PLEASE NOTE:  January 18 – Bill request deadline.
January 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 12, 2022

SB 166  Senator Ellis
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – DOULA PROGRAM
Establishing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program Doula Program to provide doula services to program recipients who are pregnant or postpartum; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to administer the Doula Program; requiring a provider to meet certain requirements in order to participate in the Doula Program; and requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to cover certain doula services, with certain limitations.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HG, § 15-141.3 - added
Assigned to: Finance
SB 221  The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

Altering the enforcement authority of the Department of the Environment under various provisions of law, including provisions relating to waterway construction and dam safety, tidal and nontidal wetlands, drinking water, and waterworks, wastewater works, and industrial wastewater works; requiring a person or municipal or private corporation to report certain information to the Department annually; requiring certain penalties collected by the Department to be paid into the Maryland Clean Water Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EN, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 222  Senator Ferguson

BALTIMORE CITY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – LICENSEE HOURS OF OPERATION

Prohibiting a holder of a Class A license, a Class B–D–7 license, or an adult entertainment license issued by the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City from operating in a certain area in Baltimore City later than 10 p.m.

EMERGENCY BILL

AB, § 12-2009 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 223  The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

LANDLORD AND TENANT – EVICTION ACTIONS – FILING SURCHARGE AND PROHIBITED LEASE PROVISIONS

Increasing, from not more than $8 to not more than $73, the surcharge that the District Court is required to assess per civil case for summary ejectment, tenant holding over, and breach of lease that seeks a judgment for possession of residential property against a residential tenant; requiring the District Court to assess the surcharge against a landlord and prohibiting the court from awarding or assigning the surcharge against a residential tenant; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

CJ, § 7-301(c) and RP, §§ 8-208(d)(7) and (8) and 8-401(b)(2) - amended and

RP, § 8-208(d)(9) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 224  The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS – DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER
Adding a general definition of “employer” to be used in interpreting provisions of law relating to employment standards and conditions.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
LE, §§ 3-101, 3-301, 3-401, 3-501, 3-702(a), 3-801(a), 3-802(a), and 3-901 - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 226  The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)
ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL
EMERGENCY BILL
Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 228  Senator Ferguson
MARYLAND CORPS PROGRAM – REVISIONS
Altering certain purposes of the Maryland Corps Program; establishing that the Program is exempt from certain provisions of law relating to procurement but is subject to a certain review by the Office of Legislative Audits; altering the membership of the Board of Directors of the Program; establishing that the Board is a body politic and corporate and is an instrumentality of the State; requiring the Board to meet at least once every two months and that Board meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
ED, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added and SF, § 11-203(i) - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 13, 2022

**SB 229**  Senator Gallion
ENVIRONMENT – ON–FARM COMPOSTING FACILITIES – PERMIT EXEMPTION

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to exempt an on–farm composting facility from the requirement to obtain a permit if the on–farm composting facility uses 40,000 square feet or less in support of food scrap composting and meets any other condition for a permit exemption specified in regulations.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
EN, § 9-1725 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 230**  Senator Jackson
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES – TEMPORARY LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, REGISTRATION, AND PERMITTING

Requiring health occupations boards to issue a temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meets certain requirements; and prohibiting a health occupations board from issuing a certain temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit if the issuance would pose a risk to public health, welfare, or safety.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HO, § 1-701 - amended and §§ 1-702.1 and 1-702.2 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 231**  Senator Jackson
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System to include certain individuals serving in certain positions in the Department of Juvenile Services; providing for the calculation of a certain benefit from the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System for individuals serving in certain positions on or before June 30, 2022; requiring the State Retirement Agency, on or before January 1, 2023, to notify the individuals who are affected by the Act of their right to transfer certain service credit; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
SP, §§ 25-201(a)(10) and (11) and 25-401 - amended and § 25-201(a)(12) - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 232  Senator Jackson
REGISTER OF WILLS – MAXIMUM SALARY – INCREASE

Increasing from $124,500 to $146,500, the maximum annual salary that the Board of Public Works may set for a register of wills.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
ET, § 2-205(b)(1) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 233  Senator Jackson
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY DEER HUNTING AND ARCHERY HUNTING SAFETY ZONES

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons in Prince George’s County from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January, inclusive; and adding Prince George’s County to the list of counties in which the safety zone for archery hunters extends 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
NR, § 10-410(a) and (g)(3) - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 234  Senator Jackson
PUBLIC SCHOOLS – PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Purple Star Schools Program to recognize public schools that provide strong services and support for military-connected students and their families; and authorizing a public school to partner with the county board to fulfill certain requirements to qualify as a Purple Star School under the Act.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 7-129 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 235  Senator Jackson

INCOME TAX – PERSONAL EXEMPTION – DISABLED INDIVIDUALS

Authorizing individuals who have a permanent physical disability, including blindness to deduct $1,000 as a personal exemption under the Maryland income tax; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
TG, § 10-211 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 236  Senator Salling

MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND – CAM FOR VETERANS GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED (DAVID PEREZ MILITARY HEROES ACT (END 22 A DAY))

Establishing the CAM for Veterans Grant Program to provide grants to veterans suffering from post–traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, or stress for financial assistance to obtain complementary and alternative medicine(CAM); requiring the Maryland Veterans Trust to implement and administer the Program; requiring the Trust to expend money from the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund to provide grants for the Program; and requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
SG, § 9-914.2 - amended and § 9-914.4 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 237  Senator Salling

EDUCATION – CURRICULUM – UNIT OF INSTRUCTION ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, TERRORIST ATTACKS

Requiring public schools and nonpublic schools that participate in State–funded education programs to include in the curriculum, beginning in the 2023–2024 school year, a unit of instruction on the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that is consistent with certain guidelines developed by the State Board of Education; and encouraging nonpublic schools that do not participate in State–funded education programs to include in the curriculum a unit of instruction on the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 7-129 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 238  Senator Salling  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CROSSING GUARDS – HIRING AND BUDGET ALLOCATION  
Requiring each county board of education to require the local school system to hire school crossing guards for each public school in the county and to provide sufficient funding in the county board budget; requiring the county police department, if the county board is not able to provide sufficient funding, to hire the additional number of school crossing guards necessary to provide school crossing guards for each public school in the county and to provide sufficient funding in the county police department budget.  
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022  
ED, § 7-810 - added  
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  

SB 239  Senator Simonaire  
ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – PROTECTION OF CONTRIBUTOR  
Prohibiting a person from using contributor information from any report or statement required under provisions of law governing campaign finance for commercial solicitation purposes; and prohibiting a person from publishing contributor information from any report or statement required under provisions of law governing campaign finance in newspapers, magazines, books, websites, or other similar media for the purpose of facilitating commercial solicitation.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022  
EL, § 13-106 - added  
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  

SB 240  Senator Simonaire  
SALES AND USE TAX – TAX–FREE PERIOD FOR BACK–TO–SCHOOL SHOPPING – SALE OF SEWING ITEMS  
Expanding the applicability of the annual sales and use tax–free period to certain sewing items used to make clothing if the taxable price of each item is less than $100; and providing that “sewing item” includes the material used to make clothing, fabric, thread, zippers, bias tape, and elastic but does not include sewing machines, pins, pin cushions, scissors, or needles.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022  
TG, § 11-228 - amended  
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 241  Senator Augustine

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES – 9–8–8 TRUST FUND

Establishing the 9–8–8 Trust Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide reimbursement for costs associated with designating and maintaining 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to designate 9–8–8 as the primary phone number for the State’s behavioral health crisis hotline; requiring the Department by December 1 each year to report on the expenditure of funds and additional services provided by the funding; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
HG, §§ 7.5-5A-01 through 7.5-5A-04 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145. - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED January 12, 2022

SJ 2  The President (By Request – Legislative Redistricting Advisory Commission)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING PLAN OF 2022

Establishing a plan for legislative districts in accordance with the fourth and fifth sentences of Article III, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution; and providing that the legislative districting plan presented to the General Assembly by the Governor may not become law in accordance with Article III, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution.
SG, § 2-201 - amended and § 2-202 - repealed and added
Assigned to: Reapportionment and Redistricting
SJ 3  The President (By Request – Administration)

MARYLAND CITIZENS’ LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING PLAN OF 2022

Establishing a plan for legislative districts presented by the Governor pursuant to Article III, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution; providing that this Joint Resolution shall be effective as a plan within the meaning of Article III, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution only under certain circumstances; and providing that this Joint Resolution does not preclude the enactment by the General Assembly of a subsequent Joint Resolution setting forth the boundaries of legislative districts.

SG, § 2-201 - amended and § 2-202 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Reapportionment and Redistricting

SENATE SIMPLE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED January 12, 2022

SS 1  The President

IMPLEMENTATION OF MODIFIED PROCEDURES DUE TO COVID–19

Implementing modified procedures for the Senate of Maryland due to COVID–19.

Assigned to: Senate Rules