



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2022 Maryland General Assembly Session

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *February 15, 2022*

SB 964 **Senator Benson**

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATES – LABOR, JOB TRAINING, AND EDUCATIONAL COURSES

Requiring the compensation rate for inmate labor in Maryland Correctional Enterprises to be not less than the State minimum wage; repealing a requirement that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services reimburse a certain county or the State for certain costs from an inmate's earnings under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Department from deducting certain costs from an inmate's earnings; requiring the Division of Correction to offer job training and educational courses to certain inmates; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CS, §§ 3-514 and 9-615 - amended and § 9-618 - added
Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 965 **Senator Jackson**

CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE CLASS B LICENSES

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Charles County to allow a person to obtain a direct or indirect interest in, in addition to certain other licenses, not more than a certain number of Class B–H (hotel), Class B–R (restaurant), or Class B–RB (restaurant/bar) on-sale beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AB, § 18-1606 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SB 966 **Senator Feldman****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring energy efficiency and conservation programs and services provided by gas companies and electric companies to encourage and promote the electrification of certain products and beneficial electrification beginning with calendar year 2024; prohibiting the energy efficiency and conservation programs and services from providing financial assistance for equipment or appliances that use fossil fuel; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

PU, § 7-211(d), (f), (g), and (k) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 967 **Senator Edwards****TAX SALES – FINAL JUDGMENTS IN FORECLOSURE ACTIONS – REVISIONS**

Authorizing a court, under certain circumstances, to strike the final judgment in a tax sale action foreclosing the right of redemption in a property and grant the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation the right to pay the balance of the purchase price due on the property; applying the Act retroactively; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TP, § 14-847 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 968 **Senator Edwards****TAX SALES – FORECLOSURE ACTIONS – ASSIGNMENT OF CERTIFICATES OF SALE**

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to file a petition with a court to request that a certain certificate of sale be assigned to the governing body of the county or the municipal corporation in a certain foreclosure action under certain circumstances; providing that, on a grant of the petition by the court, the holder of the certificate of sale forfeits certain rights and the amount paid to acquire the certificate of sale; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TP, § 14-821(c) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 969 **Senator Edwards**

ALLEGANY COUNTY AND GARRETT COUNTY – ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND SNOWMOBILES

Expanding the definition of “all-terrain vehicle” in provisions governing the use of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles in Allegany County and Garrett County to include off-highway motorcycles; and expanding the area of a highway from 2 miles to 5 miles on which Allegany County and Garrett County may authorize all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles to operate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, §§ 21-104.1 and 25-102(a)(14) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 970 **Senator Rosapepe**

STATE OPERATING BUDGET – STEP INCREASES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES – REPORTING

Requiring the Governor to report to the General Assembly on the date on which the annual budget bill is submitted the reasons why an appropriation sufficient to provide certain step increases for State employees was not included in the annual budget bill under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SF, § 7-114.4 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 971 **Senator Young**

EDUCATION – CONCENTRATION OF POVERTY SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM – SCHOOL LUNCH

Requiring an eligible school that receives a per pupil grant under the Concentration of Poverty Grant Program to provide free school lunch to each student at the eligible school under certain circumstances; prohibiting a county board of education from charging students for school lunch at an eligible school; and requiring certain funding to be provided in the State budget to provide certain students with free school lunch.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, §§ 5-223(f) and 7-602 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 972 **Senator Reilly****PHYSICIANS AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS – REORGANIZATION AND REVISIONS**

Repealing obsolete and redundant language in, clarifying language in, and reorganizing certain provisions of law governing the State Board of Physicians and the regulation of physicians, physician assistants, and allied health professionals; authorizing the Board to regulate the allied health committees; and repealing the requirement that the Board provide a certain data sheet.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CS, CJ, HG, HO, TG, and TR, Various Sections - repealed, amended, and added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 973 **Senator Jennings****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS – FIREARMS REQUIRED**

Requiring a Baltimore City school police officer and a school resource officer to carry a firearm while present on the premises of the school to which the officer is assigned.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, §§ 4-318(d)(3)(i) and 7-1508 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 974 **Senator Jennings****DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' REAL PROPERTY – EXCHANGE WITH PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to exchange real property owned by the Department with private real property if the real property owned by the Department has an appraised value equal to or less than \$100,000 and the private real property is a certain size, is in a certain location, and has an appraised value equal to or less than \$100,000 and an appraised value equal to or greater than the appraised value of the real property owned by the Department.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SF, § 10-305(a) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 975 **Senator Jennings****PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – DISABLED VETERAN, ACTIVE DUTY, AND SURVIVING SPOUSE – APPLICATION PROCESS**

Authorizing an individual to submit, and requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to accept, an application for a property tax exemption for a dwelling house owned by a certain disabled veteran, disabled active duty service member, or surviving spouse before the individual purchases the dwelling house; and requiring the Department, within 15 business days of the receipt of the application, to process the application and notify the applicant of approval or denial of the application.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TP, § 7-208(d) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 976 **Senator Patterson****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – POSTCONVICTION REVIEW – MOTION FOR REDUCTION OF SENTENCE**

Authorizing a State's Attorney to file a motion for a reduction of sentence at any time during the period of active incarceration; authorizing the Court to consider multiple factors in determining whether to reduce a sentence, disciplinary record and record of rehabilitation, evidence reflecting a diminished risk for future violence, and changes in circumstances since the original conviction; prohibiting the State's Attorney, if the court denies the motion, from filing a subsequent motion for at least 3 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CP, § 8-111 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 977 **Senator Lee****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – STEP-DOWN PROGRAMS – CAUSE OF ACTION**

Providing for a certain step-down program that the Commissioner of Correction is required to provide, before the transfer of an inmate placed in restrictive housing to the general population or the direct release of an inmate from a facility to the community; requiring a step-down program to be individualized to the needs of the inmate and involve a coordinated, multidisciplinary treatment team approach; and authorizing a certain civil action for damages.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CS, § 9-614.2 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules