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 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
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
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

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 MIDDWIVES 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
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
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
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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
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

Assigned to: Finance