



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2021 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 3, 2021**  
**Schedule 9**

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**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.

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 3, 2021**

**SB 659**     **Senator Guzzone**

**HISTORIC REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT – SMALL COMMERCIAL PROJECTS – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 the maximum aggregate amount of initial tax credit certificates that the Director of the Maryland Historic Trust may issue for certain small commercial projects.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 5A-303(e) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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**SB 660 Senator Guzzone**

## STATE LOTTERY FUND – MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL – FUNDING

Repealing a requirement that the Comptroller pay an annual grant from the Racing Special Fund to the Maryland Humanities Council; and requiring the Comptroller to pay a grant of \$150,000 from the State Lottery Fund to the Maryland Humanities Council for Maryland History Day and other programming.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

BR, § 11-403(a)(9) and SG, § 9-120(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 661 Senator Patterson**

## ENVIRONMENT – MARYLAND OIL DISASTER CONTAINMENT, CLEAN-UP AND CONTINGENCY FUND AND OIL CONTAMINATED SITE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP FUND – FUNDING, REALLOCATION, AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Altering the basis for calculating a certain license fee credited to the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund; and authorizing the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund to be used, in fiscal years 2022 through 2026, to reimburse the owner of a heating oil tank that applied to the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund on or before June 30, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EN, § 4-411(c), (f), and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 662 Senator Ellis**

## EDUCATION – COMMISSION ON MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Commission on Multicultural Education to develop standards and a model statewide curriculum for multicultural education and a certain framework for teachers and students; requiring the Commission to conduct certain research and develop certain recommendations; requiring the Commission to submit an interim report and a final report on its findings and recommendations to certain entities on or before July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-126 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 663**     **Senator Ellis****CHARLES COUNTY – CEMETERIES – SEDIMENT CONTROL, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, AND FOREST CONSERVATION**

Exempting cemeteries located in Charles County from certain sediment control, stormwater management, and forest conservation requirements.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EN, §§ 4-102 and 4-204(a) and NR, § 5-1602(b)(12) and (13) - amended and NR, § 5-1602(b)(14) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 664**     **Senator Ellis****EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS – APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL AID**

Requiring public high school students, beginning in the 2022–2023 school year, to confer with a high school guidance counselor or other designated representative regarding certain financial aid applications as a requirement for graduation; authorizing a student or the parent or legal guardian of a minor student to submit to a county board of education a statement that the student understands the application and declines to confer with a high school counselor or other designated representative regarding the application; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-205.1(h) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 665**     **Senator Peters****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SELF-CONTAINED SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS – USE OF VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES**

Requiring each county board of education, beginning in the 2021–2022 school year, to install at least one video recording device in each self-contained special education classroom; requiring video recording devices to record self-contained special education classrooms and exclusion areas during school hours and during any time that the classroom or exclusion area is in use; prohibiting the use of a video recording device in bathrooms or in areas that students use to change clothing; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-447 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 666 Senator Peters****COURTS OF APPEALS AND SPECIAL APPEALS – RENAMING**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to change the name of the Court of Appeals to be the Supreme Court of Maryland, to change the name of the Court of Special Appeals to be the Appellate Court of Maryland, to change the name of a Judge of the Court of Appeals to be a Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland, and to change the name of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals to be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. II, § 6, Art. III, §§ 5, 30, and 52, Art. IV, Various Sections, Art. V, § 6, and Art. XVII, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 667 Senator Rosapepe****GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – DASHAIN DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim October 14 as Dashain Day, which is a festival originating in parts of South Asia that celebrates and symbolizes the victory of good over evil.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 7-415 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 668 Senator Rosapepe, et al****GOOD JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ACT OF 2021**

Requiring certain county boards of education to consider the pursuit of certain certificates, certifications, or apprenticeships as the equivalent of pursuing postsecondary education; authorizing a student or student's parent or guardian to release certain student information to certain apprenticeship sponsors and employers; requiring certain public high schools to inform students of certain employment and skills training opportunities in a certain manner through certain apprenticeship sponsors and employers; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 4-138 - added and §§ 7-203.1 and 21-205 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 669**     **Senator Waldstreicher**

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CIVIL JURY TRIALS

Increasing the amount in controversy in civil proceedings in which the right to a jury trial may be limited by legislation from more than \$15,000 to more than \$30,000; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 5 and 23 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 670**     **Senator Waldstreicher**

## COURTS – CIVIL JURY TRIALS – AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY

Increasing from \$15,000 to \$30,000 the maximum amount in controversy in a civil action in which a party may not demand a jury trial; providing for the construction and application of the Act; and making the Act contingent on the passage and ratification of a certain constitutional amendment.

## CONTINGENT

CJ, § 4-402(e)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 671**     **Senator Waldstreicher**

## CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHARGING PROCEDURES – CITATIONS

Modifying the circumstances under which a police officer is required to charge by citation for certain misdemeanor or local ordinance violations that have an imprisonment penalty of up to 90 days and do not involve serious injury or an immediate health risk; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop and maintain a certain uniform statewide training and certification curriculum to ensure the use of best practices in the issuance of citations in lieu of arrest; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 4-101(c) - amended and PS, § 3-207(j) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 672**     **Senator Waldstreicher****DRUNK DRIVING OFFENSES – IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to require certain persons who are convicted of, or granted probation before judgment for, certain criminal offenses to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program for certain periods of time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 16-404.1(c)(1) and (d)(1)(i)1. and 2., (2)(i), and (4) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 673**     **Senator Gallion****DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – URBAN AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Urban Agriculture Grant Program in the Department of Agriculture to increase the viability of urban farming and improve access to urban-grown foods; establishing an Urban Agriculture Grant Fund to provide grants to nonprofit organizations in Baltimore City to implement the Program; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to administer the Fund; authorizing the distribution of up to \$400,000 from certain abandoned property funds to the Fund for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AG, §§ 2-2001 through 2-2005 - added and CL, § 17-317 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 674**     **Senator Elfreth, et al****ENVIRONMENT – COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES – REFORM**

Altering the membership of the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities; requiring the membership of the Commission to reflect the diversity of the State to the extent practicable; specifying the term of certain members; requiring the Department of the Environment to provide a new member with an orientation reviewing environmental justice issues in the State; altering the manner in which a chair is chosen for the Commission; requiring the Commission to meet at least six times per calendar year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 1-701 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 675**     **Senator Lee****CHILD CUSTODY – CASES INVOLVING CHILD ABUSE OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – TRAINING FOR JUDGES AND CHILD’S COUNSEL**

Requiring the Maryland Judiciary, in consultation with domestic violence and child abuse organizations, to develop a training program for judges presiding over child custody cases involving child abuse or domestic violence and to review and update the training program at certain intervals; requiring the training program to include certain information; requiring the Maryland Judiciary to make information on a certain training program available on request; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

FL, §§ 9-101.3, 9-101.4, and 9-109 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 676**     **Senator Edwards****GARRETT COUNTY – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – VIRTUAL EDUCATION DAYS**

Authorizing the Garrett County Superintendent to order a virtual education day instead of closing a public school under certain circumstances; requiring the county superintendent to notify a public school principal as soon as possible after the county superintendent makes a certain decision; requiring a principal who receives a certain notice to immediately notify students, parents, and school employees of the implementation of a virtual education day; providing for the content of a virtual education day; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021**

ED, § 7-103.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 677**     **Senator Edwards****ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – TRANSFER AND AUCTION OF LICENSES**

Providing for the transfer of certain expired alcoholic beverages licenses by the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County to the County Commissioners of Allegany County; requiring the Board to issue two new Class D licenses each year to the County Commissioners for public auction; authorizing the Board to determine which types of new Class D licenses are issued to the County Commissioners for public auction; providing that certain licenses are not subject to certain limitations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 9-1602 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 678**     **Senator Edwards****TASK FORCE ON THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF WESTERN MARYLAND – EXTENSION OF REPORT DEADLINE AND TASK FORCE**

Extending the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force on the Economic Future of Western Maryland to October 1, 2021; and extending the termination date for the Task Force.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Chapter 207 of the Acts of 2020, §§ 1(g) and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 679**     **Senator Edwards****ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – ANNUAL FEES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County, for the 2020–2021 licensing period, to reimburse holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses the entire amount of the annual license fee and to reimburse holders of certain other alcoholic beverages licenses a certain amount of the annual license fee for the 2021–2022 licensing period; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs



**SB 680**     **Senator Jennings****TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM – VESTED ALLOWANCE – BREAK IN SERVICE**

Providing that certain vested former members of the Teachers' Pension System of the State Retirement and Pension System who meet certain criteria may commence receipt of a vested allowance while continuing certain employment with certain participating employers.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 681**     **Senator Ready****MOTOR VEHICLES – INSPECTION CERTIFICATES – EXCEPTION**

Exempting the transfer of a used vehicle from a business entity to an individual who wholly or partly owns the business entity from the requirement to obtain a motor vehicle safety inspection certificate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 23-106(a)(8) and (9) - amended and § 23-106(a)(10) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 682**     **Senator Kramer****INSURANCE – MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY PLANS – OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOLLOWING BIRTHDAY**

Requiring a carrier to make available to an individual enrolled in a Medicare supplement policy plan different Medicare supplement policy plans with certain benefits during the 30 days following the individual's birthday; prohibiting a carrier, for a plan required to be made available under certain provisions of the Act, from denying or conditioning the effectiveness of the plan, or discriminating in the pricing of the plan, based on certain factors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

IN, § 15-909(b)(6) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 683**     **Senator Kramer****ELECTION LAW – PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT LIST**

Requiring certain guidelines for absentee voting established by the State Board of Elections to provide for a permanent absentee ballot list; providing that all voters are eligible for permanent absentee ballot status; authorizing a voter to apply for permanent absentee ballot status in a certain manner; authorizing a voter to apply for permanent absentee ballot status at any time; requiring a voter to specify in the permanent absentee ballot application one of certain methods by which the voter chooses to receive an absentee ballot; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 9-303 - amended and § 9-311.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 684**     **Senator Lam****MARYLAND LICENSURE OF CERTIFIED MIDWIVES ACT**

Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for the practice of certified midwifery under the State Board of Nursing; altering the duties of the Board to require the Board to set standards for the practice of certified midwifery and keep a certain list of certain licensed midwives; requiring the Board to give certain persons a hearing before taking certain actions; requiring certain individuals to be licensed before practicing certified midwifery in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, §§ 8-205(a)(10)(x), 8-6D-01 through 8-6D-14, and 8-701(g) - added and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 685**     **Senator Lam****INSURANCE LAW – APPLICATION TO DIRECT PRIMARY CARE AGREEMENTS – EXCLUSION**

Authorizing the Health Education and Advocacy Unit in the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General to assist health care consumers in understanding direct primary care agreements; requiring certain primary care providers to provide the Unit with certain information under certain circumstances; altering the definition of “health insurance” for the purpose of excluding certain direct primary care agreements from the application of certain provisions of insurance law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, § 13-4A-02(b)(1) - amended and IN, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 686**     **Senator Smith****REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUMS, HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, AND COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS – VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

Authorizing the governing body of a condominium, homeowners association, or cooperative housing corporation to authorize certain meetings to be conducted or attended by certain electronic means under certain circumstances; authorizing certain individuals who attend a meeting by certain electronic means to be deemed present for quorum and voting purposes; authorizing certain matters to be set for a vote at a certain virtual meeting under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CA, § 5-6B-25.1 and RP, §§ 11-139.3 and 11B-113.6 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 687**     **Senator Smith****STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING PROGRAMS – AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to report to the General Assembly and the Governor by December 1 each year on the total of households receiving certain financial assistance disaggregated by race, disability status, and income; requiring the Department to administer its programs related to housing and community development to affirmatively further fair housing and prohibiting the Department from taking any action that is materially inconsistent with the duty to affirmatively further fair housing; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HS, §§ 2-302, 2-401, and 2-402 - added and LS, § 3-114 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 688**     **Senator Hayes****SALES AND USE AND VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES – PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING AND SHORT-TERM VEHICLE RENTALS – ALTERATIONS AND DISTRIBUTION**

Repealing the termination of certain provisions of law making sales and charges related to peer-to-peer car sharing subject to a certain sales and use tax rate; repealing an exemption for certain peer-to-peer car sharing programs from certain requirements that marketplace facilitators collect the sales and use tax on certain sales; altering the sales and use tax rate imposed on certain short-term vehicle rentals; repealing an exemption for certain rental vehicles from the vehicle excise tax; etc.

**CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

ED, TG, TR, and Chapter 852 of the Acts of 2018, Various Sections - amended and TR, § 13-810(a)(25) - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 689**     **Senator Sydnor****OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS – DUTIES OF THE SPECIAL SECRETARY – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

Expanding the duties of the Special Secretary for the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to include establishing a mentorship program, conducting a feasibility study for creating a technical assistance program to provide support to minority businesses in bids for procurement contracts, providing certain training and educational opportunities for non-minority prime contractors on their responsibilities with respect to minority businesses, and establishing a certain annual awards program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 9-305 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 690**     **Senator Sydnor****PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – INSPECTION OF RECORDS FROM BODY–WORN DIGITAL RECORDING DEVICES**

Requiring a custodian of records to deny inspection of the part of a recording from a certain body–worn digital recording device worn by a law enforcement officer regarding certain individuals; requiring certain notification of certain individuals; requiring the Police Training and Standards Commission to develop certain uniform standards and policies in consultation with certain groups; requiring a custodian of records to allow inspection of a recording under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 4-101 - amended and § 4-357 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 691**     **Senator Hettleman****REAL PROPERTY – LANDLORD AND TENANT – REUSABLE TENANT SCREENING REPORTS**

Requiring that a reusable tenant screening report contain certain information regarding a prospective tenant; requiring a landlord that does not accept a reusable tenant screening report to notify prospective tenants in a certain manner; requiring a landlord that maintains a website for certain purposes to state whether the landlord accepts reusable tenant screening reports on the homepage of the website; prohibiting a landlord that accepts a reusable tenant screening report from assessing certain fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 8-119 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 692**     **Senator Young****STATE PLANNING – PRESERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND – GOAL**

Establishing a State goal of preserving a total of 1,030,000 acres of productive agricultural land by 2030 through the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, the Maryland GreenPrint Program, the Rural Legacy Program, the Maryland Environmental Trust, and local land preservation programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 5-7A-03 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 693**     **Senator Young**

## FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – STADIUM LICENSE

Altering the authorization of the holder of a stadium license in Frederick County to sell beer and wine in styrofoam containers on the licensed premises.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 20-1013 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 694**     **Senator Young**

## FREDERICK COUNTY – BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON BEER AND WINE LICENSES – ALTERATIONS

Increasing from 5 ounces to 12 ounces the amount of beer that a holder of a barbershop or beauty salon beer and wine license in Frederick County may provide to a barbershop or beauty salon customer for on-premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 20-1001.3 and 20-1002 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 695**     **Senator Young**

## MARYLAND NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION FUND AND TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE MARYLAND NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION FUND

Establishing the Maryland Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to administer the Fund; requiring certain kidney dialysis centers to pay a certain fee for certain transports; establishing the Task Force to Study the Maryland Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Fund to review patient access to dialysis treatment and the direct costs incurred by counties for transporting dialysis patients to and from certain centers; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. and TR, § 7-213 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 696**     **Senator Eckardt**

## LOCAL GOVERNMENTS – INCOME TAX DISPARITY GRANTS – AMOUNTS

Altering the calculation of certain income tax disparity grants to counties and Baltimore City under certain circumstances and for fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter; and repealing a certain termination provision.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

LG, § 16-501 and Chapter 738 of the Acts of 2016, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 697**     **Senator Eckardt**

## STATE PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – PARTICIPATION BY GENDER OR RACE

Repealing a prohibition on counting a certain minority business enterprise as both a woman-owned business and a business owned by a member of an ethnic or racial group for purposes of the State Minority Business Enterprise Program; and requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 14-302(a)(5) and 14-303(b)(20) and (21) - amended and § 14-303(b)(21) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 698**     **Senator Eckardt**

## REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER-ON-DEATH DEED TASK FORCE

Establishing the Real Property Transfer-on-Death Deed Task Force to study other jurisdictions that have implemented the use of a transfer-on-death deed for real property; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the implementation of a transfer-on-death deed in the State; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 699**     **Senator McCray****BALTIMORE REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE PROGRAM FUND**

Extending the requirement to provide an annual appropriation of \$12,000,000 in the State budget for the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program Fund through fiscal year 2026.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HS, § 6-510 - amended

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

**SB 700**     **Senator West****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – WILLS – CUSTODIANSHIP**

Requiring a person having custody of a will to maintain custody of the will, except under certain circumstances; prohibiting the custodian of a will from taking certain actions related to the will, except under certain circumstances; authorizing the custodian of a will to deposit the will for safekeeping with a certain register of wills under certain circumstances; requiring the custodian of a will to deliver the will to certain persons under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ET, §§ 4-201, 4-204, and 4-205 - added and §§ 4-201 through 4-203 and 17-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 701**     **Senator West****BAY RESTORATION FUND – COUNTY AUTHORITY TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS**

Authorizing a county to borrow money and incur indebtedness through the issuance and sale of notes in anticipation of the receipt of the county's allocation of funds from the Bay Restoration Fund; authorizing a county to expend the net proceeds of the sale of a certain issue of notes only for certain purposes; authorizing the principal of certain notes and the interest on certain notes to be paid from certain sources; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

LG, §§ 19-1001 through 19-1004 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs



**SB 702 Senator West**

## 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 a certain charge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 10-105(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 703 Senator West**

## PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – QUALIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

Requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations to require the certification of a business as a minority business enterprise without requiring the business to file any additional paperwork other than evidence of certification under the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and evidence the business remains certified under the federal program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 14-303 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 704 Senator Beidle, et al**

## NURSING HOMES – TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP – SITE VISITS AND SURVEYS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct site visits and conduct full surveys, within 1, 3, and 6 months after the date of transfer, of a licensed nursing home if the ownership of the nursing home is transferred to a person that does not own or operate another nursing home in the State at the time of the transfer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 19-1408 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 705**     **Senator Beidle, et al**STATE AIRPORTS – COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY – RENTAL VEHICLES  
AND PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING

Establishing certain standards and requirements governing the provision of services and the granting of privileges by the Maryland Aviation Administration with respect to commercial activity undertaken by rental vehicle companies and peer-to-peer car sharing programs at State airports; altering the defined term “commercial activity” as it relates to State airports to include certain activities performed by rental vehicle companies and peer-to-peer car sharing programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 5-408 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 706**     **Senator Feldman**

## HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – LABORATORY TESTS

Altering the definition of “practice pharmacy” to include the ordering and administering of certain laboratory tests; requiring, on or before January 1, 2022, the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations to authorize pharmacists to order and administer certain laboratory tests, without a written, oral, or electronically transmitted prescription from an authorized prescriber, that are used for certain purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 12-101(x) - amended and § 12-513 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 707**     **Senator Feldman**OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY – INFLUENZA VIRUS  
IMMUNIZATION EDUCATION AND INFORMATION – ASSISTED  
LIVING FACILITIES

Requiring the Office of Health Care Quality to monitor the compliance of assisted living facilities with requirements to provide educational and informational materials relating to immunization against influenza virus and immunization against pneumococcal disease during a certain annual inspection.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HG, § 18-404 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 708**     **Senator Feldman, et al****CANNABIS – LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION**

Substituting the term “cannabis” for the term “marijuana” in certain provisions of law; altering a certain quantity threshold and establishing a certain age limit applicable to a certain civil offense of use or possession of cannabis; establishing a civil offense for use or possession of a certain amount of cannabis for a person of at least a certain age; establishing the Social Equity Start-Up Fund, the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund, the Cannabis Regulation Fund, and the Cannabis Education and Training Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, CP, HG, SF, and TG, Various Sections - added, CR and SF, Various Sections - amended, and CR, § 5-101(r) - repealed

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 709**     **Senators Edwards and Corderman****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Pilot Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to support and incentivize advanced industry infrastructure and resources that build on the existing strengths of the Western Maryland economy; establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Authority; establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Fund to award financial assistance to public and private entities to support projects in Western Maryland; requiring a certain report; etc.

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EC, §§ 10-4C-01 through 10-4C-10 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended

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