



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2022 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 26, 2022
Schedule 11

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 26, 2022

SB 413 Senator Sydnor

VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2022 – COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

Prohibiting the imposition or application of a method for electing the governing body of a county or municipality that impairs the ability of members of a protected class to elect candidates of the members' choice or influence the outcome of an election by diluting or abridging the rights of voters who are members of a protected class.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, §§ 8-901 through 8-905 and LG, §§ 4-601 through 4-605 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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SB 414 Senator Sydnor**BALTIMORE COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Altering the number of members serving on the Baltimore County Board of Education; requiring the Baltimore County Executive to appoint a member of the county board from a certain list of nominees within a certain period of time; altering the processes of the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission to require the Commission to forward a list of nominees to an appointing official; and altering the quorum requirements for election of the chair and vice chair of the county board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

ED, §§ 3-2B-01, 3-2B-03, 3-2B-04, and 3-2B-09(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 415 Senator Edwards**GARRETT COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2022**

Establishing a barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine license in Garrett County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County to issue the license to a holder of a certain barbershop or beauty salon permit; and altering the maximum number of beer, wine, and beer and wine festival licenses that may be issued in Garrett County and the maximum number of days the festivals may be conducted.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AB, § 21-1001.1 - added and §§ 21-1304(a) and (e), 21-1304.2(b) and (c)(2), and 21-1305(a) and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 416 Senator Edwards**VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVING IN RIGHT–HAND LANES – INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS IN RURAL AREAS**

Requiring the driver of a vehicle traveling slower than the general speed of traffic on an interstate highway in a rural area to drive the vehicle in the right–hand lanes under certain circumstances; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to include information about the requirement in the State’s driver education curriculum and to inform drivers of the requirement through certain signage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 21-301(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 417 **Senator Feldman****STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATION (INDEPENDENT AGENCY HEALTH INSURANCE OPTION ACT)**

Authorizing employees of the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation, the Maryland Clean Energy Center, and the Bainbridge Development Corporation to enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; and requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to determine whether the entities are eligible to participate in the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SP, § 2-515.3 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 418 **Senator Feldman****ENERGY GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, AND STORAGE PROJECTS – REQUIRED COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT AND LABOR STANDARDS**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to condition the approval of a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a certain generating station or qualified generator lead line and an exemption from the requirement for a certificate of public convenience and necessity on the requirement that the developer of the project take all reasonable actions to enter into a community benefits agreement and adhere to certain labor standards and reporting requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PU, §§ 7-207(h), 7-207.1(g), and 7-207.3 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 419 **Senator Feldman****OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND – APPROPRIATION OF SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

Requiring the appropriation of certain funds from the Opioid Restitution Fund to be made in accordance with certain settlement agreements; requiring the Secretary of Health to establish and administer a grant program for the distribution of certain opioid restitution funds to political subdivisions in accordance with a certain agreement; and requiring the Attorney General to identify and designate the controlling version of the settlement agreements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SF, § 7-331 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 420 **Senator Rosapepe, et al****EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS – WORK PERMITS – INFORMATION SHARING**

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, unless the parent or guardian of the minor has opted out, to release certain personal information of a minor who has a work permit and certain information of the employer of the minor to employers and apprenticeship sponsors, educational programs and institutions, and local workforce development boards that have requested the information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

LE, § 3-206 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 421 **Senator Rosapepe, et al****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS – BUS DRIVER WAGES – STUDY**

Requiring the Governor’s Workforce Development Board, on or before July 1, 2022, to evaluate, study, and identify certain issues relating to wages paid to certain bus drivers and report its findings to the governing body of each county and Baltimore City, each county board of education, including Baltimore City, the Governor, and the General Assembly.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Finance

SB 422 **Senator Rosapepe, et al****EDUCATION – JOBS THAT REQUIRE DRIVING – REQUIREMENTS (DRIVERS EDUCATION FOR GOOD JOBS ACT OF 2022)**

Authorizing a county board of education to authorize a certain employee to transport a public school student in a vehicle; and requiring, on or before December 31, 2022, the Career and Technical Education Committee to establish a pathway for students to prepare for a career as a driver and an annual goal for the number of students who obtain the appropriate license for a career as a driver before they graduate high school.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, §§ 6-127 and 21-211 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 423 **Senator Hayes****NATURAL GAS – STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT – SURCHARGE AND PLANS (STRIDE ACT OF 2022)**

Including infrastructure replacement project costs under the Strategic Infrastructure Development and Enhancement Program in certain gas company base rates during a multiyear rate plan; and continuing an annual surcharge for eligible future infrastructure project costs not included in certain gas company base rates during a multiyear rate plan.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

PU, § 4-210(g) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 424 **Senator Hayes****REAL ESTATE – REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE SERVICES AND TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE CONTRACTS (THE ANTHONY MOORMAN ACT)**

Requiring a real estate broker or an escrow agent, if a purchaser terminates a certain transaction under certain circumstances, to distribute trust money to the purchaser within 30 days after a certain written notice of the termination is sent; requiring a holder of trust money who makes a certain distribution to notify the seller and purchaser of the distribution within a certain period of time; establishing that a holder of trust money may not be held liable for a certain decision to distribute the trust money; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

BOP, § 17-505 and RP, § 10-802 - amended and RP, § 10-803 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 425 **Senator Reilly****REAL ESTATE ASSOCIATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS –
COMPENSATION – PAYMENT FROM TITLE INSURANCE PRODUCER**

Authorizing a licensed title insurance producer to pay compensation for the provision of real estate brokerage services to associate real estate brokers, real estate salespersons, or certain business entities on behalf of a real estate broker in accordance with written disbursement authorization provided by the real estate broker.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

BOP, §§ 17-322(b)(21) and 17-604 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 426 **Senator West****TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE LAWS OF INTESTACY IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Laws of Intestacy in Maryland; requiring the Task Force to examine Maryland laws and compare to laws and practices in other states, and review any research analysis, or guidance related to laws of intestacy; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations on possible revisions to the Maryland laws of intestacy to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 427 **Senator West****BALTIMORE COUNTY – HUNTING – NONGAME BIRDS AND
MAMMALS**

Repealing a prohibition in Baltimore County against hunting or attempting to hunt nongame birds and mammals without first obtaining a hunting license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

NR, § 10-301(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 428 **Senator West****CONSUMER PROTECTION – AUTOMOTIVE GLASS REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT – ADVANCED DRIVER ASSISTANCE SYSTEM RECALIBRATION**

Establishing consumer protections related to the repair or replacement of automotive glass on motor vehicles equipped with an advanced driver assistance system; and prohibiting an insurer from being charged more than a fair and competitive value for the local market for the recalibration of an advanced driver assistance system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CL, §§ 14-1001 and 14-1009 - amended and § 14-1009 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 429 **Senator Lee****CRIMINAL LAW – STALKING – PENALTIES**

Increasing the penalties for stalking to a period of imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine of up to \$10,000 or both if the victim had a protective order in effect against the defendant at the time of the offense or the defendant had previously been convicted of stalking.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CR, § 3-802 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 430 **Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – TRANSFER**

Authorizing the transfer of a certain Class A alcoholic beverages license from one area of Baltimore City to another area within Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

AB, § 12-1707 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 431 **Senators West and Waldstreicher****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – REVISIONS**

Revising and clarifying laws relating to the formation, organization, and operation of corporations; repealing certain redundant and obsolete provisions; correcting certain references; authorizing a certain dissent to be submitted by electronic transmission; adding limited liability companies to the list of entity types that certain persons may serve in certain capacities and be eligible for insurance provided by certain other corporations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CA, Various Sections - amended, § 2-104(b)(11) - added, and § 2-502.1 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 432 **Senator Klausmeier****BALTIMORE COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES AND SURVIVING SPOUSES – PENSIONS**

Requiring Baltimore County to pay Orphans’ Court judges, if the judge was in office on or after January 1, 2022, and their surviving spouses a certain pension under certain circumstances.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

ET, § 2-108(x)(1), (7), and (8) - amended and § 2-108(x)(7) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 433 **Senator Klausmeier****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION CLAIMS – FEES FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

Authorizing the Workers’ Compensation Commission, if there is no compensation other than a medical benefit payable to a covered employee, to order that a fee of not more than \$2,000 for legal services rendered on behalf of the covered employee be payable by the covered employee, an employer or its insurer, a self-insured employer, or the Uninsured Employers’ Fund; and exempting the ordered fee from the requirement that a fee approved by the Commission be a lien on compensation awarded.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

LE, § 9-731 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 434 Senator Reilly

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED OR FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RESCUE WORKERS, SURVIVING SPOUSES, AND COHABITANTS

Expanding eligibility for a certain property tax credit for certain residential real property in Anne Arundel County owned by a certain disabled law enforcement officer or rescue worker, surviving spouse, or cohabitant; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TP, § 9-210 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 435 Senator Hough, et al

FAMILY LAW – PREVENTING OR INTERFERING WITH A REPORT OF SUSPECTED SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Establishing that an individual who intentionally prevents or interferes with the making of a report for suspected sexual abuse of a child by a mandatory reporter may be prosecuted at any time for the violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

FL, § 5-705.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 436 Carroll County Senators

CARROLL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBER COMPENSATION AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Altering the term of and scholarship for the student representative on the Carroll County Board of Education by prohibiting a student representative from serving more than one term; and altering the compensation of the president of the county board from \$9,000 to \$13,000 and for the voting members of the county board from \$8,000 to \$12,000 in annual compensation.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, §§ 3-401(f) and 3-403 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 437 **Senator McCray**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. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

AG, § 2-401 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 438 **Senator McCray**YOUNG READERS PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHMENT (YOUNG
READERS PROGRAM EXPANSION ACT)

Establishing the Baltimore City Young Readers Program within the Division of Children and Youth of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to mail free, high-quality books to certain children; establishing the Young Readers Matching Grant Program within the Division to provide matching grants to counties to support the establishment and operation of certain book-gifting services; and requiring the Deputy Director of the Division to administer the programs.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HU, §§ 8-1401 through 8-1403 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 439 **Senator Carozza****SOMERSET COUNTY – LOCAL OFFICIALS – SALARIES AND DAILY ALLOWANCE FOR TRAVELING EXPENSES**

Altering the salaries of the Sheriff of Somerset County, the State’s Attorney for Somerset County, the County Commissioners of Somerset County, the President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, members of the County Roads Board of Somerset County, and the President of the County Roads Board of Somerset County and the salaries and daily allowance for certain expenses of the Chief Judge of the Orphans’ Court for Somerset County and associate judges of the Orphans’ Court for Somerset County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ, § 2-333(b)(1), CP, § 15-420(b), ET, § 2-108(s), and PLL of Somerset Co, Art. 20, §§ 2-101(b) and 9-104(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 440 **Senator Beidle****COMMISSION TO STUDY THE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE CRISIS IN MARYLAND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland to examine certain areas related to health care workforce shortages in the State, including the extent of the workforce shortage, short-term solutions to the workforce shortage, future health care workforce needs, and the relationship between the Maryland Department of Health and the health occupations boards; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31 each year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

Assigned to: Finance

SB 441 **Senator Carter****BALTIMORE CITY – CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD**

Altering the powers and duties of the Baltimore City Civilian Review Board; and authorizing the Baltimore City Civilian Review Board to function as a police accountability board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, Various Sections and PS, § 3-102 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 442 Calvert County Senators**CALVERT COUNTY BOND REQUEST**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$13,183,000 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public buildings, roads, and facilities in Calvert County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 443 Senator Jackson**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR PET-FRIENDLY RENTAL DWELLING UNITS**

Allowing certain landlords a credit against the State income tax for rental dwelling units in which, during the taxable year, a landlord permits residential tenants to reside with companion animals; requiring the Comptroller to maintain and publish on the Comptroller's website a list of landlords who claim the credit and the properties at which each landlord permits tenants to reside with companion animals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, § 10-754 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 444 Prince George's County Senators**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS – REDISTRICTING PLAN**

Altering the boundaries of the school board districts for election of the members of the Prince George's County Board of Education.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 3-1001 - amended

Assigned to: Reapportionment and Redistricting

SB 445 **Senator Carter**

BALTIMORE CITY – 41ST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MARKETPLACE LICENSE

Establishing a marketplace license in a certain geographic area in the 41st legislative district in Baltimore City; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue the license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AB, § 12-1001.4 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs