



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2022 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 3, 2022
Schedule 17

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 3, 2022

SB 624 **Senator Hettleman**

ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – ASSISTED LIVING REFERRERS – REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS

Requiring assisted living referrers to maintain and provide to certain assisted living programs documents written signed and dated between the referrer and the client that include the right of the client to terminate the referrer's services for any reason at any time, and a requirement that the referrer communicate a cancellation of the agreement to all assisted living programs involving a client; requiring assisted living referrers to maintain certain insurance, and obtain criminal history records checks of employees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, § 19-1813 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

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SB 625 **Senator Hettleman**TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES –
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES – EMPLOYEE
REQUIREMENTS

Exempting certain employees of transportation network companies that provide transit service to persons with disabilities under contract with the Maryland Transit Administration from certain requirements relating to a certain criminal history records check and completion of a certain course; and requiring transportation network companies that provide transit service to persons with disabilities under contract with the Administration to run certain annual background checks on certain employees.

EMERGENCY BILL

TR, § 7-102.1(e) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 626 **Senator Griffith, et al**MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR
PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – ALTERATIONS

Clarifying that part-time physicians and physician assistants are eligible for participation in the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to establish prorated loan repayment assistance for part-time physicians and physician assistants; and establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Advisory Council for Physicians and Physician Assistants to assist the Department in the administration of the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HG, § 24-1704 - amended and § 24-1708 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 627 Senator Waldstreicher**STATE BUILDING CODE – ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

Repealing provisions regarding requirements of builders of certain residential dwelling units to offer buyers certain options for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations; and requiring the Department of Labor, by July 1, 2023, to adopt by regulation a State building code that requires the installation of certain percentages of EV-capable, EV-ready, and EVCS-installed parking spaces for certain newly constructed buildings and buildings undergoing certain renovations; applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

PS, § 12-205 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 628 Senator Patterson**MEDICAL CANNABIS – GROWER LICENSE – NUMBER AND LICENSED PROCESSORS**

Altering, from 22 to 42, the maximum number of medical cannabis growers that may be licensed by the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission; providing that a grower may operate in a facility that does not exceed 10,000 square feet; authorizing a licensed processor to apply for licensure as a medical cannabis grower; requiring the Commission to actively seek to achieve racial, ethnic, gender, and geographic diversity when licensing processors and growers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, § 13-3306(a)(2) and (d) - amended and § 13-3309.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 629 Senator Edwards**LANDLORD AND TENANT – EVICTION DATA – COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION**

Requiring the Judiciary to collect certain data pertaining to a warrant of restitution or a writ of possession issued in accordance with a certain judgment for possession of residential property; requiring the Judiciary to share eviction data with the Department of Housing and Community Development every 2 weeks; requiring the Department to make eviction data available in a certain format to a State agency or an academic institution located in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

RP, § 14-133 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 630 **Senator Hester, et al**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT –
OFFICE OF RESILIENCE

Establishing the Office of Resilience in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; requiring the Director of the Maryland Department of Emergency Management to appoint a Chief Resilience Officer to direct the Office of Resilience; requiring the Chief Resilience Officer to coordinate State and local efforts to build resilience to risks identified in the Maryland Hazard Mitigation Plan; and requiring certain State entities to appoint liaisons to the Office of Resilience for certain purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

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

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 631 **Senator Hester**CONSUMER PROTECTION – CONSUMER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT
– RIGHT TO REPAIR

Requiring an original equipment manufacturer of consumer electronic equipment to make available, on fair and reasonable terms, certain documentation, parts, and tools to an independent repair provider or owner of consumer electronic equipment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CL, §§ 13-301(14)(xxxiii) and 14-4401 through 14-4404 - added and § 13-301(14)(xxxiii) through (xxxv) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 632 **Senator Hester, et al**MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – SMALL BUSINESS
AND NONPROFIT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PROGRAM

Establishing a Small Business and Nonprofit Health Insurance Subsidies Program in the State to provide subsidies to small business and nonprofit employers and their employees for the purchase of qualified health benefit plans on the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

IN, § 31-107 - amended and § 31-123 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 633 **Senators Kagan and Reilly****PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM – ALTERATIONS**

Making alterations to the 9–1–1 Emergency Telephone System in the State; altering the classification and compensation of 9–1–1 specialists; authorizing 9–1–1 specialists to seek certain treatment confidentially; requiring the Maryland 9–1–1 Board to establish certain procedures governing vacancies on the Board; altering the powers and duties of the Board with respect to public safety answering point personnel and cybersecurity standards; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PS, §§ 1-301, 1-302.1, 1-304.2, 1-305(c), 1-306(b)(15) & (e), 1-309.1, 1-310(f), & 1-311 - amended and § 1-305(d) - repealed and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 634 **Senator Lam****HEALTH INSURANCE – HOME TEST KITS FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES – REQUIRED COVERAGE**

Requiring certain health insurance policies and contracts to provide coverage for the purchase of home test kits to test for sexually transmitted diseases and related laboratory costs if the home test kit is ordered by an in–network provider under certain circumstances; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

IN, § 15-857 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 635 Senator Lam**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – APPEALS AND RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT OF BENEFITS PROCEDURES – REVISIONS**

Requiring the Secretary of Labor to delegate to the Office of Administrative Hearings the authority to hold contested case hearings under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary to conduct a predetermination investigation before seeking the recovery of unemployment insurance benefits paid to a claimant; and altering certain procedures by which the Secretary may recover an overpayment of unemployment insurance benefits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

LE, §§ 8-101(u-1) and (x-1), 8-503, 8-5A-04, 8-5A-09, 8-809, and 8-1305(b)(2)(ii) and SG, § 10-203(a)(5) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 636 Senator Zucker, et al**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – WAIVER PROGRAMS – WAITLIST REDUCTION (END THE WAIT ACT)**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a plan to reduce the waitlist for certain waiver programs by 50% beginning in fiscal year 2024.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, § 15-150 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

SB 637 Senator Augustine**HEALTH AND HEALTH INSURANCE – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES – EXPANSION (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM MODERNIZATION ACT)**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide reimbursement for certain behavioral health peer recovery, measurement-based care, and crisis response services; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage and reimbursement for certain behavioral health services; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG and IN, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 638 **Senator Hettleman****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT ATHLETICS – REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTS (ELIJAH GORHAM ACT)**

Requiring each county superintendent of schools to submit a certain report on public high school sports teams in the county to the State Department of Education on or before December 1 each year; altering the requirements for an automated external defibrillator program in public middle and high schools; and altering the requirements for actions to be taken by county boards of education regarding heat acclimatization for student athletes.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 7-129 - added and §§ 7-425 and 7-434 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 639 **Senator Kagan****CONSUMER PROTECTION – SECURITY QUESTIONS AND MEASURES**

Prohibiting certain businesses and units of State and local government from using the maiden name of the mother of a customer as a means of safeguarding access to a customer's account; making a violation of the Act by certain businesses an unfair, deceptive, or abusive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; and authorizing reporting of a certain violation by a unit of State or local government to the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CL, § 13-301(14)(xxxiv) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xxxvi) and 14-1327 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 640 **Senator King****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the governing body of each county to appropriate a certain amount of funds to the school operating budgets for fiscal year 2023.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

ED, § 5-235(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 641 **Carroll County Senators**CARROLL COUNTY – COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS –
REDISTRICTING PLAN

Altering the boundaries for the county commissioner districts in Carroll County.

EMERGENCY BILL

PLL of Carroll Co, Art. 7, § 3-101(d) - amended

Assigned to: Reapportionment and Redistricting

SB 642 **Senator Cassilly**

HARFORD COUNTY – VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS

Authorizing the use of vehicle height monitoring systems at locations in Harford County to enforce certain State and local laws restricting the presence of certain vehicles during certain times subject to certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 24-111.3 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 643 **Senator Lee, et al**COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND PERSONAL INFORMATION
PROTECTION ACT – REVISIONS

Requiring a business that maintains personal information of an individual residing in the State to implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices that are appropriate to the nature of the personal information owned, maintained, or licensed; and altering certain requirements related to notifications of breaches of the security of systems, including the circumstances under which the owner or licensee of certain computerized data is required to notify certain individuals of a breach.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CL, §§ 14-3501, 14-3503(a), and 14-3504 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 644 **Senator Salling**

STATE PROCUREMENT – PREFERENCES – HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS ZONE BUSINESSES

Requiring a unit to structure procurement procedures to try to achieve or exceed a certain overall percentage goal of the unit's total dollar value of procurement contracts to be made with historically underutilized business zone businesses; providing for the determination of expected historically underutilized business zone business participation for individual solicitations; including certain historically underutilized business zone businesses in the Small Business Reserve Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SF, § 14-501 - amended and §§ 14-801 through 14-806 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 645 **Senators Carozza and Eckardt**

WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DINNER THEATER LICENSE

Establishing a Class B–DT (dinner theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Wicomico County and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County to issue the license; and providing an annual license fee of \$1,500.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AB, § 32-1001.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 646 **Senators Carozza and Eckardt**

WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B–BF (BANQUET FACILITY) LICENSE

Establishing a Class B–BF (banquet facility) beer, wine, and liquor license in Wicomico County; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County to issue the license for use by certain banquet facilities; establishing a license fee of \$1,500.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AB, § 32-1001.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 647 **Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – ELECTRONIC TIP JAR MACHINES –
AUTHORIZATION AND REGULATION**

Authorizing a person authorized to operate a tip jar in Frederick County to operate an electronic tip jar machine if the person obtains a gaming permit for the machine from the county; and authorizing the County Commissioners of Frederick County to adopt regulations for the operation of and issuance of permits for electronic tip jar machines.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

CR, §§ 12-301.1 and 13-1301 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 648 **Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2022**

Repealing certain obsolete provisions of law relating to temporary alcoholic beverages licenses in Frederick County; repealing certain duplicative requirements relating to alcohol awareness and crowd control training for certain licenses in the county; repealing certain county residency requirements for certain license holders in the county; repealing certain county residency requirements for certain license holders in the county and substituting a State residency requirement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AB, Various Sections - repealed and amended and §§ 20-1406, 20-1407, 20-1803, and 20-1804 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 649 **Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – DISPOSITION OF MARRIAGE CEREMONY
FEE**

Requiring the clerk of the circuit court of Frederick County to pay \$15 of the fee for performing a marriage ceremony in Frederick County to Heritage Frederick; and providing for the reporting and auditing of certain financial records.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

FL, § 2-410(a)(12) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 650 **Senators Young and Hough**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
POPULATION

Altering the population formula used to determine the number of Class A alcoholic beverages licenses that may be issued in an election district in Frederick County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AB, § 20-1601 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 651 **Senator Young**NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST MITIGATION BANKS AND THE
FOREST CONSERVATION FUND – ALTERATIONS

Altering the definition of “qualified conservation” for purposes of provisions of law related to forest mitigation banks; and extending the deadline for the Department of Natural Resources to accomplish the reforestation or afforestation for which certain money is deposited to the Forest Conservation Fund from 2 years or 3 growing seasons to 5 years or 6 growing seasons.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

NR, §§ 5-1601(gg) and 5-1610(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs