



SYNOPSIS

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January 29, 2021
Schedule 7

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 29, 2021

SB 577 Senators McCray and Edwards

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MAKERSPACE INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing the Makerspace Initiative Pilot Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to encourage the establishment and expansion of makerspaces throughout the State; authorizing the Corporation to award certain financial assistance to local governments, certain designees of local governments, and certain nonprofit entities for the establishment of makerspaces in the State; requiring the Corporation, after consulting with the Secretary of Commerce, to adopt certain standards; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, §§ 10-473 through 10-477 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

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SB 578 **Senator McCray****INCOME TAX – RETROACTIVE CHANGES UNDER THE FEDERAL CARES ACT – ADDITION MODIFICATION**

Requiring an addition modification for certain taxable years under the Maryland income tax for certain amounts related to certain net operating loss deductions, certain excess business losses, and certain business interest expense deductions allowed under the Internal Revenue Code and expanded by the federal CARES Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-205(m) and (n) - added and § 10-306(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 579 **Senator Kagan****HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – RESTROOMS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring each health care facility, on or after January 1, 2023, to provide in each restroom maintained by the health care facility a hands-free disposable towel dispenser and a device that allows an individual to open a door without touching the door handle; requiring each health care facility to report to the Maryland Department of Health certain information regarding certain restrooms on or before January 1, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 24-213 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 580 **Senator Kagan****HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE – WEATHER-RELATED CLAIMS**

Prohibiting an insurer from considering a claim for a weather-related event for the purpose of canceling or refusing to renew coverage for homeowner’s insurance if the claim is for an amount of loss that is less than the insured’s deductible under the policy or is resolved with no payout to the homeowner by the insurer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

IN, § 27-501(i) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 581 **Senator Hettleman****ACTION FOR CHANGE OF NAME – WAIVER OF PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a court to waive a certain publication requirement in an action for change of name under the Maryland Rules on motion by an individual who has filed the action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 3-2201 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 582 **Senator Hettleman****COMMERCIAL TENANTS – PERSONAL LIABILITY CLAUSES – ENFORCEABILITY**

Providing that a certain personal liability clause in a commercial lease or associated document is unenforceable if, as the result of certain proclamations relating to the outbreak of COVID–19, a commercial tenant was required to cease certain operations or close to the public and the commercial tenant’s default occurred between March 23, 2020, and September 30, 2020, inclusive; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 583 **Senator Hettleman****LAW ENFORCEMENT – BODY–WORN CAMERAS – CAPABILITIES**

Requiring a certain policy developed and published by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to require that a body–worn camera purchased or otherwise procured for use by a law enforcement officer on or after January 1, 2022, automatically record and save 2 minutes of audio and video footage immediately prior to the officer activating the record button on the device.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 3-511 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 584 **Senator Gallion****EDUCATION – STUDENT HORIZON DATABASE AND SCORECARD
(STUDENTS RIGHT TO KNOW ACT OF 2021)**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with certain agencies, to collect certain information each year; requiring the Department to establish and maintain a certain database on the Department's website; requiring the Department to publish on the Department's website a Student Horizon Scorecard by October 1, 2022, and each October 1 thereafter; requiring the Student Horizon Scorecard to include certain information and be distributed by local school systems to high school students by October 31 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, § 7-126 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 585 **Senator Gallion****AGRICULTURE – PROCESSING OF POULTRY LITTER FOR
ALTERNATIVE USE**

Requiring the processing of poultry litter for a certain alternative use, or the resulting product, to meet certain requirements; requiring a certain product to be able to be procured and handled or applied in a certain manner for a certain purpose; authorizing the transportation of a certain alternative use product off the Delmarva Peninsula to certain markets and using a certain distribution apparatus; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AG, § 8-1101 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 586 **Senator Beidle****VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM – EXEMPTIONS –
OLDER DRIVERS**

Lowering from 70 to 65 years the minimum age that the owner of a motor vehicle must attain in order for the motor vehicle to be exempt from mandatory testing requirements; and increasing from 5,000 to 10,000 the maximum number of miles that a motor vehicle may be driven annually in order to be exempt from mandatory inspection and testing requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 23-206.2(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 587 **Senator Sydnor****FACIAL RECOGNITION PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT**

Requiring certain governmental units to produce and update certain accountability reports relating to the development, procurement, or use of facial recognition services at certain intervals through a certain process; prohibiting certain governmental units from using facial recognition services under certain circumstances and for certain purposes; requiring certain governmental units to disclose the use of facial recognition services to certain individuals in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, §§ 10-1701 through 10-1711 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 588 **Senator Sydnor****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – CREDITABILITY OF WITNESSES AND MISCONDUCT DATABASE (MARYLAND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021)**

Requiring each State's Attorney to maintain a list of certain law enforcement officers who have been found to have committed or are alleged to have committed acts that bear on credibility, integrity or honesty that would constitute impeachment or exculpatory evidence; providing that certain personnel records are subject to inspection under the Maryland Public Information Act; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to establish and maintain a certain database; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 9-125 and PS, §§ 3-102.1 and 3-207(j) - added and GP, § 4-311 and PS, § 3-102 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 589 **Senator Sydnor****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – POLICE OFFICERS – STOP PROCEDURES (KNOW YOUR RIGHTS ACT)**

Requiring a police officer to display proper identification and provide certain information to certain individuals at the commencement of a certain stop, with a certain exception; requiring a police officer to inform certain passengers and occupants of a certain vehicle of the right to refuse to provide identification to the police officer at a certain time; prohibiting a police officer from seizing certain items without a warrant or using certain tactics or deliberately misrepresenting facts for a certain purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 2-109 and PS, § 3-207(j) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 590 **Senator Sydnor****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – REQUIRED DISCLOSURES – BRADY MATERIAL**

Requiring the State's Attorney to disclose to the defense certain information in a criminal case; providing that a certain requirement applies regardless of whether certain information would itself constitute certain evidence; requiring the State's Attorney to produce certain information in a certain form, with a certain exception; requiring the State's Attorney to make certain efforts to disclose certain information to the defense at a certain time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 4-207 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 591 **Senators Zucker and Elfreth****BUREAU OF REVENUE ESTIMATES – TAX INCIDENCE STUDY – SCOPE**

Altering the scope of certain tax incidence studies submitted by the Bureau of Revenue Estimates; applying the Act to studies submitted after September 30, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 6-104(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 592 **Senators Zucker and Kelley**

STATE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM – REPORTING

Altering the contents of a certain report required by the Department of Human Services regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; requiring the State Department of Education, on or before December 1 each year, to report to the General Assembly and the Department of Human Services certain information regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; requiring the State Department of Education to publish each report on its website within 30 days of submission to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 5-1312 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 593 **Senator Zucker, et al**

PROPERTY TAX – HOMEOWNERS’ PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – CALCULATION AND REFUNDS

Altering, for purposes of the homeowners’ property tax credit, the definition of “total real property tax” to exclude any adjustments based on other property tax credits against the property tax imposed on a dwelling; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to determine whether a homeowner is owed refund of property taxes paid by the homeowner for certain taxable years as a result of the Act; requiring the Comptroller to pay a refund from the Local Reserve Account; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 9-104(a)(13) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 594 **Senator Carozza, et al**

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MARYLAND HEALTHY WORKING FAMILIES ACT – VERIFICATION

Altering the circumstances under which an employer is authorized to require an employee who uses certain sick and safe leave to provide verification that the leave was used appropriately; and authorizing certain employers to deny a certain request to take certain sick and safe leave if the employee fails or refuses to provide certain verification.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 3-1305(g) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 595 **Senator Washington****RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICITY AND GAS SUPPLY BILLING
INFORMATION – REPORTS**

Requiring certain persons to submit to the Public Service Commission beginning July 1, 2022, monthly reports containing information on the supply of electricity and gas to certain residential customers; requiring certain initial reports to include information from the previous 12 months; providing for the required contents of each report; requiring certain information to be organized by low-income customers and all other customers; requiring the Commission to make each report available to certain persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-312 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 596 **Senator Washington****ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING CENTERS – HOURS OF
OPERATION**

Requiring early voting centers to be open during the hours between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. during each early voting day in elections other than a presidential general election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 10-301.1(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 597 **Senator Washington****STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – REVISIONS**

Requiring certain individuals employed by federal agencies to comply with certain provisions of law; establishing that an applicant to obtain a certified social worker license is required to meet certain requirements by December 21, 2023; altering the number of hours of certain supervision an applicant for a certified social worker-clinical license is required to complete; specifying that certain supervision is to be provided in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board of Social Work Examiners; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 598 **Senator Smith****PROCUREMENT – OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM AND VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM**

Providing that the Small Business Reserve Program includes certain veteran-owned small business enterprises that meet certain criteria; requiring the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to adopt regulations to establish a certain overall percentage goal of certain procurement contracts to be made with veteran-owned small business enterprises; requiring certain solicitation documents to include certain information; altering the required contents of a certain annual report; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 14-501 and 14-601 through 14-604 - amended and § 14-604.1 - added and SG, § 9-304 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 599 **Senator Smith****PUBLIC SAFETY – SURPLUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT – PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

Prohibiting certain law enforcement agencies from receiving certain equipment from a federal military surplus program; and establishing that the prohibition includes an armored or weaponized aircraft, drone, or vehicle, a destructive device, a firearm silencer, or a grenade launcher.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 3-521 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 600 **Senator Smith****OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF DEATHS CAUSED BY POLICE OFFICERS**

Requiring a certain law enforcement agency to notify the Office of the Attorney General of a certain incident involving the death of a person caused by a police officer as soon as the law enforcement agency becomes aware of the incident; requiring the Attorney General to investigate certain incidents involving the death of a person caused by a police officer; requiring the Attorney General to transmit a certain report to a certain State's Attorney at a certain time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 3-523 and SG, § 6-106.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 601 Senator Smith**PUBLIC SAFETY – REQUIRED DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

Expanding the procedures for conducting an investigation or interrogation under certain circumstances that may lead to disciplinary action, demotion, or dismissal of a law enforcement officer; establishing an exception to an existing authorization for a law enforcement agency to require a certain law enforcement officer to submit to certain testing under certain circumstances; requiring a law enforcement officer to submit to certain drug and alcohol testing under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 3-104(a) and (l) - amended and § 304.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 602 Senator Smith**TORT CLAIMS ACTS – LIMITS ON LIABILITY**

Increasing the limits on liability of a local government, from \$400,000 for an individual claim and \$800,000 for total claims to \$600,000 for an individual claim and \$1,200,000 for total claims, and the State and its units, from \$400,000 to a single claimant to \$600,000 to a single claimant, for claims arising from tortious acts or omissions committed by an employee within the scope of employment with the local government or the State or its units; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 5-303 and 12-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 603 Senators Hershey and Eckardt**CAROLINE COUNTY – SUNDAY HUNTING – DEER HUNTING SEASONS**

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 Caroline County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-410(a)(2), (4), and (5) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 604 **Senators Hershey and Gallion****CECIL COUNTY – MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTION FOR GOLF CARTS**

Creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements under certain circumstances for golf carts in Cecil County; providing that a person who operates a golf cart in Cecil County may operate the golf cart only on certain highways at certain times and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a highway in Cecil County to keep as far to the right of the roadway as feasible and possess a valid driver's license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 13-402(c) - amended and § 21-104.5 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 605 **Senator Hershey****QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY HUNTING**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Queen Anne's County to hunt any game bird or game mammal on a Sunday during the open season for that game bird or game mammal.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 606 **Senator Hershey****CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – KENT COUNTY**

Requiring membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain local detention center officers of Kent County under certain circumstances; providing that a certain individual is entitled to eligibility service and creditable service that was earned before the effective date of Kent County's participation in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; providing for the transfer of creditable service for a certain individual; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SP, § 31-2B-07 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 607 Senator Jackson**CRIMINAL LAW – HARM TO SERVICE ANIMALS**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally or recklessly killing, injuring, or interfering with the use of a certain service animal in a certain manner, or allowing a certain animal to kill, injure, or interfere with the use of a certain service animal in a certain manner; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act of up to 5 years imprisonment or a fine of up to \$5,000, or both; and requiring a court to order a certain defendant to pay certain restitution as a condition of sentencing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 10-626 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 608 Senator Jackson**PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION**

Altering a certain provision of law authorizing a member of the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to designate a certain representative to act at a certain meeting to the same effect as if the member were personally present to require that the designation be made in writing; providing that the Secretary of State Police is the chair of the Commission; altering and reorganizing provisions of law relating to the powers and duties of the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 609 Senator Augustine**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY – MARKETING PLAN**

Requiring the Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority to work to increase the utilization of certain programs and funds to assist minority and women-owned businesses and consider incentives to encourage the use of certain credit insurance programs; requiring the Authority to develop and implement a certain marketing plan; and requiring the marketing plan implemented in accordance with the Act to identify methods to increase the utilization of certain credit insurance services by certain financial entities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, § 5-404 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 610 Senator Cassilly**LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS – ACCESSIBLE ROOMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – DEADLINES**

Altering the dates by which certain percentages of accessible rooms in a lodging establishment are required to be furnished with a bed of a certain height.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 15-208 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 611 Senator Pinsky**INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX – RATES AND RATE BRACKETS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the rates and rate brackets under the State income tax on certain income of individuals; requiring the Comptroller to waive certain interest and penalties for calendar year 2021 under certain circumstances; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 612 Carroll County Senators**CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County to borrow not more than \$48,450,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 613 **Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY**

Increasing the salary of the Sheriff of Carroll County from \$110,000 to \$125,000 beginning December 6, 2022 and to \$140,000 beginning December 5, 2023, and thereafter; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salary of the incumbent Sheriff.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 2-320(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 614 **Senator Ready****PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – DRUG REIMBURSEMENT – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring pharmacy benefits managers to file with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, beginning January 1, 2022, and every 3 months thereafter, a certain report of all drugs appearing on the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost list that were reimbursed during a certain period at an amount below a certain cost plus a certain fee; requiring that the report be made available to the public by the Commissioner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 15-102.3(j) - added and IN, § 15-1612 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 615 **Senator Ready****PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – PROHIBITED ACTIONS**

Prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from engaging in any practice that bases certain reimbursement for a prescription drug on patient outcomes, scores, or metrics under certain circumstances; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from engaging in the practice of spread pricing; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from denying any pharmacy a certain right; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from taking more than 30 days to review the application of a pharmacy or pharmacist to participate in a certain policy or contract; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

HG, § 15-102.3(j) and IN, § 15-1601(q) - added and IN, §§ 15-1601(q), (r), and (s), 15-1611, and 15-1611.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 616 **Senator McCray****BALTIMORE CITY – SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT – AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH**

Authorizing a Baltimore City Soil Conservation District to be established and continued with boundaries corresponding to the boundaries of Baltimore City.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

AG, § 8-301 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 617 **Senator Bailey****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – ENTITLEMENT**

Providing that a person is not entitled to expungement of certain records if the court ordered the person to register as a certain sex offender in connection with the disposition of a certain charge or the person has not satisfied an obligation to pay court costs, fines, or restitution imposed by the court in connection with the disposition of the charge on which the petition is based.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 10-105(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 618 **Senator Edwards****NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE LAKES PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND – MANDATORY FUNDING**

Increasing the amount of the appropriation, beginning in fiscal year 2023, that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill for the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 8-205 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 619 **Senator Edwards, et al****NO REPRESENTATION WITHOUT POPULATION ACT – REPEAL**

Repealing certain provisions of law governing the inclusion and counting of incarcerated individuals in the population count used after each decennial census for the purpose of creating congressional and certain legislative districting plans; repealing certain provisions of law requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to submit certain information for certain incarcerated individuals to the Maryland Department of Planning and the Department of Legislative Services; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, § 8-701 - amended and SG, § 2-2A-01 and LG, § 1-1307 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 620 **Senator Edwards****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEMBERS – ACTIVE STATUS POINTS**

Altering, under certain circumstances, certain service requirements for a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical services members; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-208(i-1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 621 **Senator Edwards****ASSOCIATION HEALTH COVERAGE PLANS**

Clarifying that, for purposes of provisions of law concerning health insurance, a chamber of commerce may be considered an association; repealing certain provisions of law that apply certain provisions of law governing small group market plans to health benefit plans offered by certain entities; applying the Act to policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

IN, §§ 11-601(d)(1), 15-302(c) and (d)(2), 15-1201(i)(2), and 15-1202 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 622 **Senator Edwards****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – DONATIONS TO DIAPER BANKS AND OTHER CHARITABLE ENTITIES**

Allowing a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for up to \$1,000 of donations of certain disposable diapers, certain hygiene products, and certain monetary gifts made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to certain qualified charitable entities; requiring the taxpayer to file certain information with the taxpayer's income tax return in order to claim the subtraction; requiring the Department of Human Services to adopt certain regulations; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-208(y) - added and § 10-308(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 623 **Senator Lee****CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES INVOLVING COMPUTERS**

Prohibiting a person from committing a certain prohibited act with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a health care facility or a public school; prohibiting a person from knowingly possessing certain ransomware with the intent to use the ransomware to restrict access by authorized persons and demanding payment to remove the ransomware; and authorizing a victim of a certain offense to bring a civil action for damages against a certain person; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 7-302 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 624 **Senator Lee****PUBLIC SAFETY – UNTRACEABLE AND UNDETECTABLE FIREARMS**

Altering a certain definition of regulated firearm to include a certain unfinished frame or receiver; authorizing a person to continue to possess a certain firearm or unfinished frame or receiver on or after January 1, 2022, if the firearm or unfinished frame or receiver is marked with a unique serial number and the person maintains a certain record log; prohibiting a person from possessing a certain firearm or unfinished frame or receiver on or after January 1, 2022; providing certain penalties; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

PS, §§ 5-101(r), 5-114, 5-117.1, and 5-142 - amended and §§ 5-701 through 5-707 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 625 **Senator Carter****COURTS – JURY SERVICE – DISQUALIFICATION**

Altering certain circumstances under which an individual who has been convicted of a crime is not qualified for jury service; and repealing a provision specifying that an individual is not qualified for jury service if the individual has a certain charge pending for a certain crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 8-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 626 **Senator Carter****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – USE OF FORCE**

Authorizing a person to seek certain relief for use of force by a law enforcement officer that is inconsistent with a certain provision of the Act by filing a civil action with a certain court; providing that a certain person is not precluded from pursuing a certain legal remedy under certain circumstances; authorizing the Attorney General to file a civil action for certain relief under certain circumstances; providing for the use of force by a certain law enforcement officer; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 3-2201, CR, §§ 10-801 through 10-805, and PS, § 3-523 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 627 **Senator Carter****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS – REPEAL AND PROCEDURES FOR DISCIPLINE**

Repealing the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights; providing for the discipline of law enforcement officers; providing that provisions of the Act supersede and preempt any other law of the State, a county, or a municipal corporation; providing that a law enforcement agency or the agency’s superior governmental authority and a collective bargaining unit may not enter into a certain agreement; establishing that a law enforcement agency has a certain burden of proof in any proceeding under the Act; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PS, §§ 3-101 through 3-113 - repealed and §§ 3-101 through 3-114 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 628 Senator Reilly**LANDLORD AND TENANT – ESTABLISHMENT OF RENT ESCROW ACCOUNTS – TIME LIMIT**

Requiring a tenant who receives a court order to pay rents into a certain escrow account to establish the escrow account on the day the order is entered; and requiring a certain order relating to a wrongful detainer action to require a certain amount to be paid on the day the order is entered.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, §§ 8-118 and 8-118.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 629 Senator Lee**INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS – PENALTIES AND ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE**

Reclassifying, as a misdemeanor instead of a felony, a certain offense relating to the prohibition against intercepting and disclosing certain communications; altering certain penalties relating to the prohibition against intercepting and disclosing certain communications; providing that a certain communication that was intercepted in violation of certain provisions of law may be admissible in certain proceedings under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 10-402(b) and (e) and 10-405 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 630 Senator Ferguson**EDUCATION – ADULT HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM – FUNDING AND GRANTS**

Authorizing the Adult High School Pilot Program to provide grants to certain pilots; defining ““pilot” as an adult high school established by an operator under the Program; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of \$250,000 in the fiscal year 2022 budget and an appropriation of \$500,000 in the fiscal year 2023 budget for the Program; and requiring the Program to use certain funds to provide a \$250,000 grant in fiscal year 2022.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

ED, § 9.7-107 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 631 **Senator Kagan, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – STATEWIDE 3–1–1 NONEMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

Recognizing the importance and certain benefits of a statewide integrated telephone system for nonemergency information, services, and referral to State or local agencies, programs, and departments; specifying the purposes of certain provisions of the Act; establishing a statewide 3–1–1 system under the Maryland Emergency Management Agency; requiring that 3–1–1 nonemergency government answering points be located in certain areas; requiring that a 3–1–1 system provide certain services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 14-1101 through 14-1105 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 632 **Senator Kagan****ELECTION LAW – CONTESTED ELECTIONS**

Prohibiting certain candidates from petitioning for a recount under certain circumstances; prohibiting a registered voter from filing a petition for a recount based on the certified results of a ballot question under certain circumstances; altering the circumstances under which a certain petitioner for a recount is not liable for the costs of the recount; providing that a person may accept a donation or make a disbursement related to a contested election only under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, §§ 12-101(a), 12-103(a), 12-107, 13-233, and 13-505 - amended and §§ 12-301 through 12-313 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 633 **Senator Carozza****WORCESTER COUNTY – SUNDAY HUNTING – GAME BIRD AND GAME MAMMAL SEASONS AND PUBLIC LAND**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt on each Sunday of the game bird and game mammal seasons in Worcester County; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt on public land designated for hunting by the Department on Sundays in Worcester County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-410(a)(1), (4), (5), and (15) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 634 **Senator Carozza****SOMERSET COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY HUNTING**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Somerset County to hunt on private property on each Sunday of the game bird or game mammal seasons; and establishing an exception to the prohibition against the Department authorizing Sunday hunting on public land for public land in Somerset County leased to a hunt club.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 635 **Senator Hayes****MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – CALCULATION OF PARTICIPATION RATES – EXEMPTION FOR PROCUREMENTS FROM MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES – REPEAL**

Repealing an exemption for certain procurements from Maryland Correctional Enterprises from the calculation of total procurement spending for the purpose of calculating a unit's Minority Business Enterprise Program participation rate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 14-302(a)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 636 **Senator Hayes****HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION – PASSIVE HOUSE PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Passive House Pilot Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to assist a nonprofit organization in partnership with neighboring high schools and institutes of higher education to provide students with career and technical educational experiences through the renovation of residential properties to become passive houses; requiring the Department to solicit proposals from nonprofit organizations that feature certain elements; requiring the Department to give priority to certain proposals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HS, §§ 6-801 through 6-805 and SF § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended

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

SB 637 **Senator Hayes****COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION – LIVE NEAR YOUR SCHOOL PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Community Development Administration in the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer a home buyer assistance program that assists current students and recent graduates of public institutions of higher education to receive certain low-interest mortgages for the purchase of homes near their schools; requiring the Administration to administer community development projects known as the Live Near Your School program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HS, §§ 4-215.1 and 4-217(e) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 638 **Senator Augustine****MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER – SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS – ENFORCEMENT**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce a certain provision of law providing that the provisions of § 15-1005 of the Insurance Article apply to a certain delivery system for specialty mental health services and administered by an administrative services organization.

EMERGENCY BILL

IN, § 2-108 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 639 **Senator Augustine****MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – INCLUSION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Inclusion Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide capital and nonequity investments to certain technology-based businesses; requiring the Corporation to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund, and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, §§ 10-473 through 10-475 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 640 Senator Elfreth**EMERGENCY COMMUNITY SERVICES FUND**

Establishing the Emergency Community Services Fund for purposes of enabling the State to respond without undue delay to increased demand for community services during a state of emergency or during period of increased unemployment; requiring the Governor to include a \$10,000,000 appropriation to the Fund in the annual budget bill; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended and §§ 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. and 7-332 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 641 Senator Elfreth (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – FIDUCIARY INSURANCE**

Authorizing the State to purchase a certain insurance policy to satisfy a bond requirement to protect certain losses of State Retirement and Pension System assets.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SP, § 21-210 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 642 Senator Elfreth (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – COVID-19-RELATED DEATH BENEFITS – CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying the eligibility of certain members of the State Retirement and Pension System for certain death benefits when COVID-19 caused or contributed to the death of a member; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to accept the death of a member as arising out of or in the course of the actual performance of duty under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to accept certain information as proof of when a member contracted COVID-19; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 643 Senator Hough

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION – DEFINITION OF ABSCONDING

Altering a certain definition of “absconding” to include leaving a facility that an individual was placed in for certain drug or alcohol treatment without the permission of a certain administrator.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, § 6-101(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 644 Senator Kagan

STATE OFFICIALS – APPOINTMENTS – ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE

Providing that the State Board of Education shall appoint the State Superintendent of Schools with the advice and consent of the Senate; specifying the term of the State Superintendent; requiring an individual who holds the office of the State Administrator of Elections, beginning in 2023, to be subject to reappointment by the State Board of Elections with the advice and consent of the Senate at least once every 5 years after the initial appointment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, § 2-302(a), EL, § 2-103, and SG, § 8-203 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 645 Senator Kagan, et al

9–1–1 BOARD – PROCUREMENT REFORM

Requiring a county, to the extent practicable, to ensure that a certain procurement contract for which reimbursement will be sought from the 9–1–1 Board is awarded through a transparent and competitive process consistent with certain provisions of the State Procurement Law; requiring a county, to the extent practicable, to strive to meet certain minority business, small business, and veteran–owned small business participation goals in awarding certain procurement contracts; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 1-306(b) - amended and § 1-306.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 646 **Senators Carozza and Kagan****ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING – ALCOHOL AND DRUG TRAINEES – PRACTICE THROUGH TELEHEALTH**

Authorizing certain individuals to practice clinical drug and alcohol counseling without a license and drug and alcohol counseling without certification through telehealth if the individuals are working as trainees under the supervision of certain approved supervisors while completing certain experiential or course of study requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 17-406 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 647 **Senator King****FEDERAL COVID–19 RELIEF FUNDING – REPORT**

Requiring the Department of Budget and Management to provide a certain report on federal COVID–19 relief funding; requiring the report to be submitted on or before March 15, 2021; providing for the contents of the report; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 648 **Senator Carter****VEHICLE LAWS – DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES – PUBLIC AUCTION**

Authorizing persons on whose property an abandoned vehicle is found to sell at public auction the vehicle that is not reclaimed in a certain manner and for which a certain certificate is issued; requiring the seller of certain abandoned vehicles to reimburse themselves for certain costs and dispose of the proceeds of the sale in a certain manner; authorizing certain persons to apply to a certain law enforcement agency for authority to sell certain abandoned vehicles at public auction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, §§ 25-207 and 25-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 649 **Senator Griffith, et al****PROCUREMENT – DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – MBE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

Requiring the Secretary of General Services, in consultation with the Chief Procurement Officer in the Department of General Services, to appoint an MBE Program Compliance Officer in the Office of State Procurement to ensure compliance by certain procurement units with the participation goals of the State Minority Business Enterprise Program; requiring the Officer to report on certain matters to the Board of Public Works and the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly on or before September 1 each year; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 14-302(a)(9) - amended and § 14-306 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 650 **Senator Klausmeier (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)****WORKGROUP TO EVALUATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to convene a workgroup to evaluate the establishment of a regional waste disposal facility to serve Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County, and Howard County; providing for the composition of the workgroup; and requiring the workgroup to report certain findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 651 **Senator Klausmeier****BALTIMORE COUNTY – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY – DETENTION AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

Providing for enhanced workers’ compensation benefits for a Baltimore County correctional officer and a Baltimore County detention officer for a compensable permanent partial disability of less than 75 weeks; and providing that the Act applies only prospectively.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 9-628(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 652 **Senator Klausmeier****PUBLIC HEALTH – LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before April 1, 2022, to develop and publish materials to assist State residents with long-term care family planning; requiring certain materials to meet certain requirements, be consistent with certain other materials, and include certain contact information; requiring the Department to make certain materials available in certain languages; and requiring certain State agencies to update certain websites in a certain manner on or before April 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

HG, § 20-2001 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 653 **Senator Klausmeier****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – HEALTHY WORKING FAMILIES ACT
– APPLICATION**

Repealing the exemption from the application of the Healthy Working Families Act for certain construction industry employees who are covered by a certain collective bargaining agreement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 3-1303 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 654 **Senator Klausmeier****EDUCATION – COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM –
INSTRUCTION ON SKIN CANCER**

Requiring each county board of education to provide age-appropriate instruction on skin cancer as part of the comprehensive health education program beginning in the 2021–2022 school year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-447 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 655 **Senator Klausmeier****BALTIMORE COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – OVERSIGHT BY THE BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL**

Providing that the Baltimore County Board of Education is subject to the jurisdiction of the Baltimore County Office of Inspector General; specifying the matters for which the Baltimore County Office of Inspector General may receive and investigate complaints concerning the Baltimore County Board of Education; requiring the Baltimore County Office of Inspector General to provide a certain report, on request, to certain entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, § 4-138 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 656 **Senator Salling****MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND – CAM FOR VETERANS GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED (DAVID PEREZ MILITARY HEROES ACT (END 22 A DAY))**

Establishing the CAM for Veterans Grant Program to provide grants to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, or stress for financial assistance to obtain certain medical treatments; requiring the Maryland Veterans Trust to implement and administer the Program; requiring the Trust to expend money from the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund to provide grants for the Program; and requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 9-914.2 - amended and § 9-914.4 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 657 **The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)****SMALL CLAIMS – EXAMINATION IN AID OF ENFORCEMENT – PROHIBITION ON ARREST OR INCARCERATION FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR**

Prohibiting an individual from being arrested or incarcerated for failure to respond to certain orders to appear in court relating to an examination in aid of enforcement of a money judgment entered in a small claim action in the District Court; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 11-704 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED January 29, 2021**SJ 7 Senators Pinsky and Kramer**

UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION – AMENDMENTS CONVENTION –
DEMOCRACY AMENDMENT

Applying to the U.S. Congress for an amendments convention called under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, to propose an amendment or amendments to the U.S. Constitution that affirm every individual citizen's right to vote, reserve constitutional rights to natural persons, or authorize regulation of contributions and expenditures intended to influence elections.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SENATE BILL REASSIGNED January 26, 2021**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

Reassigned to: Budget and Taxation