May 28, 2023

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Article II, Section 17(c), of the Maryland Constitution states:

Section 17.

(c) Any Bill presented to the Governor within six days (Sundays excepted), prior to adjournment of any session of the General Assembly, or after such adjournment, shall become law without the Governor’s signature unless it is vetoed by the Governor within 30 days after presentment.

Having chosen not to sign the following bills after formal presentment and to let the provisions of Article II, Section 17(c) determine the effectiveness of the legislation, the bills will become law without the Governor’s signature as of midnight, May 28, 2023, and are assigned the following chapter numbers:

**HB 131**

Chapter 796

**Delegates Moon and Clippinger**

CRIMINAL LAW – UNNATURAL OR PERVERTED SEXUAL PRACTICE – REPEAL

Repealing the crime of unnatural or perverted sexual practice.

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**SB 54**

Chapter 797

**Senator Lam**

CRIMINAL LAW – UNNATURAL OR PERVERTED SEXUAL PRACTICE – REPEAL

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**HB 239**  
Delegate J. Long, et al  
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT POLICY TASK FORCE  
Establishing the Accessory Dwelling Unit Policy Task Force to survey and document a representative sampling of the variety of ordinances, laws, codes, and policies regarding the development and operation of accessory dwelling units in areas zoned for single–family residential use; and requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and General Assembly on its activities on or before November 1, 2023, and its findings and recommendations on or before June 1, 2024.  
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**SB 382**  
Senator M. Washington  
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT POLICY TASK FORCE  
Establishing the Accessory Dwelling Unit Policy Task Force to survey and document a representative sampling of State and local codes, ordinances, laws, and policies regarding the development and operation of accessory dwelling units in areas zoned for single–family residential use; and requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and General Assembly its activities on or before November 1, 2023, and its findings and recommendations on or before June 1, 2024.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

**HB 371**  
Delegate Attar  
RECORDATION TAX – INDEMNITY MORTGAGE EXEMPTION – THRESHOLD AMOUNT  
Altering the threshold amount for certain indemnity mortgage transactions that are exempt from the recordation tax from less than $3,000,000 to less than $12,500,000; and applying the Act to instruments of writing recorded on or after July 1, 2024.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
Delegate Kipke

MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION AND OFFICES OF THE COMPTROLLER, TREASURER, AND ATTORNEY GENERAL – COMPENSATION AND PAY SCALES OF EMPLOYEES

Authorizing the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, to set the compensation of certain Commission employees; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, to determine the positions for which the Commission may set compensation; and authorizing the Comptroller, the Treasurer, and the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, to set the pay scale of certain positions in their offices.

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Delegate Crutchfield, et al

CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE – CANNABIS – FINES FOR SMOKING IN PUBLIC, STOPS, AND SEARCHES

Altering the maximum fines for smoking cannabis in a public place; prohibiting a law enforcement officer from initiating a stop or a search of a person, a motor vehicle, or a vessel based solely on certain factors; prohibiting, under certain circumstances, a law enforcement officer from conducting a search of a certain area of a motor vehicle or vessel; providing that evidence obtained in violation of certain provisions of the Act is not admissible in certain proceedings; etc.

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Senators Muse and Jackson

TOWING OR REMOVAL OF VEHICLES – RECLAMATION HOURS

Limiting, to at a minimum from 6 a.m. to midnight, the hours during which a certain person in possession of a vehicle that has been towed or removed from a parking lot is required to provide an opportunity for the vehicle owner or the owner’s agent to retake possession of the vehicle; and altering a certain signage requirement imposed on the owner or operator of a parking lot relating to hours during which a towed vehicle may be reclaimed.

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SB 610
Chapter 804

Senator M. Washington, et al

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – VIRTUAL EDUCATION

Requiring a teacher preparation program to include certain training related to teaching in a virtual learning environment as a component of instruction; providing that a county board of education may authorize a county superintendent of schools, under certain circumstances, to provide virtual education days to students instead of closing the public schools in the county because of severe weather conditions; altering the requirements for virtual schools established by a county board of education; etc.
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SB 691
Chapter 805

Senator King

HOME AMENITY RENTALS – SALES AND USE TAX IMPOSED AND LOCAL TAX AUTHORIZED

Applying the sales and use tax to a sale or use of certain home amenity rentals; and authorizing a county or municipality to impose a certain home amenity rental tax under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber
Executive Director