



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2022 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 14, 2022
Schedule 3

PLEASE NOTE: January 18 – Bill request deadline.
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 14, 2022

SB 242 **Senator Hershey**

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – SYSTEM FOR NEWBORN SCREENING – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the newborn screening program in the Maryland Department of Health to require testing for each condition listed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Recommended Uniform Screening Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, § 13-111 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

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SB 243 **Senator Feldman**

SECRETARY OF HEALTH – PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Requiring the Secretary of Health to be professionally qualified through experience or education in health law or policy, health care facilities administration, health economics or financial management, government operations related to health care, or as a health care provider.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HG, § 2-102 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 244 **Senator Feldman**

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SELF-MEASURED BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING

Requiring, beginning January 1, 2023, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide coverage for self-measured blood pressure monitoring.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, §§ 15-101(j) and (l) and 15-103(a)(2)(xviii) - added and §§ 15-101(j) and 15-103(a)(2)(xvi) and (xvii) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 245 **Senator Kagan**

MARYLAND NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROGRAM – NONPROFIT, INTEREST-FREE, MICRO BRIDGE LOAN (NIMBL) ACCOUNT – FUNDING

Altering, beginning in fiscal year 2023, the percentage to be paid by the Comptroller from the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account to the Nonprofit, Interest-Free, Micro Bridge Loan (NIMBL) Account within the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program Fund; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 for the Fund to be used for certain loans under the NIMBL Account.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SG, § 9-1A-27(a)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 246 Senator Kagan**ENVIRONMENT – SALT APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to establish a Salt Applicator Certification Program to encourage efficient winter maintenance of roadways, parking lots, and sidewalks through the use of salt or salt alternatives; requiring each commercial applicator to participate in the Program, be certified on or before October 1, 2024, and maintain a valid certification; and requiring each certified commercial applicator to maintain certain records of each salt application and submit an annual report to the Department.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EN, §§ 9-2401 through 9-2404 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 247 Senator Hayes**STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS AND APPEALS**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to publish on its website certain information in plain language relating to the assessment process and methodology used by the Department in determining the value of real property; altering the minimum value of property improvements required for a certain revaluation of the property by the Department during a certain 3-year cycle; and allowing certain authorities to consider certain criteria when hearing an appeal that relates to the valuation of real property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TP, § 2-218.2 - added and §§ 8-104(c)(1) and 14-516 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 248 Senator Hayes**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – CALCULATION OF PARTICIPATION RATES – PROCUREMENTS FROM MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES**

Requiring a State procurement unit to include the dollar value of its contracts with Maryland Correctional Enterprises in the total dollar value of its procurements for the purpose of calculating the unit's Minority Business Enterprise Program participation rate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SF, § 14-302(a)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 249 **Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – CIGARETTES, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS,
AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – LOCAL LAWS
AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing Baltimore City to enact and enforce local laws regulating the sale and distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices, subject to certain exceptions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

BR, §§ 16-308.4, 16.5-104, and 16.7-103 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 250 **Senator Hayes****STATE AND LOCAL PROCUREMENT – PAYMENT PRACTICES**

Requiring each county and municipality to adopt a certain policy; altering a State policy to make a payment under a procurement contract or after receipt of a proper invoice in 15 days rather than the current policy of 30 days; reducing the number of days from 45 to 15 following receipt of an invoice after which the State owes interest on unpaid amounts and interest begins to accrue on unpaid amounts; and repealing a requirement that a contractor submit an invoice within a certain amount of time in order to receive interest payments.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

LG, § 1-404 - added and SF, §§ 15-103 through 15-105 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 251 **Senator Hayes****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR
CENTENARIANS**

Authorizing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for up to \$50,000 of income received during a taxable year by an individual who is at least 100 years old; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, § 10-207(mm) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 252 Senator Kelley**COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION – ENHANCED CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT TOOLS**

Prohibiting a regulated person from performing acts that are anticompetitive, unfair, deceptive, abusive, or injurious to the public interest; authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to issue orders requiring the correction of a violation of law subject to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, including the restitution of money or property; and providing for certain information sharing by the Commissioner involving entities engaging in activity over which the Commissioner has jurisdiction.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

FI, §§ 2-113(d), 2-115(b), and 2-117(a) through (e) and (h) - amended and § 2-113.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 253 Senator Kelley**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – USER FEE ASSESSMENTS**

Increasing the maximum amount, from \$16,0000 to \$20,000,000, of user fees the Maryland Health Care Commission may assess against hospitals, nursing homes, payors, and health care practitioners.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HG, § 19-111(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 254 Senator Ellis**COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND – VICE PRESIDENT OF EQUITY AND INCLUSION – FUNDING AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Requiring the Vice President of Equity and Inclusion at the College of Southern Maryland to report to the President of Equity and Inclusion and to provide adequate resources to students to prepare for admissions testing; and requiring the Board of Trustees of the College of Southern Maryland to include funding in the annual budget of the College for no fewer than five support staff positions for the Vice President, including a Director of Multicultural Affairs and an Equity and Inclusion Coordinator at each college campus.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 16-611 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 255 **Senator Beidle, et al****STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER – PLACEMENT AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Establishing that, within the Office of the Public Defender, the deputy public defender, district public defenders, and assistant public defenders are placed in certain employment categories in the State Personnel Management System; altering certain provisions of law regarding personnel actions within the Office that relate to the hiring, discipline, and termination of employees; providing that employees of the Office are subject to collective bargaining under the State Personnel Management System; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CP, § 16-203 and SP, §§ 3-101(b), 3-102(a), 3-205(a) and (c), and 12-102 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 256 **Senator Beidle****MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – RESILIENCY HUB GRANT PROGRAM AND FUND**

Establishing the Resiliency Hub Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to develop resiliency hubs that serve low–and moderate–income households at no cost to the households; defining “resiliency hub” as a location where solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage are designed to provide electricity during extended grid outages; requiring the Administration to establish certain procedures and criteria for the Program; requiring that certain fines and penalties be credited to the Resiliency Hub Grant Program Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PU, SF, and SG, Various Sections - amended and SF and SG, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 257 Senator Beidle**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the date, from September 1 to November 1 of each year, by which the Public Service Commission must submit a report on the status of a certain net metering program; and repealing a reporting requirement on customer education about competitive electricity supply.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

PU, § 7-306(i) - amended and § 7-510.1(f) - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 258 Senator Feldman (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST MODERNIZATION ACT**

Requiring a real estate investment trust to establish its name in a certain manner and have an office in this State and a resident agent; providing for the formation, organization, registration, operation, and termination of foreign real estate investment trusts; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to register a foreign real estate investment trust in a certain manner; authorizing, under certain circumstances, a foreign real estate investment trust to do business in this State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CA, §§ 1-203(b)(3), 8-201, and 8-502 and TP, § 11-101(a) - amended and CA, §§ 8-208 and 8-801 through 8-814 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 259 Senator Feldman, et al**PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE – APPLICABILITY**

Applying the Prevailing Wage Law to a certain contract for the construction of a public work by expanding the definition of “construction” to include services provided under a mechanical systems service contract.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SF, §§ 17-201 and 17-202 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 260 **Senator West**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES BROKER REBATE FEE FUND
– ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Department of General Services Broker Rebate Fee Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; and requiring the Secretary of General Services to distribute certain broker rebate fees to the Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SF, §§ 4-322 and 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145. - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 261 **Senator West**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANIES AND PARTNERSHIPS – OPERATING AGREEMENTS
AND PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

Authorizing the operating agreement of a limited liability company to provide for the transfer or assignment of an interest in the company to a certain person on the occurrence of certain events regardless of whether the person is a member; authorizing a member of a limited liability company to retain the member's noneconomic interest in the company on assignment of all of the member's economic interest in the company under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CA, §§ 4A-101(q), 4A-203, 4A-402(a), 4A-603(d), 9A-503, and 10-702 and ET, § 1-401 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 262 **Senators Kagan and Jennings**HIGHER EDUCATION – SENATORIAL AND DELEGATE
SCHOLARSHIPS – QUALIFICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Requiring applicants for a Delegate Scholarship, at the time of initial application, to be domiciled in the legislative district from which the applicant is seeking an award; prohibiting applicants for senatorial and Delegate Scholarships from applying for awards from more than one legislative district; and prohibiting Senators and Delegates from awarding scholarships to relatives except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, §§ 18-402, 18-407, and 18-502 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 263 Senator Beidle**HEALTH – FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES – BEVERAGE OPTIONS WITH CHILDREN’S MEALS**

Requiring a food service facility that offers children’s meals to offer certain beverages, plain water, whole, nonfat, or low fat unsweetened milk, a certain nondairy beverage or a beverage consisting of 6 ounces or less of 100% fruit or vegetable juice or a combination of both, as the default beverages included with the meal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, § 21-330.3 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 264 Senator Elfreth, et al**COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS – EXEMPTION FROM ENERGY AND PROPERTY TAXES**

Exempting a community solar energy generating system that provides at least 50% of the energy it produces to low–or moderate–income customers at a cost that is at least 20% less than the amount charged by the electric company in the area and is installed on a rooftop, parking facility canopy, or brownfield from local energy taxes and personal property taxes.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

LG, § 20-203 - added and TP, § 7-237 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 265 Senator Lee, et al**PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT – PROBATION AGREEMENTS – PROBATION NOT DEPORTATION**

Authorizing a court to stay the entering of judgment, defer further proceedings, and place a certain defendant on probation subject to reasonable conditions if the court finds facts justifying a finding of guilt; authorizing the court and a certain defendant to enter into a probation agreement before the defendant enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or the court finds facts justifying a finding of guilt under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CP, § 6-220(b) and (e)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings