

May 25, 2025

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 25, 2025, and are assigned the following chapter numbers:

HB 49 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 844 **Request – Departmental – Environment)**

**ENVIRONMENT – BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE
STANDARDS – ALTERATIONS AND ANALYSIS**

Altering the requirements for certain regulations adopted by the Department of the Environment relating to building energy performance standards to include certain exclusions and considerations and a certain annual reporting fee to cover certain costs; requiring the Department to certify a certain building energy performance standards program adopted by a county under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to conduct an analysis of the potential costs and benefits of certain building energy performance standards policy options; etc.

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HB 738

Delegate Kaiser, et al

Chapter 845

**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – MAJOR
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS –
OVERSIGHT**

Providing that a unit of State government may not purchase, lease, contract for, or rent an information technology service or product unless consistent with the master plan, as determined by the Secretary of Information Technology; providing that the Secretary is responsible for overseeing the implementation of major information technology development projects in the State; establishing the Maryland Office of Digital Experience in the Department to provide oversight, leadership, and strategic modernization for major information technology development projects; etc.

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SB 705

Senators Hester and Hershey

Chapter 846

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HB 1294 Delegates Wilson and Amprey

Chapter 847

COMMERCIAL LAW – CREDIT REGULATION – EARNED WAGE ACCESS AND CREDIT MODERNIZATION

Subjecting certain earned wage access products to the Maryland Consumer Loan Law and other provisions that regulate entities that provide consumer credit; restricting the acceptance of tips by certain lenders under certain circumstances; providing for the licensing or registration of certain entities offering earned wage access products with certain exemptions; regulating earned wage access service agreements; limiting the costs and fees associated with obtaining an earned wage access product; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1 of the Maryland Constitution, the following constitutional amendments have been assigned a chapter number:

HB 788 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference), et al

Chapter 848

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT – COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES – TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

Allowing the chair of the Commission on Judicial Disabilities to appoint a former member to temporarily fill a certain vacancy on the Commission; allowing the Governor, on certain request of the chair, to appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of an existing member of the Commission; and requiring that any temporary substitute is subject to the same qualifications applicable to the member the substitute is replacing and, if the member is a judge or an attorney, must be a member in good standing of the Maryland bar.

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SB 619 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 849 **Maryland Judicial Conference)**

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Sincerely,

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