



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2022 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 1, 2022
Schedule 15

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 February 1, 2022

SB 565 **Senators Lam and Beidle**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – PRICE GOUGING
CONSUMER PROTECTIONS**

Prohibiting a person from selling an essential good or service during a state of emergency and for the 90 days following the end of the state of emergency for a price of 10% or more of the price charged prior to a state of emergency; and requiring the Secretary of State to establish an electronic notification system by which a person may register to receive certain information.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

PS, §§ 14-1201 through 14-1204 - added

Assigned to: Finance

Department of Legislative Services

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SB 566 Senator Elfreth (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT CLIMATE RISK – FIDUCIARY DUTIES

Requiring a fiduciary of the State Retirement and Pension System to consider certain climate risks on the System's assets; requiring a climate risk assessment to include a certain review of the System's investment portfolio to determine the level of climate risk across certain sectors and asset classes, identification of investment opportunities in certain energy sectors, a process for regular reassessment of certain impact of climate risk, and utilization of the best data and practices for climate risk analyses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

SP, § 21-116(e)(1) and (2) - amended and § 21-116.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 567 Senator Elfreth, et al

PROPERTY TAX – AGRICULTURAL USE ASSESSMENT – IMPROVEMENTS

Requiring that certain improvements on land that qualifies for agricultural use assessment be assessed as agricultural property; providing for the retroactive application of the Act; and authorizing the payment of tax refunds under certain circumstances.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TP, § 8-209(e) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 568 Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

HEALTH RECORDS AND REPORTING OF OVERDOSES – LIMITATIONS ON USE IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION

Prohibiting certain overdose information reported by an emergency medical services provider or the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems from being obtained by a law enforcement officer as part of a criminal investigation or prosecution.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, §§ 4-306(b)(7) and 13-3602 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings