



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2022 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 17, 2022
Schedule 4

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 17, 2022

SB 266 Senator Benson

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – VEHICLE LITTER REPORTING PROGRAM

Establishing the Vehicle Litter Reporting Program in the Department of Transportation; requiring the Program to operate a hotline to receive complaints of littering from motor vehicles and to send a letter to the registered motor vehicle owners about which the complaints of littering were received; and requiring the letter to state the negative impacts and costs of littering and that it is a crime punishable by certain penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 2-113 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 267 Senator Benson**INCOME TAX – HEALTHY INDOOR AIR QUALITY TAX CREDIT**

Allowing certain persons to claim a 50% credit against the State income tax for certain qualified costs incurred during the taxable year to purchase and install certain indoor air quality equipment in a certain home, rental dwelling unit, or commercial building; requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to publish on the Comptroller's website a list of approved indoor air quality equipment based on industry guidelines and best practices on or before September 30 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, § 10-754 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 268 Senator Kagan**PESTICIDE REGULATION – TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

Transferring the regulation of pesticides, plant diseases, and mosquitos in the State from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of the Environment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EN, Various Sections - amended and § 18-412 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 269 Senator Kagan**OPEN MEETINGS ACT – APPLICATION AND ENHANCED REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND STATE AGENCY TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2022)**

Repealing exemptions from the Open Meetings Act for certain independent and regional development units; and establishing enhanced requirements under the Open Meetings Act for specified public bodies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EC, PS, and PU, Various Sections - amended, EL, § 2-102(d) and TR, § 4-211 - repealed, and GP, § 3-307 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 270 **Senator Carozza****SOMERSET COUNTY – ELECTIONS – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DISTRICTS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE FILINGS**

Establishing new boundaries for the county commissioner districts in Somerset County; providing for the reopening of the candidate filing deadline for a candidate for the office of member of the Somerset County Board of Education who will be elected at the 2022 general election; and prohibiting an individual who files for the office of member of the Somerset County Board of Education from withdrawing the candidacy.

EMERGENCY BILL

PLL of Somerset Co, Art. 20, § 2-102(b) through (f) - repealed and added

Assigned to: Reapportionment and Redistricting

SB 271 **Senator Guzzone (By Request – Comptroller)****COMMERCIAL LAW – DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED PROPERTY – WAIVER OF PENALTIES**

Authorizing the Comptroller to waive certain penalties related to abandoned property in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CL, § 17-323 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 272 **Senator Guzzone (By Request – Comptroller)****DISCLOSURE OF TAX INFORMATION – FRAUD IDENTIFICATION, PREVENTION, OR RESPONSE**

Authorizing, subject to certain limitations, the disclosure of tax information to certain persons or governmental entities authorized by the Comptroller in writing to receive the tax information for the purpose of identifying, preventing, or responding to fraud.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TG, § 13-203(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 273 **Senator Elfreth, et al****ENVIRONMENT – PFAS CHEMICALS – PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS (GEORGE “WALTER” TAYLOR ACT)**

Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2023, a person from using, manufacturing, or knowingly selling or distributing Class B fire-fighting foam that contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals in the State; prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2023, a person from manufacturing, selling, or distributing a certain rug or carpet in the State; prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2023, a manufacturer or distributor from manufacturing, selling, or distributing certain food packaging designed for direct food contact in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

EN, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs