



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 1, 2023
Schedule 15

PLEASE NOTE: February 6 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 6.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 1, 2023

SB 368 **Senator Jackson**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP
– EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS**

Authorizing membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System for certain emergency medical technicians under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, §§ 26-201, 31-2A-01, 31-2A-03, 31-2A-04, and 31-2A-05 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 369 **Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP – MODIFICATIONS**

Making certain members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System eligible to receive creditable service at retirement for unused sick leave accrued by the member in the State Employees' Retirement System or State Employees' Pension System; and requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer certain individuals' Employees' Retirement System or Employees' Pension System service to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System on June 30, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, § 20-206(g) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 370 **Senator Beidle****CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS – LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

Requiring a certified nursing assistant to successfully complete an approved nursing assistant training program meeting certain requirements; requiring the State Board of Nursing to provide certain notifications to geriatric nursing assistants and nursing homes regarding certain provisions of this Act; and requiring the Board to update the title of geriatric nursing assistants on the renewal of a license.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HG, §§ 19-1410(b)(2)(vi), 19-1410.2, and 24-1901(e) and HO, §§ 8-6A-01 and 8-6A-14 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 371 **Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – COMMERCIAL USE – DEFINITION**

Defining “commercial use” in Baltimore City to include multifamily residential development if the development is located within a waterfront commercial zoning district and within a 0.50-mile radius of a commuter rail station.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

LU, § 10-101 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 372 **Senator Augustine****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES**

Authorizing a pharmacist to order and administer certain vaccinations to an individual who is at least 3 years old but under the age of 18 years if certain requirements are met; altering the age of an individual to whom a pharmacist may administer certain vaccinations; repealing the requirement that a pharmacist administer certain vaccinations under a written protocol; and authorizing a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations to an adult.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, § 12-508 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 373 **Charles County Senators****CHARLES COUNTY – MOTORIZED MINIBIKES – REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

Authorizing Charles County to regulate motorized minibikes in the county and to enforce the Maryland Vehicle Law, including impoundment and conditions for release from impoundment, for violations involving motorized minibikes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 25-102(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 374 **Charles County Senators****MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTIONS FOR GOLF CARTS AND LOW SPEED VEHICLES – COBB ISLAND**

Establishing exceptions to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts and low speed vehicles on Cobb Island, Charles County; requiring an operator of a golf cart on a highway on Cobb Island without a certain registration to operate the golf cart only on a highway with a maximum posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour and between dawn and dusk; requiring the vehicle be equipped with certain lighting devices and be kept to the far right of the roadway; and requiring the operator to possess a valid driver's license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TR, § 13-402(c) - amended and §§ 21-104.7 and 21-104.8 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 375 **Senator Ellis****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – INACTIVE AND EMERITUS STATUS**

Authorizing the Board to place a licensee on emeritus status under certain circumstances; requiring the Board, under certain circumstances, to reinstate the license of an individual who is on inactive or emeritus status; exempting licensees who are on inactive status or emeritus status from continuing medical education requirements; repealing the requirement that the Board issue a license to an individual who is on inactive status under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HO, §§ 14-316(a), 14-317, 14-320, 14-601, and 14-602 - amended and § 14-320.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 376 **Senator Ellis****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES – PREVIOUS CESAREAN SECTION**

Allowing a licensed direct-entry midwife to assume or take responsibility for a client who had a previous cesarean section and regulating the circumstances under which the responsibility may be assumed or taken; altering the required contents of a certain informed consent agreement; and requiring the State Board of Nursing, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to develop a transport protocol for clients who had a previous cesarean section.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HO, §§ 8-6C-03(11), 8-6C-04(a)(20) and (21), and 8-6C-09 - amended and § 8-6C-04(a)(22) and (e) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 377 **Senator Kramer****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – BENEFITS – OFFSET AND HEARING LOSS**

Altering the circumstances under which the payment of a benefit by a governmental unit or quasi-public corporation to a covered employee offsets the liability for benefits under the workers' compensation law; altering the method used to determine the deduction required to be made to allow for the average amount of hearing loss from nonoccupational causes in the population for purposes of calculating workers' compensation benefits for occupational deafness; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, §§ 9-610 and 9-650 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 378 **Senator Kagan****PUBLIC HEALTH – VACCINATIONS – MINOR CONSENT**

Providing that minors who are at least 14 years old have the same capacity as an adult to consent to vaccination; authorizing minors under the age of 14 years to consent to vaccination under certain circumstances; and providing that the capacity to consent does not include the capacity to refuse vaccination for which a parent or guardian has given consent.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HG, § 20-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 379 **Senator Kagan, et al****ELECTION LAW – BALLOTS – PROCESSING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES**

Altering the procedures for the canvassing of and curing of errors on absentee and provisional ballots; repealing the requirements that a certain statement of election results be by precinct and that the local boards of elections publish copies of the complete election results in a certain manner; and requiring that a certain report of election results by the State Board of Elections be reported by precinct, including reports of the early, absentee, and provisional vote.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EL, §§ 11-101, 11-302, 11-303(d), and 11-402 - amended and § 11-303.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 380 **Senator M. Washington****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – WATER AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain water affordability assistance, including water bill arrearage forgiveness, received by an individual during the taxable year and provided by the federal government, the State, or a local government; and requiring a unit of State government or a local government that administers a water affordability assistance program to provide to the Comptroller, within 30 days of a request, certain information about water affordability assistance programs.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-207(oo) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 381 **Senator M. Washington****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A-7 LICENSES**

Repealing certain geographic and temporal restrictions on the issuance of Class A-7 beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, § 12-902.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 382 **Senator M. Washington****ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT PROMOTION AND POLICY TASK FORCE**

Establishing the Accessory Dwelling Unit Promotion and Policy Task Force to study state and local government efforts to promote the creation of accessory dwelling units on land zoned for single-family residential use and review existing laws and policies associated with the development of accessory dwelling units throughout the State of Maryland; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 383 **Senator McKay**

FAMILY LAW – CUSTODY AND VISITATION – NOTICE OF INTENT TO TRAVEL (MARYLAND CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT)

Authorizing a court in a custody or visitation proceeding to require a party to provide a written notice of the intent to travel internationally with a child at least 90 days prior to the planned travel; authorizing a court to order child abduction prevention measures if the Court finds there is a credible risk of abduction of the child; authorizing certain parties to petition the court for child abduction prevention measures; requiring a traveling parent to disclose certain information to a nontraveling parent: etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

FL, § 9-106 - amended and §§ 9.6-101 through 9.6-108 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 384 **Senator McKay**

GARRETT COUNTY – TAX SALES – AUCTIONEER FEES

Increasing, from \$8 to \$10, the auctioneer's fee for the tax sale of property in Garrett County for each property sold.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TP, § 14-813(e)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 385 **Senator McKay**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – RESTITUTION ORDERS – RECORDING FEES

Altering a certain provision to prohibit a court from assessing certain costs on a certain person or governmental unit for recording and indexing an order of restitution issued by any court in the State instead of the court in which the judgment of restitution was entered.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 11-611 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 386 **Senator Hester****CERTIFIED LOCAL FARM AND CHESAPEAKE INVASIVE SPECIES PROVIDER PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Altering the Certified Local Farm Enterprise Program to be the Certified Local Farm and Chesapeake Invasive Species Provider Program; expanding the purpose of the Program to include food from certified Chesapeake invasive species providers in the overall percentage goal for certain procurement contracts; and altering the Certified Local Farm Enterprise Food Aggregation Grant Fund to be the Certified Local Farm and Chesapeake Invasive Species Provider Food Aggregation Grant Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

ED, § 9.11-101, SF, §§ 11-203(e)(5)(i) and 14-701 through 14-708, and TP, § 13-209(g)(3)(i)2. - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 387 **Senator Lewis Young, et al****TASK FORCE ON REDUCING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WAIT TIMES**

Establishing the Task Force on Reducing Emergency Department Wait Times to study best practices for reducing emergency department wait times; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Finance

SB 388 **Senators Lewis Young and Guzzone****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STANDARDIZED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STUDENTS – DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Requiring the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports to develop, in consultation with certain stakeholders, guidelines for developing a standardized behavioral health questionnaire to identify students with behavioral health services needs; requiring each behavioral health services coordinator to develop and implement a standardized behavioral health questionnaire based on the guidelines developed by the Consortium; and requiring that the questionnaire be given to the parent or guardian of each student at certain times.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-447(c) - amended, § 7-447.1(l) through (s) - renumbered, and § 7-447.1(l) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 389 **Senators Lewis Young and Rosapepe****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – DUAL LANGUAGE EDUCATION – TEACHER CERTIFICATION, PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION, AND STUDY**

Requiring the State Board of Education and the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to adopt regulations for the certification of and renewal of a certificate for dual language teachers in public schools on or before December 31, 2024; requiring the State Department of Education to develop guidelines for implementing dual language immersion programs in public schools; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 6-704.2 and 7-132 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 390 **Senators Lewis Young and Rosapepe****PROVISION OF VETERINARY SERVICES – ROUTINE MEDICAL CARE AND RABIES VACCINES**

Requiring the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to authorize a veterinary practitioner licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to practice veterinary medicine in another state or jurisdiction to provide routine medical care in the State under certain circumstances; and requiring the Secretary of Health to allow individuals who work in or for a certain veterinary hospital or a certain animal control facility to administer rabies vaccines under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

AG, § 2-304(e) - repealed, § 2-304(f) - amended, and § 2-305.1 - added and HG, § 18-313 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 391 **Senators Lewis Young and Rosapepe****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR**

Requiring a certain assistant State's Attorney with knowledge of the case to meet with a victim of sexually assaultive behavior or the victim's representative within 20 days after receiving a request from the victim regarding a decision by the Office of the State's Attorney not to file a charging document or to dismiss charges against an alleged suspect; requiring the assistant State's Attorney, at the meeting, to explain the justification for a certain decision; and establishing certain requirements for the meeting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 11-1009 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 392 **Senator McCray****WASTEWATER FACILITY SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Wastewater Facility Supplemental Operations and Maintenance Grant Program for the purpose of providing competitive grants for publicly owned wastewater facilities facing operations and maintenance challenges that threaten the proper functioning of a facility's enhanced nutrient removal technology; requiring the Governor, for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, § 9-1605.5 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 393 **Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

Requiring at least one applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Carroll County to be a resident of the State, rather than the county, when an application is filed and remain a resident of the State for the license to remain valid; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, §§ 16-1401 and 16-1405 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 394 **Senator Kramer****STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP – SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Altering the membership of the State Board of Education to include a school principal as a member; and providing for the initial term of the principal member of the State Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 2-202 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 395 **Senator Bailey**STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS –
CREDITABLE SERVICE – HISTORIC ST. MARY’S CITY COMMISSION

Requiring the inclusion of certain State service while an individual was employed by the Historic St. Mary’s City Commission for the purpose of determining eligibility for State retiree health benefits for a retiree of the Historic St. Mary’s City Commission.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 396 **Cecil County Senators**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – UPPER SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL –
MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of certain voting members of the Upper Shore Regional Council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EC, § 13-1003(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 397 **Senator Gallion**

HEALTH INSURANCE – HEARING AIDS FOR ADULTS – COVERAGE

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain health insurance benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide certain coverage for certain hearing aids for adults; authorizing a limit on the benefit payable of \$1,400 per hearing aid every 36 months; and authorizing an insured or enrollee to choose a certain hearing aid and pay a certain amount for the hearing aid without financial or contractual penalty to the provider of the hearing aid.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

IN, § 15-838 - amended and § 15-838.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 398 **Senators Lam and Feldman****HEALTH INSURANCE – REIMBURSEMENT AND USE OF SPECIFIC PHARMACIES AND DISPENSARIES – PROHIBITIONS**

Specifying that certain entities are not precluded from recommending, rather than requiring, a specialty drug be obtained through a certain pharmacy or dispensary; providing that certain entities may not prohibit a subscriber, member, or beneficiary from choosing to obtain a certain specialty drug from a pharmacy or dispensary that meets certain requirements; prohibiting certain entities from taking certain action against certain pharmacies or dispensaries; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

IN, §§ 15-847(d), 15-1611.1, and 15-1612 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 399 **Senator M. Washington****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS – REVISIONS**

Altering the definition of “practice as an environmental health specialist” to include aspects related to public health emergency preparedness; altering the education requirements for an applicant for licensure as an environmental health specialist; authorizing the Board of Environmental Health Specialists to approve an examination provider to administer the licensure examination; altering the grounds for which the Board may take disciplinary action against an applicant or a licensee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HO, §§ 21-101(i), 21-304, 21-312, and 21-314 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 400 **Senators Brooks and Muse****PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION – MOTION PICTURE HOUSES – CAPTIONING**

Requiring all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and requiring that a place of public accommodation that controls, operates, owns, or leases at least two motion picture houses in the State to provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 20-306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 401 **Senator Kramer**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – ELECTRONIC BENEFITS
TRANSFER CARDS – THEFT AND RESTORATION OF BENEFITS

Requiring a local department of social services to maintain a secure Electronic Benefits Transfer card system, monitor Electronic Benefits Transfer card activity in a certain manner, provide certain notification to certain households, include a certain microchip in Electronic Benefits Transfer cards, and implement certain settings on Electronic Benefits Transfer cards; requiring local departments of social services to restore certain benefits lost due to theft; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HU, § 5-609 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 402 **Senator Hershey**

KENT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBER

Altering the membership of the Kent County Board of Education to include a student member; and providing for the initial term of the student member of the county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 3-801 through 3-803 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 403 **Senator Hershey**CONDOMINIUMS – DECLARATIONS AND MANDATORY
INSURANCE COVERAGE – ALTERATIONS

Exempting certain condominium units from a requirement to include certain information in a declaration; and altering the types of elements and units for which a council of unit owners is required to maintain certain property insurance and altering certain requirements for the property insurance policy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, §§ 11-103(a)(4) and 11-114 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 404 **Senators Hershey and Hayes****HOSPITALS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – MEDICAL BILL REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS**

Establishing requirements related to the reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs paid by certain hospital patients who were eligible for free care, including requirements related to the consideration of data and the reporting and disclosure of certain information; modifying the process the Health Services Cost Review Commission is required to develop for identifying and reimbursing certain patients of hospitals; providing that a hospital is not required to provide a reimbursement for a single refund per year in an amount of \$25 or less; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HG, § 19-214.4 and TG, § 13-203(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 405 **Senator Kagan, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – PUBLIC SAFETY – INTERFERENCE WITH A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from committing computer-related crimes with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; prohibiting a person from committing computer-related crimes which interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; and authorizing certain penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CR, § 7-302(c) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 406 **Senators Kagan and Jackson****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – FIRST RESPONDERS**

Providing that a first responder who is diagnosed by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist with post-traumatic stress disorder is presumed under certain circumstances to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable under workers' compensation law; limiting the applicability of the presumption to benefits for services related to the diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder for a period of 2 years immediately following an initial diagnosis; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, § 9-503 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 407 **Senator Ready****DRINKING WATER – INNOVATIVE POTABLE REUSE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Innovative Potable Reuse Pilot Program in the Department of the Environment for the purpose of authorizing the regulated use of reclaimed water as a source for drinking water treatment facilities; providing for the issuance of potable reuse permits under the Pilot Program; applying certain public participation requirements to potable reuse permits; requiring the Department to submit a report on the status of the Pilot Program to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2024; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

EN, § 1-601(a) - amended and § 9-303.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 408 **Senator Ready, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – QUALIFIED BROADBAND GRANTS**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain qualified broadband grants awarded during the taxable year for broadband deployment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, §§ 10-207(oo) and 10-307(g)(7) - added and § 10-307(g)(5) and (6) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 409 **Senator Watson****POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARDS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEES – MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS**

Authorizing a municipal corporation in the State to have a police accountability board to receive complaints of police misconduct from the public; requiring the board to submit an annual report to the governing body of the municipal corporation identifying trends in the disciplinary process of police officers and recommending changes to improve police accountability; and authorizing a municipal corporation to establish an administrative charging committee to serve law enforcement agencies in the municipal corporation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

PS, §§ 3-102, 3-104(a), and 3-106(b)(1)(ii) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 410 **Senator Watson****PUBLIC HEALTH – CHILDBIRTH – PATERNITY TEST**

Requiring, when a child is born at a health care facility, the attending physician to offer to the presumed father of the child the option to take a paternity test; requiring the offer to take a paternity test be made orally and in writing and before a birth certificate form is completed for the child; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 20-2301 through 20-2303 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 411 **Senator Watson****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – JUDGES OF THE ORPHANS’ COURT – COMPENSATION**

Authorizing the County Executive and County Council of Prince George’s County to determine the compensation for the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Prince George’s County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

ET, § 2-108(p) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 412 Senator Rosapepe, et al**TRANSPORTATION – MARYLAND RAIL AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHMENT (MARYLAND RAIL INVESTMENT ACT OF 2023)**

Establishing the Maryland Rail Authority and the powers and duties that the Rail Authority, acting on behalf of the Department of Transportation, has with respect to the supervision, financing, construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of railroad facilities projects; altering the membership of the Maryland Transportation Authority to include the Executive Director of the Rail Authority; prohibiting the Transportation Authority from passing a budget plan that exceeds \$2,800,000,000; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

TR, §§ 4-205.1 and 9-101 through 9-401 - added and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 413 Senator Rosapepe**APPRENTICESHIP 2030 COMMISSION**

Establishing the Apprenticeship 2030 Commission to examine and make recommendations to expand access to apprenticeships to reduce skill shortages in high-demand occupations and provide affordable training for career pathways for young people to participate in apprenticeships; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Finance

SB 414 Senator Augustine, et al**COMMISSION TO ADVANCE AND STRENGTHEN FIRE FIGHTING WITHIN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Commission to Advance and Strengthen Fire Fighting Within Maryland to study and make recommendations regarding the effectiveness and viability of certain incentives, offerings, or practices employed in other states to attract, support, and retain individuals in fire fighting roles; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment