personnel to include 2019–nCoV; extending certain notification requirements regarding possible exposure to a contagious disease or virus to certain emergency medical services clinicians; requiring that certain emergency medical services clinicians receive certain training and certain equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HG, §§ 18-213, 18-213.1, and 18-213.2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 571 The President (By Request – Administration)**INTERSTATE LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS COMPACT**

Entering the Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring that a state meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; establishing duties of member states; authorizing a certain state to charge a certain fee for granting a certain privilege; requiring certain professional counselors to meet certain eligibility requirements to receive certain licensure and exercise a certain privilege; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HO, § 17-6B-01 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 572 The President (By Request – Administration)**RETIREMENT TAX REDUCTION ACT OF 2021**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for up to a certain amount each year for certain individuals who are receiving certain benefits under the Social Security Act, or who are at least 65 years old and are not employed full time; establishing certain limits on the subtraction modification for certain taxable years; prohibiting income included in certain subtraction modifications from being included under the subtraction modification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 573 The President (By Request – Administration)**INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL (HOMETOWN HEROES ACT)**

Altering, from 55 years old to 50 years old, the age at which a resident is eligible for a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income attributable to employment as a correctional officer, law enforcement officer, or fire, rescue or emergency services personnel in the United State, the State or a political subdivision of the State; altering the amount of certain retirement income that may be included under a certain subtraction modification; applying the Act to certain taxable years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 574 The President (By Request – Administration)**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME**

Phasing out, over 2 taxable years, a certain limitation on the amount of certain military retirement income that may be included in a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 575 The President (By Request – Administration)**MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES – ALTERATIONS**

Removing the Deputy Director of the Maryland Environmental Service as a designated officer of the Service and instead authorizing the Board of Directors of the Service to appoint a Deputy Director to assist the Director in a certain manner; providing that the Deputy Director and certain officers of the Service serve at the pleasure of the Board; altering the size and membership of the Board; requiring Board members to file a certain financial statement; providing that the Director serves as a nonvoting member of the Board; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

GP, § 5-601(d) and NR, §§ 3-103 and 3-126(d) and (h) - amended and NR, §§ 3-103.3 and 3-103.4 - added

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

SB 576 The President (By Request – Administration)**BUILDING OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2021**

Requiring or authorizing, under certain circumstances, the Maryland Stadium Authority to contract for, manage, and oversee certain public school facility projects; authorizing the Prince George's County government and Board of Education to enter into a certain public-private partnership to enhance the delivery of public school construction projects in the county; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EC, ED, SF, SG, TG, Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2018, and PLL of Balt Co, Art. 3, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SENATE BILL REASSIGNED January 22, 2021**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

Reassigned to: Budget and Taxation