PLEASE NOTE:  February 7– Bill introduction deadline.
   All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate’s office by
   5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 7.
   As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will
   be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 24, 2022

SB 380  Senator Benson, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – EMERGENCY AND ALLERGY TREATMENT
PROGRAM – NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Authorizing nurse practitioners to prescribe and dispense auto–injectable
epinephrine to certain certificate holders who operate youth camps.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
Assigned to: Finance
SB 381  Senator Smith, et al
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
NR, § 10-209 - amended and §§ 10-2B-01 through 10-2B-09 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 382  Senator Lee
INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS – ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE
Providing that a certain communication that was intercepted in violation of certain provisions of law may be admissible in certain proceedings under certain circumstances; and prohibiting the admissibility of the contents of an intercepted communication or evidence derived from an intercepted communication as evidence unless certain conditions are met.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CJ, § 10-405 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 383  Senators King and Pinsky
MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION GRANT – FUNDING AND EVALUATION – EXTENSION
Extending through fiscal year 2028 the requirement that the Governor include a certain amount in the State budget for increasing the number of green schools in the State; and extending through calendar year 2029 the annual evaluation of the impact of the funds appropriated under the Act on increasing the number of green schools in the State.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 7-117 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 384  Senator Hettleman

LANDLORD AND TENANT – STAY OF EVICTION PROCEEDING FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE DETERMINATION

Providing for the stay of certain eviction proceedings when a tenant is waiting for a determination regarding the tenant’s good faith application for rental assistance; and prohibiting a landlord from obtaining certain relief under certain circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL
RP, § 8-401 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 385  Senators Beidle and Feldman

HEALTH – DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL RECORDS – PENALTY

Altering the penalty for the knowing refusal by a health care provider to disclose a medical record within 21 working days after the date a person in interest requests the disclosure; and altering the definition of “medical record” to include certain electronic data or information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, §§ 4-301(j) and 4-309(a) - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 386  Senator Beidle

INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT – SUNSET EXTENSION AND REPORTING

Extending from September 30, 2022, to September 30, 2027, the termination date of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and other provisions of law related to the Compact; and requiring the State Board of Physicians to include an update on the status of the Compact in its 2023 annual report.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
Chapter 470 of the Acts of 2018, § 5 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 387 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General) and Senator Lee

PUBLIC SAFETY – UNTRACEABLE FIREARMS

Altering a certain definition of “firearm” to include a certain unfinished frame or receiver; prohibiting a person from purchasing, receiving, selling, offering to sell, or transferring an unfinished frame or receiver, or possessing a firearm on or after January 1, 2023, unless it is required by federal law to be, and has been, imprinted with a certain number in a certain manner; and requiring the Secretary of State Police to suspend or revoke a certain dealer’s license if the dealer is charged with or convicted of a certain crime.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
PS, §§ 5-101(h) and 5-114 - amended and §§ 5-701 through 5-705 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 388 Senator Jackson

CHARLES COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY HUNTING

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 389 Senator Jackson

PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

Altering the membership and duties of the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission; providing that a law enforcement agency may employ an individual as a police officer for a period exceeding 1 year only if the individual is certified by the Commission or for a period not to exceed 1 year if the individual is provisionally certified by the Commission; and altering provisions of law relating to the certification and recertification of police officers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
PS, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 390  The President (By Request – Administration), et al
STATE GOVERNMENT – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – CYBERSECURITY

Codifying the establishment of the Office of Security Management within the Department of Information Technology, the position of State Chief Information Security Officer, and the Maryland Cybersecurity Coordinating Council; altering the membership of the Council; requiring each unit of the Legislative Branch or Judicial Branch of State government that uses a certain network to certify certain compliance to the Department by December 1 each year; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CP, HG, HU, IN, NR, and SF, Various Sections - amended and SF, §§ 3.5-2A-01 through 3.5-2A-05 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 391  The President (By Request – Administration), et al
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS PROGRAM – EXTENSION AND ALTERATIONS

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 More Jobs for Marylanders Program; and requiring the Comptroller to transfer, from the More Jobs for Marylanders Tax Credit Reserve Fund to the General Fund, an amount equal to the amount stated in the final tax credit certificate issued to a qualified business entity, rather than that stated in the initial tax credit certificate.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
EC, § 6-805 and TG, § 10-741(d) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 392  The President (By Request – Administration), et al
STATE COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL SENTENCING POLICY – PLEA AGREEMENTS AND ANNUAL REPORT (THE JUDICIAL TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2022)

Providing that a sentence imposed under a plea agreement may not be determined to be compliant with certain sentencing guidelines unless the sentence falls within the actual sentencing guidelines range; and requiring a certain annual report by the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy to identify certain information for crimes of violence.
EMERGENCY BILL
CP, §§ 6-208 and 6-209 - amended and § 6-215 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 393  The President (By Request – Administration), et al

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PROJECT RESTORE PROGRAM AND FUND

Establishing the Project Restore Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide financial incentives for small businesses and commercial developers to revitalize certain vacant retail and commercial space; authorizing the award of certain grants to certain businesses and developers under certain circumstances; establishing the Project Restore Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Department; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145. - amended and HS, §§ 6-1101 and 6-1102 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 394  The President (By Request – Administration), et al

STATEWIDE TARGETED OVERDOSE PREVENTION (STOP) ACT OF 2022

Authorizing certain emergency medical services providers to dispense naloxone to individuals who received treatment for a nonfatal drug overdose or were evaluated by a crisis evaluation team; requiring certain community services programs, certain private and public entities, and hospitals to have a protocol to dispense naloxone free of charge to certain individuals under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 13-516(f) and HG, §§ 13-3104, 13-3108, and 19-310.3 - amended and HG, § 8-408 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 395  The President (By Request – Administration), et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – INDIVIDUAL MARKET STABILIZATION – EXTENSION OF PROVIDER FEE

Continuing the stabilization of the individual health insurance market by extending to calendar year 2028 the assessment of a health insurance provider fee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
IN, § 6-102.1 - amended
Assigned to: Finance
SB 396  The President (By Request – Administration), et al  
CRIMES – FIREARMS – PENALTIES AND PROCEDURES (VIOLENT FIREARMS OFFENDER ACT OF 2022)

Expanding the types of cases in which the State may appeal from a decision of a trial court under certain circumstances; establishing, altering, and clarifying penalties for and elements of certain firearm–related crimes; prohibiting a District Court commissioner from authorizing the pretrial release of a certain defendant charged with a certain firearm–related crime under certain circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL
CS, CJ, CR, CP, and PS, Various Sections - amended and added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 397  The President (By Request – Administration), et al
PUBLIC SAFETY – LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION COUNCIL AND COORDINATOR AND STATE AID FOR POLICE PROTECTION FUND

Establishing the Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council and the Council Executive Committee; establishing the membership, terms, appointments, meetings, chair, vice chair, and secretary of the Council; establishing the position of the Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council Coordinator; establishing provisions relating to the appointment, qualifications, duties, salary, staff, and budget of the Coordinator; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
PS, §§ 3-801 through 3-806, 3-901 through 3-903, and 4-506(k) - added and §§ 4-506(f) and (i) and 4-507(b) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation
SB 398  The President (By Request – Administration), et al  
OUT–OF–STATE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES VIA TELEHEALTH – AUTHORIZATION  

Authorizing a health care practitioner who is not licensed in the State to provide behavioral health services via telehealth to a patient in the State under certain circumstances; providing that an out–of–state health care practitioner who provides behavioral health services via telehealth to a patient located in the State will be held to the same standards of practice that are applicable to in–person health care settings in the State.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022  
HO, § 1-1005 - amended  
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 399  The President (By Request – Administration), et al  
STATE GOVERNMENT – QUASI–GOVERNMENTAL UNITS – OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNANCE  

Establishing certain entities as “quasi–governmental units”; establishing the intent of the General Assembly to weigh certain factors when considering the creation of a new quasi–governmental unit; requiring a board of directors of a quasi–governmental unit to conduct a certain annual performance appraisal of the head of the quasi–governmental unit; requiring a quasi–governmental unit to submit annually a certain budget to the Department of Budget and Management in a certain manner; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022  
SG, §§ 9.6-101 through 9.6-303 - added  
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 400  The President (By Request – Administration), et al  
TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUE – DISTRIBUTION  

Altering, beginning in fiscal year 2025, the amounts of certain capital grants calculated based on highway user revenues that are required to be appropriated to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022  
TR, §§ 8-401(d), 8-403, and 8-412 - amended  
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 401  The President (By Request – Administration), et al
OPERATING BUDGET – FUNDING – SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS
Requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2024, to include in the annual budget bill General Fund appropriations of certain amounts for the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today Program. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
SF, § 7-332 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 402  The President (By Request – Administration), et al
EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT EARNINGS LIMITATION – COVID–19 EXEMPTION
Exempting retirees of the Employees’ Retirement and Pension Systems from a reemployment earnings limitation for up to 3 years when the retiree’s previous employer, the Maryland Department of Health or the Maryland Department of Labor, rehires the retiree not later than December 31, 2022, to assist with the administration of federally funded grants or benefits related to the COVID–19 pandemic; and applying the Act retroactively to January 1, 2020.
EMERGENCY BILL
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 403  The President (By Request – Administration), et al
CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – ANNUAL REPORTS – FEES FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS
Eliminating filing fees paid by corporations and other business entities to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for certain annual reports due on or after April 15, 2023, that are filed electronically.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
CA, §§ 1-201(c) and 1-203(b)(3)(ii) - amended and § 1-203(b)(3)(iii) - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 404  The President (By Request – Administration), et al

WORKING MARYLANDERS TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2022

Altering, for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2022, the percentage of the federal earned income tax credit used for determining the amount that an individual may claim as a refund under the Maryland earned income tax credit under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TG, § 10-704 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 405  The President (By Request – Administration), et al

RETIREMENT TAX ELIMINATION ACT OF 2022

Allowing, subject to certain limitations, a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for up to a certain amount each year for certain individuals who are receiving certain benefits under the Social Security Act or who are at least 65 years old and are not employed full time; prohibiting income included in certain subtraction modifications from being included under the subtraction modification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TG, § 10-207(mm) - added and § 10-209(d) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 406  The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL

Correcting certain errors or omissions in certain articles of the Annotated Code; clarifying language; correcting certain obsolete references; reorganizing certain sections of the Annotated Code; providing that the Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; and providing for the correction of certain errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code.

EMERGENCY BILL

Various Articles, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 2021, § 8 - amended
Assigned to: Senate Rules
SB 407  The President (By Request – Administration), et al

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – HEALTH CARE STAFFING SHORTAGE EMERGENCY – DECLARATION AND LICENSING AND PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS (HEALTH CARE HEROES ACT OF 2022)

Authorizing the Secretary of Health to declare a health care staffing shortage emergency in the State; requiring each health occupations board to establish processes for the issuance of initial licenses, temporary licenses, and temporary practice letters on an expedited basis during a health care staffing shortage emergency; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL
HG, § 2-109 and HO, § 1-227 - added
Assigned to: Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 408  Senator Elfreth

INCOME TAX CREDIT – PARENT OF STILLBORN CHILD

Allowing a parent of a stillborn child a refundable credit of $1,000 against the State income tax for each birth for which a certain certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth or a certificate of fetal death has been issued.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TG, § 10-754 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 409  Senator Elfreth (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – COVID–19–RELATED DEATH BENEFITS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending the dates used to determine the eligibility of members of the State Retirement and Pension System for COVID–19–related death benefits.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
Chapters 421 and 422 of the Acts of 2021, § 4 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 410  Senator Elfreth (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT

Providing an exemption from reemployment earnings offsets for retirees of the Teachers’ Retirement and Pension Systems for certain reemployment from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
SP, §§ 22-406(c)(8) and 23-407(c)(8) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 411  Senator Elfreth

MARYLAND SENATOR EDWARD J. KASEMEYER COLLEGE INVESTMENT PLAN – STATE MATCHING CONTRIBUTION – AGE OF ACCOUNT HOLDER

Requiring an account holder of the Maryland Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer College Investment Plan to be at least 18 years old to qualify for the State matching contribution for applications filed on or after January 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 18-19A-04.1(a) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 412  The President (By Request – Governor’s Salary Commission)

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS – SALARIES

Providing for the annual salaries of the Comptroller, the Treasurer, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of State.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
SG, §§ 4-103, 5-104, 6-103, and 7-107 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
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The President (By Request – Governor’s Salary Commission)

GOVERNOR’S SALARY COMMISSION – SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Establishing the salaries to be paid the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, as directed by Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution, for the 4–year term of office beginning January 18, 2023. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill. Assigned to: Budget and Taxation