

April 8, 2022

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 8, 2022, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor, vetoed the following pieces of legislation passed by the General Assembly; the reasons for the vetoes are indicated:

HB 90
Policy

Delegate Henson

STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER – PLACEMENT AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Establishing that, within the Office of the Public Defender, the deputy public defender, district public defenders, and assistant public defenders are placed in certain employment categories in the State Personnel Management System; altering certain provisions of law regarding personnel actions within the Office that relate to the hiring, discipline, and termination of employees; providing that employees of the Office are subject to collective bargaining under the State Personnel Management System; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HB 580
Policy

Delegates P. Young and Ebersole

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION POLICE – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – SUPERVISORS AND SERGEANTS

Adding sergeants and supervisors within the Maryland Transit Administration Police to the list of employees authorized to participate in collective bargaining with the Maryland Transit Administration.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HB 609

Policy

Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICERS – REMOVAL – PROCESS

Repealing a provision of law providing that a health officer serves at the pleasure of the Secretary of Health and the governing body of the county; establishing notice and hearing requirements related to a removal of a health officer from office; and prohibiting a health officer who appeals a certain decision of the Secretary from carrying out the duties of health officer while the appeal is pending.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HB 778

Policy

Delegate Solomon, et al

TRANSPORTATION – INVESTMENT PROGRAM – MARC RAIL SERVICE (MARYLAND REGIONAL RAIL TRANSFORMATION ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to establish certain investment programs for enhancing certain rail lines and services operated by the Maryland Area Regional Commuter rail service; requiring the Administration to advance certain rail projects in fiscal year 2023; requiring the Administration to conduct a MARC Cornerstone Plan Implementation Study; and establishing the Transportation Trust Fund Workgroup to study certain matters and make its recommendations by December 16, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SB 514

Policy

Senator Beidle, et al

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HB 937
Policy

Delegate Kelly, et al

ABORTION CARE ACCESS ACT

Establishing the Abortion Care Clinical Training Program in the Maryland Department of Health to ensure that there are a sufficient number of health professionals to provide abortion care; establishing the Abortion Care Clinical Training Program Fund; establishing certain requirements regarding abortion services, including provision and coverage requirements, for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$3,500,000 to the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HB 1021
Policy

The Speaker

PUBLIC SAFETY – LICENSED FIREARMS DEALERS – SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

Prohibiting a certain licensed firearms dealer from storing a firearm on a certain premises where the licensed firearms dealer conducts business, unless the premises is equipped with certain security features; requiring a licensed firearms dealer to lock certain firearms in a certain location outside business hours; and requiring the Secretary of State Police to suspend or revoke a certain dealer's license if the dealer is found in violation of certain offenses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SB 1
Policy

Senator Beidle, et al

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE – STOP WORK ORDERS

Authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to issue a stop work order for each work site where the Commissioner has made an initial determination that a contractor or subcontractor may have violated the prevailing wage requirements; requiring a prompt investigation of compliance with certain wage requirements if a complaint of a violation is received or a violation is made known; authorizing the Commissioner to impose a penalty of up to \$5,000 for each day a stop work order is violated; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SB 53
Policy

Senator Carter, et al

JUVENILE LAW – CHILD INTERROGATION PROTECTION ACT

Requiring a law enforcement officer who takes a child into custody or charges a child with a criminal violation to provide actual notice to the child’s parents, guardian, or custodian; requiring the notice to include the child’s location, the reason for the custody action or charge, and instructions on how to make in-person contact; prohibiting the interrogation of a child by a law enforcement officer until the child has consulted with a certain attorney and a notice has been provided to the child’s parents, guardian, or custodian; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SB 259
Policy

Senator Feldman, et al

PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE – APPLICABILITY

Applying the Prevailing Wage Law to a certain contract for the construction of a public work by expanding the definition of “construction” to include services provided under a mechanical systems service contract.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SB 275
Policy

Senators Hayes and Benson

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE
INSURANCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (TIME TO CARE
ACT OF 2022)**

Establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program in the Maryland Department of Labor to provide benefits to individuals who take leave from employment for certain purposes; establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund; requiring, beginning October 1, 2023, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to contribute to the Fund; requiring the Secretary to establish the total rate of contribution and the percentages of the total rate of contribution to be paid by certain employees and employers; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Sincerely,

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