

April 21, 2022

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 21, 2022, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

- SB 391**  
Chapter 136     **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS PROGRAM – EXTENSION AND ALTERATIONS**  
Establishing the Purpose of the More Jobs for Marylanders Program; altering the circumstances under which and the period of time for which the Department of Commerce may provide a qualified business entity a certificate certifying that an eligible project is enrolled in the Program; altering eligibility for enrollment in the Program and for certain benefits under the Program; prohibiting the Department from awarding initial tax credit certificates exceeding \$5,000,000 on or after June 1, 2022; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
- SB 198**  
Chapter 137     **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**  
**CORRECTIONAL OFFICER – DEATH BENEFIT – ELIGIBILITY**  
Altering the circumstances under which a certain death benefit may be awarded; providing that an application for a death benefit under the Act shall be submitted within 3 years of the finding of evidence that the death of the decedent resulted from an act committed against the decedent due to the nature and performance of the decedent's duties; and providing the Act shall be applied to and interpreted to affect the eligibility of death benefits before, on, or after July 1, 2022.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**HB 275**

Chapter 138

**Delegate Love, et al**

**ENVIRONMENT – PFAS CHEMICALS – PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS (GEORGE “WALTER” TAYLOR ACT)**

Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2024, a person from using, manufacturing, or knowingly selling or distributing Class B fire-fighting foam that contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals in the State; prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2024, a person from manufacturing, selling, or distributing a certain rug or carpet in the State; prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2024, a manufacturer or distributor from manufacturing, selling, or distributing certain food packaging intended for direct food contact in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**SB 273**

Chapter 139

**Senator Elfreth, et al**

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**HB 1052**

Chapter 140

**Delegates Holmes and Stein**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – NATURAL GAS AND LIQUEFIED PROPANE PIPING SYSTEMS – CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS (FLYNN AND LAIRD ACT)**

Prohibiting the use of non-arc-resistant jacketed corrugated stainless steel tubing in any building that uses certain fuel gas piping systems; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 763**

Chapter 141

**Senator Sydnor**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE – TRANSPARENCY  
AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Requiring the Division of Parole and Probation to report certain information annually to the General Assembly; requiring a certain annual report by the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy to identify certain information for crimes of violence; requiring the Commission to include certain information in a data dashboard on its public website; altering the definition of student data to allow certain criminal and CINA records to be shared with the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

**SB 861**

Chapter 142

**Senator Beidle, et al**

**CRIMES – FIREARMS AND INMATES – ENFORCEMENT,  
PROCEDURES, AND REPORTING**

Expanding the types of cases in which the State may appeal from a decision of a trial court; establishing the Maryland State Police Gun Center as a statewide firearms enforcement center for the tracking, screening, and vetting of all firearm crimes in the State; requiring the Center to create a statewide database to track certain information related to crimes committed with crime firearms; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to include in a certain report certain statistics related to the cost of living of inmates; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

**HB 966**

Chapter 143

**Delegate Solomon**

**HIGHER EDUCATION – ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR PRIOR  
LEARNING EXAMINATIONS – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Requiring each public institution of higher education, on or before October 1, 2022, to develop and implement policies and procedures for awarding academic credit for prior learning examinations; and requiring each public institution of higher education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to post the policies and procedures on their websites.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

**SB 331**

**Senator King**

Chapter 144

**PROGRAM FOR PREVENTING HIV INFECTION FOR RAPE VICTIMS – ALTERATIONS AND REPEAL OF SUNSET**

Repealing the termination date of the Pilot Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims; repealing the limit on the total annual amount physicians, qualified health care providers, and hospitals are entitled to be paid for providing certain treatment or follow-up care; and altering the requirement that the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services report to the Governor and General Assembly on the operation and results of the program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**HB 293**

**Delegate K. Young, et al**

Chapter 145

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES – 9–8–8 TRUST FUND**

Establishing the 9–8–8 Trust Fund to provide reimbursement for costs associated with designating and maintaining 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to designate 9–8–8 as the primary phone number for the State's behavioral health crisis hotline; requiring the Department by December 1 each year to report on the expenditure of funds and additional services provided by the funding; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**SB 241**

**Senator Augustine, et al**

Chapter 146

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES – 9–8–8 TRUST FUND**

Establishing the 9–8–8 Trust Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide reimbursement for costs associated with designating and maintaining 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to designate 9–8–8 as the primary phone number for the State's behavioral health crisis hotline; requiring the Department by December 1 each year to report on the expenditure of funds and additional services provided by the funding; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**HB 763**                    **Delegates Bridges and Wells**

Chapter 147            **CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include certain individuals serving in certain positions in the Department of Juvenile Services; providing for the calculation of a certain benefit from the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for individuals serving in certain positions on or before June 30, 2022; requiring the State Retirement Agency, on or before January 1, 2023, to notify the individuals who are affected by the Act of their right to transfer certain service credit; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**HB 148**                    **Delegate Bartlett**

Chapter 148            **CRIMINAL LAW – STALKING – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of stalking to include conduct that occurs in person, through electronic communication, or through the use of a device that can pinpoint or track the location of another without the person's knowledge or consent.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 328**                    **Senator Waldstreicher, et al**

Chapter 149            **CRIMINAL LAW – STALKING – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of stalking to include certain conduct that occurs in person, by electronic communication, or through the use of a device that can pinpoint or track the location of another without the person's knowledge or consent.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 881**                    **Senator Waldstreicher, et al**

Chapter 150            **TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE PRACTICE KNOWN AS "SWATTING"**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Practice Known as "Swatting" to study the laws applicable to and make recommendations relating to legislative changes to prohibit the practice known as "swatting"; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before June 1, 2023.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

**HB 581**

Chapter 151

**Delegate P. Young, et al**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENTITIES – PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

Establishing certain confidentiality requirements for peer support counseling programs for fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entities; and requiring the Behavioral Health Administration, in consultation with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, to issue a report on certain best practices relating to peer support counseling for fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entities and to make certain information regarding peer support counseling publicly available on the Administration's website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 446**

Chapter 152

**Senator Waldstreicher, et al**

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**HB 254**                    **Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al**

Chapter 153

**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – PEDESTRIAN AND  
BICYCLIST FATALITIES – INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW (VISION  
ZERO IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 2022)**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to conduct an infrastructure review of each pedestrian or bicyclist fatality that occurs on a State highway or at an intersection of a State highway and another highway or a municipal street to identify certain deficiencies and identify appropriate corrective actions; and requiring the Administration to complete the review within 6 months after being notified by law enforcement of a pedestrian or bicyclist fatality and publish the review on its website.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

**SB 874**                    **Senator Waldstreicher, et al**

Chapter 154

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**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

**HB 389**                    **Delegate Wilson**

Chapter 155

**PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES –  
REVISIONS**

Requiring a procurement officer, in an invitation for bids or a request for proposals, to include a certain summary of the factors used to determine the expected degree of minority business enterprise participation for the contract; requiring the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, in collaboration with certain entities, to adopt by regulation criteria used to determine that a prime contractor has persistently failed to meet contract goals; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

**SB 487**

**Senator Griffith, et al**

Chapter 156

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REVISIONS**

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**SB 250**

**Senator Hayes**

Chapter 157

**STATE PROCUREMENT – PAYMENT PRACTICES**

Reducing the number of days from 45 to 37 following receipt of an invoice after which interest begins to accrue on certain unpaid procurement contract amounts; requiring the Department of Legislative Services and the Department of Information Technology to submit certain reports to the General Assembly; stating that it is the intent of the General Assembly that any plans for the upgrade of the State’s Financial Management Information System include goals to significantly reduce the amount of time in which payments are processed; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

**HB 325**

**Delegate D. Barnes, et al**

Chapter 158

**STATE PROCUREMENT – PAYMENT PRACTICES**

Reducing the number of days from 45 to 37 following receipt of an invoice after which interest begins to accrue on certain unpaid procurement contract amounts; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to submit a certain report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2022; stating that it is the intent of the General Assembly that plans to upgrade the State’s Management Information System include goals to significantly reduce the amount of time in which payments are processed: etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**



- HB 13**  
Chapter 159      **Delegate Carr**  
PROCUREMENT – DISCRIMINATORY HIRING PRACTICES –  
DEBARMENT  
Establishing that a person may be debarred from entering into a contract with the State if a certain finding is made that the person or certain related individuals have violated certain provisions of law prohibiting discrimination in employment or been debarred from federal contracts under a certain federal executive order; and applying the Act prospectively.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
- HB 1433**  
Chapter 160      **Delegate Walker, et al**  
STATE HIGHWAYS – DESIGNATIONS – PISCATAWAY  
HIGHWAY  
Requiring the State Highway Administration to designate Maryland Route 210 as the Piscataway Highway.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
- HB 284**  
Chapter 161      **Delegate Crutchfield**  
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – OUT OF COURT STATEMENTS –  
CHILD VICTIMS AND WITNESSES  
Authorizing the court to admit into evidence in certain criminal proceedings certain out of court statements made by a child victim or witness who is under the age of 13 years and an alleged victim or a witness in a case concerning a crime of violence, subject to certain requirements.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
- SB 20**  
Chapter 162      **Senator Lee**  
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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 325**                    **Senators Lee and Hester**

Chapter 163            **STUDENT DATA PRIVACY – PROTECTIONS, DIGITAL TOOLS,  
AND STUDENT DATA PRIVACY COUNCIL**

Altering the definitions of “covered information”, “operator”, “persistent unique identifier”, and “targeted advertising” to provide increased protections for certain student data; establishing the Student Data Privacy Council; and requiring the Council to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025, on best practices for student data privacy protection for parents and guardians of students in the State.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

**HB 769**                    **Delegates D. Jones and Kaiser**

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

**HB 617**                    **Delegate Lisanti, et al**

Chapter 165            **PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF  
FALLEN SERVICE MEMBERS**

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the dwelling of a certain surviving spouse of a fallen service member who died while on active duty from injury or disease which was incurred in the line of duty.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

**HB 645**                    **Delegate Jackson**

Chapter 166            HATE CRIMES – FALSE STATEMENT TO A LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Clarifying that the making or causing to be made a false statement, report, or complaint that a person knows to be false, in whole or in part, to a law enforcement officer of the State, of a county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the State, or of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Police about a person or group with the intent to deceive and to cause investigation or other action may form the basis for a certain hate crime.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 151**                    **Senator Carter**

Chapter 167            HATE CRIMES – FALSE STATEMENT TO A LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Clarifying that the making of a certain false statement, report, or complaint that a person knows to be false as a whole or in material part to a law enforcement officer of the State, of a county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the State, or of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Police may form the basis for a certain hate crime.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**HB 817**                    **Delegate Shetty**

Chapter 168            CRIMINAL LAW – VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER –  
MERGER PROHIBITION AND SEPARATE SENTENCE  
AUTHORIZATION

Prohibiting a conviction for violation of a certain protective order from merging with a conviction for a certain other crime; and authorizing a sentence for violation of a certain protective order to be imposed separate from and consecutive to or concurrent with a certain other sentence.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**HB 1276**

Chapter 169

**Delegate Attar**

**BALTIMORE CITY YOUTH DATA HUB – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Baltimore City Youth Data Hub for the purpose of promoting well-being of youth and improving access to and cost-efficiency of youth programs; providing that the Youth Data Hub is an integrated, electronic data management system that links data about youth from any provider; establishing an executive committee and providing for a manager to operate the Baltimore City Youth Data Hub; authorizing certain entities to provide data to the Baltimore City Youth Data Hub; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

**SB 870**

Chapter 170

**Senator Washington**

**BALTIMORE CITY YOUTH DATA HUB – ESTABLISHMENT**

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

**HB 73**

Chapter 171

**Delegate R. Lewis**

**BALTIMORE CITY – COMPLETE STREETS AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAMS – FUNDING**

Requiring Baltimore City to spend, after recovering costs, the remaining balance of fines collected as a result of violations enforced by certain traffic and vehicle monitoring systems on activities eligible for funding under the State Highway Administration's Safe Routes to School Program or public safety or transportation infrastructure improvements consistent with the purpose and goals of the Complete Streets Program and the Complete Streets Transportation System; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**HB 540 Delegate Henson, et al**

Chapter 172

**AGRICULTURE – UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION –  
URBAN FARMER ASSISTANCE**

Requiring the University of Maryland Extension to hire an extension agent dedicated to urban farm production methods and crop management and an extension agent dedicated to urban farm and agribusiness management; requiring the agents to perform certain applied research and provide certain education to urban farmers; and requiring the Governor to annually include \$300,000 in the annual budget bill for the extension agents hired under the Act.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

**SB 437 Senators McCray and Hester**

Chapter 173

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URBAN FARMER ASSISTANCE**

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

**SB 585 Senator McCray, et al**

Chapter 174

**PUBLIC SAFETY – WARRANTS AND ABSCONDING**

Altering a certain definition of “absconding” as it relates to parole and probation, to include leaving an inpatient residential treatment facility in which an individual was placed under court order for drug or alcohol treatment without the permission of an administrator; requiring, for fiscal years 2024 through 2026, the Governor to include in the annual budget an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for warrant apprehension grants; and requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer the grant funds.  
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

**HB 83**

Chapter 175

**Delegate Atterbeary**

**FAMILY LAW – MARRIAGE OF MINORS**

Authorizing a minor to file a petition for authorization to marry in the minor's own name in the circuit court for the county in which the minor resides; authorizing a married minor to file an action for divorce; extending the jurisdiction of the equity court to include a petition for authorization for a minor to marry; authorizing an individual who is 17 years old to marry under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person under the age of 17 from marrying; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

**HB 576**

Chapter 176

**Delegate W. Fisher, et al**

**WILLS AND TRUST INSTRUMENTS – ELECTRONIC EXECUTION**

Authorizing a person to execute an electronic will or remotely witnessed will without a notary public if the supervising attorney creates a certified will that contains a certain form attached or annexed to the will; prohibiting a supervising attorney from being a witness to an electronic will or remotely witnessed will if the will is executed without a notary public; and authorizing a notary public located in the State to perform a notarial act using communication technology for a remotely located individual for a trust instrument.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 36**

Chapter 177

**Senator West**

**WILLS AND TRUST INSTRUMENTS – ELECTRONIC EXECUTION**

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**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 22**                      **Delegate Charkoudian, et al**

Chapter 178              **ANIMAL WELFARE – DECLAWING CATS – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting a veterinary practitioner from performing certain declawing procedures on a cat unless the procedure is necessary for a therapeutic purpose; authorizing the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to impose certain disciplinary actions on a veterinary practitioner for willful violations of the prohibition; providing that a violation of the Act is a civil offense; and providing that a person who violates the Act is subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.  
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**SB 67**                      **Senator Kagan**

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**HB 1062**                  **Delegate Moon**

Chapter 180              **CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL CRUELTY – PETITION FOR COSTS FOR CARE OF SEIZED ANIMAL**

Establishing procedures to authorize a certain officer or agent of a humane society or a police officer or certain other public official to recover reasonable costs of care from the owner or custodian of a certain seized animal; and limiting the reasonable costs of care for a seized animal to \$15 per day per animal and the costs of necessary medical care, as determined by a licensed veterinarian, to \$50 per day per animal.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**HB 16**

Chapter 181

**Delegate Lehman, et al**

**CRIMES – UNATTENDED DOGS – EXTREME WEATHER  
CONDITIONS AND HEAT**

Prohibiting a person from leaving a dog outside and unattended for longer than 30 minutes without access to continuous suitable shelter or suitable shade during extreme weather conditions or temperatures, subject to certain exceptions; defining “extreme weather conditions” as temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit or during an active winter or cold weather warning; making a violation a civil offense; applying penalties ranging from a warning for a first violation to a fine of up to \$1,000 for a third or subsequent offense; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

**SB 44**

Chapter 182

**Senator West, et al**

**CRIMES – UNATTENDED DOGS – EXTREME WEATHER  
CONDITIONS AND HEAT**

Prohibiting a person from leaving a dog outside and unattended for longer than 30 minutes without access to continuous suitable shelter during extreme weather conditions or suitable shelter or suitable shade when temperatures are above 90 degrees Fahrenheit, subject to certain exceptions; defining “extreme weather conditions” as temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit or conditions during an active winter or cold weather warning or advisory; making a violation of the Act a civil offense and applying certain penalties; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

**HB 385**

Chapter 183

**Delegate Lehman, et al**

**MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION –  
STUDENT HOUSING – APPLICATIONS AND OCCUPANCY  
AGREEMENTS**

Requiring certain institutions of higher education to provide certain information to students who are applying to be a resident of certain types of student housing; requiring an occupancy agreement between a student and the Maryland Economic Development Corporation to include certain information; and applying the Act prospectively.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**



**SB 560**                    **Senators Feldman and Rosapepe**

Chapter 184            MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION –  
STUDENT HOUSING – APPLICATIONS AND OCCUPANCY  
AGREEMENTS

Requiring certain institutions of higher education to provide certain information to students who are applying to be a resident of certain types of student housing; and requiring an occupancy agreement between a student and the Maryland Economic Development Corporation to include certain information.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**SB 38**                    **Senator Kramer**

Chapter 185            PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE AND RESCUE – VETERINARY CARE OF  
RETIRED FIRE AND RESCUE K-9S

Requiring certain State or local fire and rescue entities to reimburse individuals who take possession of dogs formerly used in fire and rescue work under a written agreement for reasonable and necessary veterinary treatment not to exceed \$2,500 per year; authorizing State fire and rescue entities to accept certain donations and requiring that the donations be disbursed to a certain fund; and authorizing local fire and rescue entities to establish a separate fund to accept public donations for the payment of certain veterinary expenses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 817**                    **Senator Jackson**

Chapter 186            CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS – YOUTH CAMPS AND  
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS

Authorizing the operator of a certain youth camp or youth development organization or program to request a certain determination from the Maryland Department of Health before making a certain offer of employment to a job applicant; requiring the Department to issue a certain determination to a youth camp or youth development organization or program at a certain time; and providing that a certain determination is binding under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 378**                    **Senator Jackson, et al**

Chapter 187                **TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND –  
FUNDING FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Requiring the Governor to appropriate \$900,000 to the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland from the Cigarette Restitution Fund in fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter; requiring the funds appropriated under the Act to be used for the purpose of funding the activities of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission; and providing for the termination of the Act at the end of June 30, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**HB 519**                    **Delegates Williams and Crutchfield**

Chapter 188                **CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS – SALARY INCREASE**

Increasing to \$146,500 the maximum salary that the Board of Public Works may set for a clerk of a circuit court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 74**                    **Senator Jackson**

Chapter 189                **CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS – SALARY INCREASE**

Increasing to \$146,500 the maximum salary that the Board of Public Works may set for a clerk of a circuit court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 357**                    **Senator Benson, et al**

Chapter 190                **ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – WORKGROUP TO STUDY  
BEST PRACTICES FOR A VULNERABLE ADULT REGISTRY IN  
MARYLAND**

Establishing a Workgroup to Study Best Practices for a Vulnerable Adult Registry in Maryland; providing that the purpose of the Workgroup is to identify the appropriate State agency to operate a vulnerable adult registry, identify how a \$1,400,000 grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services was allocated and used, if awarded, and study and make recommendations regarding any changes or improvements to State law; and requiring a report of the Workgroup's recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by June 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**HB 328**

**Delegate D. Jones**

Chapter 191

**ELECTIONS – POLLING PLACE LOCATION RESTRICTIONS –  
REPEAL**

Repealing restrictions on holding an election in a building used, owned, or occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations regarding the use of a building or part of a building that is owned, occupied, or partially occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license as a polling place; and requiring certain regulations to prioritize the placement of polling places in a facility not owned by the holder of an alcoholic beverage license.

**EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT**

**SB 907**

**Senator Simonaire**

Chapter 192

**ELECTIONS – POLLING PLACE LOCATION RESTRICTIONS –  
REPEAL**

Repealing restrictions on holding an election in a building used, owned, or occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations regarding the use of a building or part of a building that is owned, occupied, or partially occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license as a polling place; and requiring certain regulations to prioritize the placement of polling places in a facility not owned by the holder of an alcoholic beverage license.

**EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT**

**SB 499**

**Senator Simonaire**

Chapter 193

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –  
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS TERM LIMITS AND  
COMMERCIAL BINGO LICENSE**

Prohibiting members of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from serving more than four consecutive terms; extending the term of a certain member of the Board; and authorizing the Board to issue a commercial bingo license to the owner of a licensed commercial bingo establishment.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 500**

**Senator Simonaire**

Chapter 194

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – REPUBLICAN PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE – ELECTIONS**

Altering, from three to two, the number of members elected from each councilmanic district of Anne Arundel County to the Anne Arundel County Republican Party Central Committee.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 809**

**Delegate Kipke, et al**

Chapter 195

**PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – DISABLED VETERAN, ACTIVE DUTY, AND SURVIVING SPOUSE – APPLICATION PROCESS**

Authorizing an individual to submit, and requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to accept, an application for a property tax exemption for a specific dwelling house that the individual intends to purchase before the individual purchases the dwelling house; requiring the Department, within 15 business days, to process the application and send the applicant a letter regarding preliminary approval or denial of the application; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

**SB 975**

**Senator Jennings**

Chapter 196

**PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – DISABLED VETERAN, ACTIVE DUTY, AND SURVIVING SPOUSE – APPLICATION PROCESS**

Authorizing an individual to submit, and requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to accept, an application for a property tax exemption for a specific dwelling house that the individual intends to purchase before the individual purchases the dwelling house; requiring the Department, within 15 business days, to process the application and send the applicant a letter regarding preliminary approval or denial of the application; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

**HB 1471**

Chapter 197

**Delegate Beitzel**

**GARRETT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – LEASE  
AUTHORIZATION AND ALTERATIONS TO BOARD OF  
GOVERNORS**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Garrett County and the Board of Governors of the Garrett County Memorial Hospital to lease the hospital or certain portions of the hospital under certain circumstances; and providing for alterations to the Board of Governors under certain circumstances.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 978**

Chapter 198

**Senator Edwards**

**GARRETT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – LEASE  
AUTHORIZATION AND ALTERATIONS TO BOARD OF  
GOVERNORS**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Garrett County and the Board of Governors of the Garrett County Memorial Hospital to lease the hospital or certain portions of the hospital under certain circumstances; and providing for alterations to the Board of Governors under certain circumstances.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 1026**

Chapter 199

**Delegate Valentino-Smith**

**HUMAN SERVICES – TWO GENERATION FAMILY ECONOMIC  
SECURITY COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP**

Adding a new member to the Two Generation Family Economic Security Commission who lived in and experienced poverty in Maryland and who was, within the past 3 years before appointment to the Commission, a recipient of public assistance based on the individual's poverty.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

**HB 1248**

Chapter 200

**Delegate Valentino-Smith**

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – INVESTIGATIONS –  
TIMELINESS**

Requiring the State Department of Human Services to implement policies requiring a local department of social services or the appropriate law enforcement agency that fails to conduct a child abuse or neglect investigation or complete a certain report within certain statutory time frames to report the delay and the reason for the delay in a certain manner; requiring the Department to assess certain studies and methodologies, develop a certain assessment, and complete the assessment by December 1, 2024; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

**HB 467**

Chapter 201

**Delegate Ivey**

**EDUCATION – TEACHER CERTIFICATION – MONTESSORI  
SCHOOLS**

Making an individual eligible for a certificate to teach students in a Montessori school if the individual meets certain requirements; authorizing the State Board of Education to require an individual to successfully pass an examination to be certified under the Act; providing that an individual who satisfies the requirements under the Act may not be required to meet any additional requirements to be certified to teach students in a Montessori school; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

**SB 79**

Chapter 202

**Senator Bailey**

**HIGHER EDUCATION – SENATORIAL AND DELEGATE  
SCHOLARSHIPS – PROGRAM ACCREDITATION**

Authorizing each Senator to award not more than 10% of funds available under the Senatorial Scholarship Program, and authorizing Delegates to award Delegate Scholarships, to applicants planning to attend certain accredited institutions outside the State, provided that the applicant will be studying in an academic area that is not offered in a program accredited by a national accrediting association approved by the United States Department of Education in any institution in the State.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 673**

**Senator Bailey**

Chapter 203

**NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE FORCE – EMPLOYEES –  
AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY**

Altering the authority of the Secretary of Natural Resources with respect to hiring, promoting, and transferring employees of the Natural Resources Police Force; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to include advertising that is targeted toward certain underrepresented racial and ethnic communities when advertising for or recruiting new Natural Resources police officers; requiring the Natural Resources Police Force to submit a report on a certain action plan to the General Assembly by December 1, 2022; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**HB 1150**

**Delegate Jacobs, et al**

Chapter 204

**VEHICLE EQUIPMENT – HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND  
SERVICE – GREEN FLASHING LIGHTS**

Authorizing certain highway maintenance and service equipment and vehicles, while in use for snow removal or the protection of highway maintenance workers, to be equipped with and display green flashing lights simultaneously with yellow or amber flashing lights.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 124**

**Senator Hettleman**

Chapter 205

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – GRANT PROGRAM TO REDUCE AND  
COMPOST SCHOOL WASTE**

Establishing the Grant Program to Reduce and Compost School Waste to award grants to county boards of education and public schools to develop and implement programs for reducing food waste and to establish composting of pre- and post-consumer waste; requiring the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education to review grant applications and select recipients to be awarded grants by the State Department of Education; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**HB 89**

**Delegate Queen**

Chapter 206

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CHILD CARE  
STABILIZATION GRANTS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to administer, in fiscal years 2022 and 2023, child care stabilization grants to provide financial support to child care providers that have faced financial hardship or suffered an operational burden during the COVID–19 pandemic; and providing for the priority in grant awards.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 480**

**Senator Hester, et al**

Chapter 207

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CHILD CARE  
STABILIZATION GRANTS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to administer, in fiscal years 2022 and 2023, child care stabilization grants to provide financial support to child care providers that have faced a financial hardship or suffered an operational burden during the COVID–19 pandemic; and providing for the priority in grant awards.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 4**

**Senator Hester**

Chapter 208

**CYBERSECURITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Altering certain criteria for the Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship Program, including increasing the number of years a recipient may hold an award, expanding the qualifying positions for a scholarship recipient to fulfill a work obligation, and establishing criteria for part–time students, beginning with the 2023–2024 Program application period, to be eligible for the scholarship, hold an award, and fulfill a work obligation; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**



**HB 24**

Chapter 209

**Delegate Luedtke**

**CYBERSECURITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Altering certain criteria for the Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship Program, including increasing the number of years a recipient may hold an award, and expanding the qualifying positions for a scholarship recipient to fulfill a work obligation; authorizing, beginning in the 2023–2024 program application period, part–time students to be eligible for the scholarship, hold an award, and fulfill a work obligation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**HB 512**

Chapter 210

**Delegate Guyton**

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD – COMPOSITION AND REGULATIONS**

Altering the composition of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board by adding a member of the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities; and requiring the State Board of Education and the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to develop for consideration rules and regulations to attract and provide certification to teachers from groups historically underrepresented in the teaching profession.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**HB 1327**

Chapter 211

**Delegate Bhandari, et al**

**EDUCATION – HOME AND HOSPITAL TEACHING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS – REPORT**

Requiring the State Department of Education to study and make recommendations regarding the Home and Hospital Teaching Program for Students and instructional services and transition plans for students in the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**HB 836**

**Delegate Lierman**

Chapter 212

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT ATHLETICS – REQUIREMENTS  
AND EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS (ELIJAH GORHAM ACT)**

Altering the requirements for an automated external defibrillator program in public middle and high schools; altering the requirements for actions to be taken by county boards of education regarding heat acclimatization for student athletes; requiring middle schools and high schools to develop venue-specific emergency action plans for the operation and use of automatic external defibrillators, heat acclimatization, and coordination of care for other emergent injuries and severe weather for outdoor facilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**HB 289**

**Delegate Otto**

Chapter 213

**SOMERSET COUNTY – ELECTIONS – COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS DISTRICTS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CANDIDATE FILINGS**

Establishing new boundaries for the county commissioner districts in Somerset County; providing for the reopening of the candidate filing deadline for a candidate for the office of member of the Somerset County Board of Education who will be elected at the 2022 general election; and prohibiting an individual who files for the office of member of the Somerset County Board of Education from withdrawing the candidacy.

EMERGENCY BILL

**SB 270**

**Senator Carozza**

Chapter 214

**SOMERSET COUNTY – ELECTIONS – COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS DISTRICTS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CANDIDATE FILINGS**

Establishing new boundaries for the county commissioner districts in Somerset County; providing for the reopening of the candidate filing deadline for a candidate for the office of member of the Somerset County Board of Education who will be elected at the 2022 general election; and prohibiting an individual who files for the office of member of the Somerset County Board of Education from withdrawing the candidacy.

EMERGENCY BILL

**SB 617**                      **Senator Zucker, et al**

Chapter 215      LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS – EQUIVALENT ACCESS  
STANDARDS – DIGITAL TOOLS (EQUIVALENT AND  
NONVISUAL ACCESS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT FOR K–12  
EDUCATION)

Requiring a local school system to provide equivalent access to digital tools for students with disabilities, including the development, purchase, and provision of certain digital tools that are directly connected to student instruction; requiring a local school system to establish a process to evaluate a digital tool prior to purchase for nonvisual access by a certain employee or contractor of the school system; providing certain civil penalties for a vendor who fails to meet the equivalent access standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**HB 813**                      **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 216      MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED AND SCHOOL BUS  
MONITORING SYSTEMS MC 03–22

Requiring Montgomery county to annually compile and make publicly available a report for the previous fiscal year on each school bus monitoring system operated by a local jurisdiction; requiring Montgomery County, in coordination with the Maryland Department of Transportation, to examine the data to determine the 10 school bus stop locations with the highest number of citations for passing a stopped school bus and implement operational alternatives for those stops; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

**HB 355 Prince George's County Delegation**

Chapter 217 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION –  
WORKGROUP, ALTERATIONS, AND ORIENTATION  
REQUIREMENT PG 503–22

Establishing the Workgroup on the Membership and Operation of the Prince George's County Board of Education to study and make recommendations regarding implementation of an electoral process for an all-elected Board, appropriate compensation, and an appropriate phase-in period for changes to Board composition; altering the composition of the Board beginning July 1, 2024, by removing four appointed members; requiring the Board chair and vice chair be elected from among the members beginning December 5, 2022; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

**HB 1057 Prince George's County Delegation**

Chapter 218 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – RECREATION BLUE RIBBON  
WORKGROUP PG 406–22

Establishing the Prince George's County Recreation Blue Ribbon Workgroup to study and make recommendations to the Prince George's County Council on improving access to certain programming, facilities, and opportunities, the potential costs, benefits, and advantages of transferring the responsibility for certain operations from the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to another entity; and requiring the Workgroup to submit its recommendations to the Prince George's County Council by April 11, 2023.

EMERGENCY BILL

**SB 172 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –  
Chapter 219 Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – FACILITIES – J.  
DEWEESE CARTER CENTER

Repealing an obsolete reference to the J. DeWeese Carter Center in a provision relating to certain facilities operated by the Department of Juvenile Services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**SB 168**                    **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
Chapter 220           **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – IMMUNET AND STATEWIDE  
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON IMMUNIZATIONS**

Repealing the exemption for certain health care providers or agents from the requirement to provide individuals receiving vaccinations with certain documents, notify the individuals or the parent or guardian of a minor of a certain right, and report all vaccines administered to ImmuNet; altering the membership of and term limits for members of the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

**SB 174**                    **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 221           **Departmental – Health)**

**MORTALITY AND QUALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE – DUTIES,  
REPORTS, AND DATA – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the termination date to December 31, 2032 of certain provisions of law governing the Mortality and Quality Review Committee, including provisions related to the review of data, Committee recommendations, reporting requirements, and the provision of aggregate incident data to the Committee by the Office of Health Care Quality.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

**SB 186**                    **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
Chapter 222           **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

**MARYLAND AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUND**

Repealing provisions of law regarding funds and rebates related to the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program; establishing the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program Fund to support the administration, operation, and activities of the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to deposit certain rebates into a certain account and to use the account to fund State-identified priorities for HIV prevention, surveillance, and care services.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

**SB 196**                      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 223**                **Health)**

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – OVERDOSE REPORT**

Extending the termination date for certain provisions of law requiring the Secretary of Health to examine and report on fatal overdoses involving opioids and other controlled substances; and altering the requirements relating to the examination and report.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**SB 200**                      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 224**                **Health)**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – NALOXONE MEDICATION DATA**

Altering the requirements of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to require the Program to monitor the dispensing of naloxone medication by all prescribers and dispensers in the State and to require dispensers to report naloxone medication data to the Program.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 209**                      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
**Chapter 225**                **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending until July 1, 2024, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

**SB 216**                      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 226                      **Departmental – Health)**

**EVIDENCE – APPROVAL OF BREATH AND BLOOD TESTS FOR ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES**

Transferring certain duties relating to the approval of breath and blood tests as evidence for alcohol, drugs, or controlled dangerous substances from the State Toxicologist to the Department of State Police.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 175**                      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 227                      **Human Services)**

**FIDUCIARY INSTITUTIONS – INVESTIGATION OF FINANCIAL ABUSE AND FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION – RECORDS DISCLOSURE**

Requiring a fiduciary institution to disclose certain financial records from a specified period of time that are requested in writing by an adult protective services program that is investigating suspected financial abuse or financial exploitation; authorizing an adult protective services agency or a law enforcement agency to share certain information with a fiduciary institution that made a report of suspected financial abuse or financial exploitation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 203**                      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 228                      **Departmental – Human Services)**

**CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP AND REVIEW HEARINGS**

Altering provisions relating to certain orders granting custody and guardianship of a child in need of assistance to a relative or nonrelative; and altering provisions relating to review hearings to review the permanency plan for a certain child in an out-of-home placement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 180**                      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 229                **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**INSURANCE – CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW – THE NO  
SURPRISES ACT AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE  
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021**

Providing that the federal No Surprises Act and certain other provisions of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 regarding transparency apply to all insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that deliver or issue for delivery in the State policies or contracts for a health benefit plan, blanket health insurance, or short-term limited duration insurance; and authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce the Act.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 185**                      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 230                **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – VIRTUAL  
HEARINGS**

Requiring that hearings held by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner be considered open to the public if a member of the public can observe the hearing virtually through an electronic media platform; authorizing the Commissioner to direct that a hearing be held virtually, subject to certain limitations; and requiring the Commissioner to make available a space within the office of the Maryland Insurance Administration with access to the equipment necessary to allow parties to participate in the virtual hearing.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**



**SB 207**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 231                **Maryland Insurance Administration) and Senator Hester**

**INSURANCE CARRIERS AND MANAGED CARE  
ORGANIZATIONS – CYBERSECURITY STANDARDS**

Establishing certain cybersecurity standards applicable to insurance carriers, including health maintenance organizations and third-party administrators; requiring a carrier to take certain actions related to cybersecurity, including developing, implementing, and maintaining a written information security program, identifying certain threats, and establishing a certain incident response plan; applying certain requirements relating to cybersecurity to managed care organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 176**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 232                **Departmental – Transportation)**

**VEHICLE LAWS – REAR-FACING CHILD SAFETY SEATS –  
REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a person transporting a child under the age of 2 years in a motor vehicle to secure the child in a rear-facing child safety seat that complies with applicable federal regulations until the child reaches the manufacturer's weight or height limit for the child safety seat; providing that a person who violated the Act is subject to a written warning for a first violation; and providing that a judge may waive a certain fine for a violation of the Act under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 1007**                    **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 233                **Departmental – University System of Maryland)**

**UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – ACADEMIC  
FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY**

Increasing the bonding authority from \$1,400,000,000 to \$1,700,000,000 for the University System of Maryland; approving certain projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of certain academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the issuance of bonds by the University System of Maryland for financing the projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

**HB 1391**      **Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al**

Chapter 234      **CLEAN CARS ACT OF 2022**

Establishing the Medium–Duty and Heavy–Duty Zero–Emission Vehicle Grant Program for certain vehicles and equipment to be administered by the Maryland Energy Administration; altering, for certain fiscal years, the vehicle excise tax credit for the purchase of certain electric vehicles; decreasing, from \$63,000 to \$50,000, for purposes of the electric vehicle excise tax credit, the limitation on the maximum base purchase price of certain electric vehicles; reducing the vehicle excise tax credit for certain electric drive vehicles; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**HB 52**      **Delegate Love, et al**

Chapter 235      **NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING PREVENTION**

Prohibiting a person from purchasing, selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell parts or products of certain animal species under certain circumstances, subject to certain exceptions; requiring that fines and restitution imposed under the Act be credited to the Department of Natural Resources for the benefit of the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund to be used for the preservation of threatened or endangered species; providing increasing penalties for repeated violations of the Act; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**SB 381**      **Senator Smith, et al**

Chapter 236      **NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING PREVENTION**

Prohibiting a person from purchasing, selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell certain parts or products of certain animal species under certain circumstances, subject to certain exceptions; requiring that fines and restitution imposed under the Act be credited to the Department of Natural Resources for the benefit of the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund to be used for the preservation of threatened or endangered species; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

**HB 653**

**Delegate Love, et al**

Chapter 237

**CONSERVATION FINANCE ACT**

Providing that the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Maryland Environmental Trust must allow participants in certain cost-sharing programs to participate in and receive compensation from greenhouse gas markets, carbon credits, or soil carbon programs under certain circumstances; authorizing certain units to enter into pay-for-success contracts with certain aggregators to procure certain environmental outcomes projects or already certified environmental outcomes; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**SB 348**

**Senator Elfreth, et al**

Chapter 238

**CONSERVATION FINANCE ACT**

Providing that the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Maryland Environmental Trust must allow participants in certain cost sharing programs to participate in and receive compensation from greenhouse gas markets, carbon credits, or soil carbon programs under certain circumstances; authorizing certain units to enter into pay-for-success contracts with certain aggregators to procure certain environmental outcomes projects or already certified environmental outcomes; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

Sincerely,

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