

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE

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HB0315 Delegate Barve and the Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT OF 2009

Requiring the Department of the Environment to publish and update an inventory of statewide greenhouse gas emissions for calendar year 2006; requiring the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 25% from 2006 levels by 2020; requiring the State to develop and adopt a specified plan, adopt specified regulations, and implement specified programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0278 Senator Pinsky and the President (By Request – Administration), et al
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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0271 The President (By Request – Administration), et al
AQUACULTURE – SHELLFISH – LEASING

Repealing specified restrictions, eligibility requirements, authorizations, and procedures relating to leasing specified areas in specified waters of the State for the purpose of protecting, sowing, bedding, or cultivating specified shellfish; repealing specified provisions relating to revenue derived from private oyster culture; repealing a specified recording fee; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to designate a public shellfish area in the Chesapeake Bay; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

HB0312 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**AQUACULTURE – SHELLFISH – LEASING**

Repealing specified restrictions, eligibility requirements, authorizations, and procedures relating to leasing specified areas in specified waters of the State for the purpose of protecting, sowing, bedding, or cultivating specified shellfish; repealing specified provisions relating to revenue derived from private oyster culture; repealing a specified recording fee; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to designate a public shellfish area in the Chesapeake Bay; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0549 Senator Dyson**SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY ACT OF 2009**

Declaring policy statements and findings relating to forests; revising provisions of law relating to the protection of forestry practices from specified private actions; exempting specified forestry practices from nuisance lawsuits; repealing the Forest Advisory Commission in the Department of Natural Resources; establishing a Sustainable Forestry Council in the Department; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to consider specified priorities when allocating the State's share of Program Open Space funds; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0273 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**SMART, GREEN, AND GROWING – LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING – PLANNING VISIONS**

Revising the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy visions; requiring local jurisdictions to submit a specified report every 2 years on or before July 1 to the Department of Planning; requiring the Department to publish a specified report every 2 years on or before January 1; authorizing specified local jurisdictions to establish a program for the transfer of development rights within a priority funding area for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0294 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**SMART, GREEN, AND GROWING – LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING – PLANNING VISIONS**

Revising the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy visions; requiring local jurisdictions to submit a specified report every 2 years on or before July 1 to the Department of Planning; requiring the Department to publish a specified report every 2 years on or before January 1; authorizing specified local jurisdictions to establish a program for the transfer of development rights within a priority funding area for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0276 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**SMART, GREEN, AND GROWING – ANNUAL REPORT – SMART GROWTH GOALS, MEASURES, AND INDICATORS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANNING VISIONS**

Applying provisions concerning a smart growth annual report to specified local jurisdictions; requiring local planning commissions to prepare an annual report including specified smart growth measures and indicators by July 1 of each year; providing for a statewide land use goal; exempting local jurisdictions that issue fewer than 50 building permits for new residential units per year; authorizing the Department of Planning to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

HB0295 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**SMART, GREEN, AND GROWING – ANNUAL REPORT – SMART GROWTH GOALS, MEASURES, AND INDICATORS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANNING VISIONS**

Applying provisions concerning a Smart Growth annual report to specified local jurisdictions; requiring local planning commissions to prepare an annual report including Smart Growth goals, measures and indicators on or before July 1 of each year; providing for a statewide land use goal; exempting local jurisdictions that issue fewer than 50 building permits for new residential units per year from specified requirements; authorizing the Department of Planning to adopt specified regulations concerning contents of an annual report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

- SB0280 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
SMART, GREEN, AND GROWING – SMART AND SUSTAINABLE
GROWTH ACT OF 2009
- Defining the term “consistency” as applicable to the adoption of specified ordinances or regulations by a local jurisdiction and the exercise by specified governmental entities of land use, ordinances and regulations, water and sewer plan review, growth allocation, and annexation powers to clarify consistency under specified circumstances; altering the applicability of specified land use provisions to specified local jurisdictions; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009
- HB0297 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
SMART, GREEN, AND GROWING – SMART AND SUSTAINABLE
GROWTH ACT OF 2009
- Defining the term “consistency” as applicable to the adoption of ordinances or regulations by a local jurisdiction and the exercise by specified governmental entities of land use, ordinances and regulations, water and sewer plan review, growth allocation, and annexation powers to clarify consistency under specified circumstances; altering the applicability of specified land use provisions to specified local jurisdictions; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009
- HB0300 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS
– TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT
- Authorizing specified political subdivisions to finance the costs of public improvements in or supporting specified transit-oriented developments in specified manners; providing for the establishment and termination of specified special taxing districts; providing for the uses of specified special funds established for the improvement and maintenance of specified transit-oriented developments through tax increment financing and other specified mechanisms; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0014 Senator Astle, et al**MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – ENERGY GENERATION PROJECTS**

Authorizing the Maryland Environmental Service to engage in energy projects and services; authorizing counties and municipalities to enter into agreements with the Service without regard to specified limitations or provisions regulating the procurement or awarding of public contracts; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0265 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVER SAFETY**

Increasing to 16 years 6 months the minimum age at which an individual may obtain a provisional driver's license and increasing to 18 years the minimum age at which an individual may obtain an original driver's license; altering the period after which the holder of a learner's instructional permit may take specified examinations; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to cancel the driver's license of a minor if the cosigner on the minor's application for the license makes a specified request; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0303 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVER SAFETY**

Increasing to 16 years 6 months the minimum age at which an individual may obtain a provisional driver's license and increasing to 18 years the minimum age at which an individual may obtain an original driver's license; altering the period after which the holder of a learner's instructional permit may take specified examinations; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to cancel the driver's license of a minor if the cosigner on the minor's application for the license makes a specified request; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0279 Senator Gladden and the President (By Request – Administration), et al

CRIMINAL LAW – DEATH PENALTY – EVIDENCE

Restricting the death penalty to a case in which the State presents the court or jury with specified biological or DNA evidence, a videotaped confession, or a video recording that conclusively links the defendant to the murder; prohibiting the death penalty in a case in which the State relies solely on evidence provided by eyewitnesses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0264 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

STATE EMPLOYEES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – NEGOTIATIONS – “THE FAIR SHARE ACT”

Authorizing collective bargaining negotiations pertaining to specified State employees to include negotiations relating to the right of an employee organization to receive service fees from nonmembers; exempting employees whose religious beliefs are opposed to joining or financially supporting a specified labor organization from the requirement under specified circumstances; providing that an employee who is exempt from paying a service fee shall make an alternative payment to a specified tax-exempt organization and furnish proof; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0909 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

WORKPLACE FRAUD ACT OF 2009

Prohibiting specified employers from failing to properly classify individuals who perform work for remuneration paid by the employer; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to initiate an investigation under specified circumstances to determine whether specified violations occurred; requiring the Commissioner to enforce specified provisions; establishing the method of determining whether an employer–employee relationship exists for purposes of proper classification under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0016 Senator Conway**BALTIMORE CITY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ORGANIZATION OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS – MATCHING FUND**

Renaming the Parent–Teacher Association Matching Fund Pilot Program to be the Organization of Parents and Teachers Matching Fund Pilot Program; clarifying the purpose of the Program and the eligibility for the Program; requiring a report to be submitted to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0029 Senator Colburn**TALBOT COUNTY – SCHOOL BUSES – LENGTH OF OPERATION**

Increasing to 15 years the length of time a school bus may be operated in Talbot County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0039 Senator Harrington**MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING – APPLICATION OF BOND PROCEEDS**

Authorizing a municipal corporation to apply the proceeds from the issuance of specified bonds to the installation of infrastructure improvements for the purpose of encouraging redevelopment in specified areas.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0047 Senator Harrington**ENVIRONMENT – PERMIT APPLICATIONS – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to electronically post on the Department's website notice of specified permit applications under specified circumstances, and to provide a method for specified persons to electronically request information; and requiring the notice to contain specified information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

- HB1078 Delegate Niemann**
ENVIRONMENT – PERMIT APPLICATIONS – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS
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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009
- SB0098 Senator Stone, et al**
THE DELEGATE JOHN ARNICK ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC SAFETY ACT
Prohibiting a person from using a text messaging device to write or send a text message while operating a motor vehicle in motion or in the travel portion of the roadway; specifying exceptions for use of a global positioning system, or text messaging to contact a 9–1–1 system; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009
- HB0072 Delegate F. Turner, et al**
THE DELEGATE JOHN ARNICK ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC SAFETY ACT
Prohibiting a person from using a text messaging device to write or send a text message while operating a motor vehicle in motion or in the travel portion of the roadway; specifying exceptions for use of a global positioning system, or text messaging to contact a 9–1–1 system; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009
- SB0119 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
MARYLAND HORSE RACING ACT – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
Extending to July 1, 2014, the date on which the Maryland Horse Racing Act terminates; requiring that an evaluation of the State Racing Commission and specified advisory committees be performed on or before July 1, 2013; and exempting the Commission and specified advisory committees from specified evaluation requirements.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0132 Senator Conway, et al**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – RENOVATION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES – PROCUREMENT EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting the renovation of specified historic structures by the Department of General Services from specified provisions of the State procurement law. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB0091 Delegates Morhaim and Hammen**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – RENOVATION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES – PROCUREMENT EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting the renovation of specified historic structures by the Department of General Services from specified provisions of the State procurement law. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0140 Senators Muse and Klausmeier**TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOW TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL LITERACY IN THE STATE – MEMBERSHIP, STAFFING, AND EXTENSION**

Extending the reporting and termination provisions relating to the Task Force to Study How to Improve Financial Literacy in the State; altering the composition and staffing of the Task Force; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

HB0120 Delegates Stein and Krebs**TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOW TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL LITERACY IN THE STATE – MEMBERSHIP, STAFFING, AND EXTENSION**

Extending the reporting and termination provisions relating to the Task Force to Study How to Improve Financial Literacy in the State; altering the composition and staffing of the Task Force; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0151 Senator Mooney, et al**HATE CRIMES – PROHIBITIONS AND PROTECTED CLASSES – EXPANSION TO HOMELESS PERSONS AND GROUPS AND GENDER**

Including homelessness and a person's gender within the scope of prohibitions against committing specified crimes against specified persons, damaging property of specified persons, and damaging specified buildings with which specified persons or groups have contacts or associations; prohibiting the attempt to commit a crime against a specified person because of the race, color, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, or national origin of that person, or because the person is homeless; defining "homeless"; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0156 Senator Frosh**MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – FILING OF RETURNS**

Requiring that a Maryland estate tax return be filed with the Comptroller or the register of wills; requiring that an amended Maryland estate tax return be filed with the Comptroller instead of with the register of wills; altering a requirement that a register of wills certify to the Comptroller the amount of inheritance tax paid for specified decedents under specified circumstances; and applying the Act to decedents dying after December 31, 2008.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0158 Senator Stone**BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – CIVIC LEAGUE OF INVERNESS, INC.**

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real property that is owned by Civic League of Inverness, Inc.; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2009.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0161 Senator Middleton**INJURED WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND – BOARD – TERM LIMITS**

Altering the limits on terms that may be served by a member of the Board for the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund to allow two full terms or a total of 10 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0162 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RESIDENT DEALER’S PERMIT

Authorizing the Comptroller to issue a resident dealer’s permit to specified persons; increasing the fee for specified permits; prohibiting the issuance of the permit to specified persons; setting a permit fee; prohibiting the permit holder from owning a warehouse; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0163 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – USE OF FUNDS – INDOOR OR OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Authorizing a local government body to use Program Open Space funds for the construction of indoor or outdoor recreational facilities; requiring specified indoor recreation facilities to meet or exceed a specified rating under specified circumstances; requiring indoor recreational facilities to incorporate, as much as practicable, specified site design standards; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB0164 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSES – PENALTIES

Altering the authority of the Secretary of Natural Resources to revoke or suspend specified recreational fishing licenses to apply to licenses issued for recreational fishing in both nontidal and tidal waters; authorizing the Secretary to adopt regulations that list the criteria for the suspension of recreational fishing licenses; prohibiting a person from engaging in specified activities during a period of suspension of a license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

- SB0169 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – ANTIQUATED FISH AND FISHERIES LAWS – REPEAL
Repealing provisions of law prohibiting the catch of specified species of fish under specified circumstances; repealing provisions that prohibit a person from using specified devices to catch specified species under specified circumstances; repealing a provision prohibiting specified nets from being placed a specified distance apart; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009
- SB0174 **Senator Brinkley, et al**
BUSINESS REGULATION – VENDING MACHINE SALES – BULK VENDING MACHINE EXEMPTION
Exempting from licensing requirements the sale or offering for sale of merchandise through bulk vending machines; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009
- HB0171 **Delegate G. Clagett, et al**
BUSINESS REGULATION – VENDING MACHINE SALES – BULK VENDING MACHINE EXEMPTION
Exempting from licensing requirements the sale or offering for sale of merchandise through bulk vending machines; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009
- SB0175 **Senator Colburn**
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – SHELL DREDGING – PERMIT APPLICATION
Altering from December 1, 2008, to July 1, 2009, the date by which the Department of Natural Resources is required to apply to the Department of the Environment and the United States Army Corps of Engineers for permits to dredge buried oyster shells under specified circumstances; making a technical correction; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL

HB0103 Delegate Eckardt, et al**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – SHELL DREDGING – PERMIT APPLICATION**

Altering from December 1, 2008, to July 1, 2009, the date by which the Department of Natural Resources is required to apply to the Department of the Environment and the United States Army Corps of Engineers for permits to dredge buried oyster shells under specified circumstances; making a technical correction; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB0176 Senator Pugh, et al**EDUCATION – BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – ACADEMIC FACILITY BONDS**

Increasing to \$65,000,000 the amount of available bond debt for Baltimore City Community College; authorizing Baltimore City Community College to issue bonds for academic facilities; and requiring the Capital Debt Affordability Committee to estimate and report the amount of new bonds for academic facilities that prudently may be authorized in the aggregate for the next fiscal year by the Baltimore City Community College.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0179 Senator McFadden (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY – MONITORING OF TELEPHONE CALLS – QUALITY ASSURANCE**

Authorizing the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to adopt regulations to manage the monitoring and recording of telephone calls to and from employees of the State Retirement Agency to members and retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System for training and quality control purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0186 Senator Pugh, et al**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – RELEASED INMATES – IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

Requiring the Commissioner of Correction to issue an identification card that meets specified requirements to an inmate before release from a State correctional facility; and requiring the Commissioner to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0187 Senator Pugh, et al**STATE PROCUREMENT – BUNDLING OF PROCUREMENTS**

Prohibiting a unit of State government subject to the State procurement law from bundling a procurement, limiting the number of competitive bidders or offerors, or limiting specified participation to a predetermined group of bidders or offerors for the purpose of precluding or limiting participation by specified entities under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0124 Delegate Morhaim, et al**STATE PROCUREMENT – BUNDLING OF PROCUREMENTS**

Prohibiting a unit of State government subject to the State procurement law from bundling a procurement, limiting the number of competitive bidders or offerors, or limiting specified participation to a predetermined group of bidders or offerors for the purpose of precluding or limiting participation by specified entities under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0192 Senator Brinkley, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – FRAUDULENT CONVERSION OF RENTAL PROPERTY**

Clarifying that the prohibition against fraudulent conversion of rental property applies to a written contract or written lease for a leased or rented good or thing of value whether or not the contract or lease contains an option to purchase the good or thing of value if the contract or lease meets specified requirements and the value of the good or thing is \$1,500 or more; providing that prosecution under the prohibition against fraudulent conversion of rental property does not preclude prosecution for theft; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0501 Delegate Kelly, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – FRAUDULENT CONVERSION OF RENTAL PROPERTY**

Clarifying that the prohibition against fraudulent conversion of rental property applies to a written contract or written lease for a leased or rented good or thing of value whether or not the contract or lease contains an option to purchase the good or thing of value if the contract or lease meets specified requirements and the value of the good or thing is \$1,500 or more; providing that prosecution under the prohibition against fraudulent conversion of rental property does not preclude prosecution for theft; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0204 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY – REQUIRED PEER REVIEWS**

Expanding the kinds of services performed by a licensed certified public accountant that require a system review or an engagement review; repealing a review report requirement for specified licensed certified public accountants; establishing criteria for serving as a team captain of a system review; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0209 Senator Stone, et al**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – SNOW REMOVAL – USE OF FARM TRUCKS**

Prohibiting a person from making a claim for a refund of motor fuel tax for motor fuel used to operate a farm truck under specified provisions of the Act; authorizing the State Highway Administration to request the use of specified farm trucks to assist in snow removal under specified circumstances; authorizing the owner of a farm truck to refuse to allow the Administration to use the farm truck; requiring the Administration to compensate the owner of a farm truck that is used for snow removal; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0211 Senator Pugh, et al**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – PARTICIPATION BY RACE OR GENDER**

Authorizing a woman who is also a member of an ethnic or racial minority group to be certified in that category in addition to the gender category; authorizing a woman-owned business to participate in individual procurement contracts as either a woman-owned business or a business owned by a member of an ethnic or racial minority group for specified purposes within the Minority Business Enterprise Program; altering a definition under the Minority Business Enterprise Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0641 Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – PARTICIPATION BY RACE OR GENDER**

Authorizing a woman who is also a member of an ethnic or racial minority group to be certified in that category in addition to the gender category; authorizing a woman-owned business to participate in individual procurement contracts as either a woman-owned business or a business owned by a member of an ethnic or racial minority group for specified purposes within the Minority Business Enterprise Program; altering a definition under the Minority Business Enterprise Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0212 Senator Frosh, et al**ENVIRONMENT – GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL**

Expanding the responsibilities of the Green Building Council to include providing recommendations on how to expand green building in the State; removing specified obsolete dates; and expanding the scope of specified recommendations that the Council is required to make relating to the implementation of a higher performance building program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0154 Delegate Morhaim, et al**ENVIRONMENT – GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL**

Expanding the responsibilities of the Green Building Council to include providing recommendations on how to expand green building in the State; removing specified obsolete dates; and expanding the scope of specified recommendations that the Council is required to make relating to the implementation of a higher performance building program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0217 Senator Simonaire**NATURAL RESOURCES – TREE SERVICES – ADVERTISING**

Prohibiting a person from advertising the provision of tree services such as tree treatment, care, or removal, unless the advertisement includes information as to the license number of the licensed tree expert providing the service or a statement that all tree services are limited to trees 20 feet tall or less.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0224 Senator Edwards**GARRETT COUNTY – CODE OF ORDINANCES – REVIEW OF SALARIES**

Repealing the requirement that the Garrett County Salary Study Commission study the salary of the State's Attorney; and authorizing the Commission to recommend to the County Commissioners specified changes to the salary of the State's Attorney of Garrett County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0228 Senator Glassman, et al**HARFORD COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR HOMES NEAR A REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM**

Repealing a requirement that a home be completed on or before June 30, 1988, in order to qualify for a property tax credit in Harford County for residential real property in proximity to specified refuse disposal systems; extending the tax credit in Harford County for residential real property in proximity to specified refuse disposal systems to residential real property completed on or before January 1, 1989, and located in a specified area; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

HB0865 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR HOMES NEAR A REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM**

Repealing a requirement that a home be completed on or before June 30, 1988, in order to qualify for a property tax credit in Harford County for residential real property in proximity to specified refuse disposal systems; extending the property tax credit in Harford County for specified residential property in proximity to refuse disposal systems to other residential real property; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0241 Senator Pugh, et al**EDUCATION – SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION PROCEDURES – ATTENDANCE–RELATED OFFENSES**

Prohibiting a principal from suspending or expelling a student from school solely for attendance–related offenses; and establishing an exception for in–school suspensions for attendance–related offenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB0660 Delegate Kaiser, et al**EDUCATION – SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION PROCEDURES – ATTENDANCE–RELATED OFFENSES**

Prohibiting a principal from suspending or expelling a student from school solely for attendance–related offenses; and establishing an exception for in–school suspensions for attendance–related offenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0292 Senator Edwards**VEHICLE LAWS – MOTOR VEHICLE AND BICYCLE RACING EVENTS – SUNSET REPEAL**

Repealing a specified termination provision relating to motor vehicle and bicycle racing events; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

- HB0224 Allegany County Delegation**
VEHICLE LAWS – MOTOR VEHICLE AND BICYCLE RACING
EVENTS – SUNSET REPEAL
Repealing a specified termination provision relating to motor vehicle and
bicycle racing events; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009
- SB0296 Senators Stone and Della**
AUTOMOTIVE DISMANTLERS, RECYCLERS, AND SCRAP
PROCESSORS – NOTICE OF VEHICLE ACQUISITION
Expanding the exception to the requirement that an automotive dismantler
and recycler or scrap processor provide notice of vehicle acquisition to the
Motor Vehicle Administration to include vehicles obtained through an out-
of-state salvage certificate; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL
- HB0408 Delegate Malone**
AUTOMOTIVE DISMANTLERS, RECYCLERS, AND SCRAP
PROCESSORS – NOTICE OF VEHICLE ACQUISITION
Expanding the exception to the requirement that an automotive dismantler
and recycler or scrap processor provide notice of vehicle acquisition to the
Motor Vehicle Administration to include vehicles obtained through an out-
of-state salvage certificate; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB0304 Senator Kramer, et al**
CRIMES – FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF ELDERLY – PENALTY
Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully obtaining by deception,
intimidation, or undue influence the property of an individual that the
person knows or reasonably should know is at least 68 years old with intent
to deprive the individual of the individual's property.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0583 Delegate Kramer, et al**CRIMES – FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF ELDERLY – PENALTY**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully obtaining by deception, intimidation, or undue influence the property of an individual that the person knows or reasonably should know is at least 68 years old with intent to deprive the individual of the individual's property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0328 Senators Colburn and Pipkin**CAROLINE COUNTY – TAX SALES – AUCTIONEER FEES**

Providing that auctioneers are allowed \$10 for each property sold at tax sales in Caroline County; and repealing specified limits on auctioneer fees in Caroline County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0330 Senator Colburn**DORCHESTER COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – BENEFITS**

Providing that specified members of the Dorchester County Board of Education may be provided specified benefits under specified terms and conditions; providing that the benefits may not be considered compensation for specified purposes; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0331 Senator Colburn**DORCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ANNUAL ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

Altering the date of the annual election of officers of the Dorchester County Board of Education.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0335 Senator Colburn

DORCHESTER COUNTY AND TALBOT COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF TALBOT & DORCHESTER COUNTIES, INC.

Authorizing the governing body of Dorchester County or Talbot County or of a municipal corporation in Dorchester County or Talbot County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on specified real property owned by Habitat for Humanity of Talbot & Dorchester Counties, Inc.; authorizing the governing bodies of the counties to set, by law, the provisions of the credit; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

HB0042 Delegates Haddaway and Eckardt

DORCHESTER COUNTY AND TALBOT COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF TALBOT & DORCHESTER COUNTIES, INC.

Authorizing the governing body of Dorchester County or Talbot County or of a municipal corporation in Dorchester County or Talbot County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on specified real property owned by Habitat for Humanity of Talbot & Dorchester Counties, Inc.; authorizing the governing bodies of the counties to set, by law, the provisions of the credit; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0341 Senator Pugh, et al

PROSTHETIC PARITY ACT

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for prosthetic devices, components of prosthetic devices, and repairs to prosthetic devices; prohibiting covered benefits from being subject to a specified copayment or coinsurance requirement; prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a specified dollar maximum on specified coverage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0579 Delegate Mizeur, et al**PROSTHETIC PARITY ACT**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for prosthetic devices, components of prosthetic devices, and repairs to prosthetic devices; prohibiting covered benefits from being subject to a specified copayment or coinsurance requirement; prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a specified dollar maximum on specified coverage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0343 Senator Edwards**ALLEGANY COUNTY – VIDEO LOTTERY CONSTRUCTION – LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS – ROCKY GAP CONSTRUCTION COSTS**

Authorizing local impact grants from proceeds of specified video lottery terminals to be used in Allegany County for specified purposes and to pay down debt incurred by the county in construction and related costs for the golf course, lodge, and other improvements in Rocky Gap State Park; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0348 Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**TAX SALES – FEES**

Altering the type of expenses for which a holder of a certificate of sale may be reimbursed under specified circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0356 Senator Frosh, et al**FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES AND CHILD CARE CENTERS – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANS**

Requiring family day care providers and child care centers to have emergency preparedness plans for emergency situations that require evacuation or protection of children; requiring these plans to include relocation sites, evacuation routes, procedures for notifying parents, procedures to address the needs of children with special needs, and procedures for communicating with local emergency management boards; requiring the State Department of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools to consult with specified entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0712 Delegate Hixson, et al**FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES AND CHILD CARE CENTERS – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANS**

Requiring family day care providers and child care centers to have emergency preparedness plans for emergency situations that require evacuation or protection of children; requiring these plans to include relocation sites, evacuation routes, procedures for notifying parents, procedures to address the needs of children with special needs, and procedures for communicating with local emergency management boards; requiring the State Department of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools to consult with specified entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0370 Senator Stone, et al**MARYLAND QUIET VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TASK FORCE – RECONSTITUTION**

Reconstituting the Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force; providing for the membership, duties, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation but authorizing specified reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to report by December 31, 2010, on findings and recommendations regarding the minimum sound level and sound characteristics to be required for all new vehicles sold and registered in the State; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB0367 Delegate Malone**MARYLAND QUIET VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TASK FORCE – RECONSTITUTION**

Reconstituting the Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force; providing for the membership, duties, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation but authorizing reimbursement; requiring the Task Force, on or before December 31, 2010, to report findings and recommendations regarding the minimum sound level and sound characteristics to be required for all new vehicles sold and registered in the State; stating the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB0372 Senator Currie, et al**FOSTER CARE – TUITION EXEMPTION – EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the definition of “foster care recipient” to change to 13 years the age of eligibility of an adopted individual and to include younger siblings of an adopted individual if the younger sibling is adopted concurrently with the older sibling for purposes of determining eligibility for a specified tuition exemption; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0538 Delegate Jones, et al**FOSTER CARE – TUITION EXEMPTION – EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the definition of “foster care recipient” to change to 13 years the age of eligibility of an adopted individual and to include younger siblings of an adopted individual if the younger sibling is adopted concurrently with the older sibling for purposes of determining eligibility for a specified tuition exemption; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0373 Senator Currie, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION**

Exempting specified members of the National Guard from paying nonresident tuition at public institutions of higher education; and altering the attendance status for an individual who is exempt from paying nonresident tuition at public institutions of higher education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0378 Senator Stoltzfus**SOMERSET COUNTY – FIRE COMPANY – APPROPRIATIONS**

Requiring the County Commissioners of Somerset County to appropriate to organized volunteer fire companies in the county specified amounts for specified fiscal years; and mandating that the required appropriations for fiscal year 2015 shall remain in effect for subsequent fiscal years unless altered by a future enactment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB0198 Delegate Elmore**SOMERSET COUNTY – FIRE COMPANY – APPROPRIATIONS**

Requiring the County Commissioners of Somerset County to appropriate to organized volunteer fire companies in the county specified amounts for specified fiscal years; and mandating that the required appropriations for fiscal year 2015 shall remain in effect for subsequent fiscal years unless altered by a future enactment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0403 Senator Harrington, et al**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – GREEN BUSINESSES – TAX CREDITS**

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified property owned or leased by a green business; authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to provide, by law, for eligibility criteria, certification criteria, rules and procedures, the amount and duration of the credit, and other provisions necessary; requiring the County Council and the County Executive of Prince George's County to jointly appoint an advisory board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

HB0959 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – GREEN BUSINESSES – TAX CREDITS PG 401-09**

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified property owned or leased by a green business; authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to provide, by law, for eligibility criteria, certification criteria, rules and procedures, the amount and duration of the credit, and other provisions necessary; requiring the County Council and the County Executive of Prince George's County to jointly appoint an advisory board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0408 Senator Simonaire, et al**ENVIRONMENT – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – PENALTIES**

Increasing penalties for specified violations of the water pollution control law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0421 Senator Jacobs, et al**SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – PARENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT – BIRTH OF SUBSEQUENT CHILD**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide specified birth record information to the Executive Director of the Social Services Administration in the Department of Human Resources under specified circumstances; requiring the Executive Director to provide the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene with identifying information regarding individuals who have had their parental rights terminated under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0144 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – PARENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT – BIRTH OF SUBSEQUENT CHILD**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide specified birth record information to the Executive Director of the Social Services Administration in the Department of Human Resources under specified circumstances; requiring the Executive Director to provide the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene with identifying information regarding individuals who, as to any child, have had their parental rights terminated under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0433 Senator Astle**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS – EDUCATION AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the State Board of Physicians by September 30, 2011, to waive specified education requirements for polysomnographic technologists who meet specified requirements; and altering to October 1, 2011, the date by which an individual must be licensed before the individual may practice polysomnography in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0597 Delegates Benson and V. Turner**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS – EDUCATION AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the State Board of Physicians by September 30, 2011, to waive specified education requirements for polysomnographic technologists who meet specified requirements; and altering to October 1, 2011, the date by which an individual must be licensed before the individual may practice polysomnography in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0449 Senator Edwards**ALLEGANY COUNTY AND GARRETT COUNTY – EXCEPTIONAL HAULING PERMITS FOR FORESTRY PRODUCTS – SUNSET REPEAL**

Repealing the termination date for a specified provision of law relating to the issuance of exceptional hauling permits for forestry products in Allegany County and Garrett County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0473 Senator Lenett, et al**ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING – PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANS**

Requiring a county recycling plan to address the collection, processing, marketing, and disposition of recyclable materials from county public schools; and requiring a county to submit a revised recycling plan by October 1, 2010.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB1290 Delegate Rice, et al**ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING – PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANS**

Requiring a county recycling plan to address the collection, processing, marketing, and disposition of recyclable materials from county public schools; and requiring a county to submit a revised recycling plan by October 1, 2010.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0484 Senators Pipkin and Jacobs**CECIL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND BILL**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Cecil County to borrow not more than \$13,600,000 in order to finance the cost of the construction and improvement of specified public facilities in Cecil County and to effect that borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0489 Senator Pugh, et al**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CERTIFICATION – CAP ON PERSONAL NET WORTH**

Requiring the amount of the cap on the personal net worth requirement for certification as a minority business enterprise to be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index; requiring the certification agency to evaluate specified data in conjunction with specified committees of the General Assembly and the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the certification agency to make a specified report; excluding the value of specified retirement funds from the calculation of personal net worth; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0471 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CERTIFICATION – CAP ON PERSONAL NET WORTH**

Requiring that the amount of the cap on the personal net worth requirement for certification as a minority business enterprise be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index; requiring the certification agency to evaluate specified data in conjunction with specified committees of the General Assembly and the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the certification agency to make a report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2010; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0497 Senator Frosh**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGESHIPS – WORKFORCE PLANNING – COUNTIES OF GREATEST IDENTIFIED NEED**

Increasing the number of circuit court judgeships in Baltimore City and in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, and Montgomery counties; and making the Act subject to contingencies.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0500 Senator Muse, et al**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – FINANCIAL LITERACY PILOT PROGRAM COURSE**

Requiring the Prince George’s County Board of Education to develop and implement a pilot program that includes an elective course on financial literacy as part of the county board’s high school curriculum; requiring the county board to develop the curriculum content for the course in financial literacy as part of the pilot program; requiring the curriculum content to include instruction in choosing a career, earning an income, saving and investing money, credit, and budgeting; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0506 Senator Gladden**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Prohibiting the Maryland Transit Administration from reducing bus or rail service until a public hearing is held on the matter, except in circumstances beyond the Administration's control; requiring the Administration to make a reasonable effort to correct inadequate notice and to provide notice to persons before implementing a change; authorizing the Administration to establish a process for providing notice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0199 Delegate Carr, et al**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Prohibiting the Maryland Transit Administration from reducing bus or rail service until a public hearing is held on the matter, except in circumstances beyond the Administration's control; requiring the Administration to make a reasonable effort to correct inadequate notice and to provide notice to persons before implementing a change; authorizing the Administration to establish a process for providing notice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0517 Senator Jones (Chair, Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds), et al**STATE DEBT – ANNUITY BOND FUND – PAYMENT OF FISCAL AGENTS**

Requiring the Comptroller to credit to the Annuity Bond Fund specified money appropriated in the State budget to pay the costs of specified fiscal agents and contracting parties appointed by the State Treasurer in connection with specified financial transactions; authorizing the Comptroller to use specified money to pay the cost of specified fiscal agents and contracting parties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0538 Senator Zirkin**PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT – HOME IMPROVEMENTS**

Requiring that real property be revalued in any year of a 3-year assessment cycle if substantially completed improvements are made which add at least \$100,000 in value to the property.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0543 Senators Brochin and Stone**BALTIMORE COUNTY – TOWSON COMMERCIAL
REVITALIZATION DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
TRANSFER AND CONVERSION OF LICENSES**

Increasing to 10 the number of specified alcoholic beverages licenses that may be transferred and converted into licenses for restaurants in the Towson Commercial Revitalization District in Baltimore County; altering to 65% the specified minimum percentage of the average daily receipts of a restaurant that must come from the sale of food; requiring that the Board of Liquor License Commissioners deny an application for the transfer and conversion of a license under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

HB1439 Delegates Bromwell and Lafferty (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)**BALTIMORE COUNTY – TOWSON COMMERCIAL
REVITALIZATION DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
TRANSFER AND CONVERSION OF LICENSES**

Increasing to 10 the number of specified alcoholic beverages licenses that may be transferred and converted into licenses for restaurants in the Towson Commercial Revitalization District in Baltimore County; altering to 65% the percentage of total daily receipts from the sale of food that a specified restaurant operation is required to maintain; requiring that the Baltimore County Board of Liquor License Commissioners deny an application for the transfer and conversion of a license under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0552 Senator DeGrange, et al**TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM**

Requiring the Comptroller to declare an amnesty period for delinquent taxpayers from September 1, 2009, through October 30, 2009, for penalties and half the interest attributable to nonpayment, nonreporting, or underreporting of specified taxes under specified circumstances; authorizing the Comptroller to enter into agreements to provide a waiver under specified circumstances with respect to taxes that a taxpayer agrees to pay in accordance with the terms and schedule established in the agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0553 Senator Lenett, et al**CHESAPEAKE BAY PHOSPHOROUS REDUCTION ACT OF 2009**

Establishing labeling requirements for lawn fertilizer on or after April 1, 2011; prohibiting a person from selling or distributing lawn fertilizer that is not low phosphorous fertilizer on or after April 1, 2011; requiring specified manufacturers to reduce specified phosphorous levels by April 1, 2011; prohibiting specified manufacturers from exceeding specified phosphorous levels under specified circumstances; requiring specified reports; authorizing the Department of Agriculture to adopt regulations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0609 Delegate Holmes, et al**CHESAPEAKE BAY PHOSPHOROUS REDUCTION ACT OF 2009**

Establishing labeling requirements for lawn fertilizer on or after April 1, 2011; prohibiting a person from selling or distributing lawn fertilizer that is not low phosphorous fertilizer on or after April 1, 2011; requiring specified manufacturers to reduce specified phosphorous levels by April 1, 2011; prohibiting specified manufacturers from exceeding specified phosphorous levels under specified circumstances; requiring specified reports; authorizing the Department of Agriculture to adopt regulations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0554 Senator Lenett, et al**CHESAPEAKE BAY NITROGEN REDUCTION ACT OF 2009**

Prohibiting the installation of an on-site sewage disposal system in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area to service a newly constructed building, and prohibiting the replacement of an on-site sewage disposal system in the Area, unless the system utilizes nitrogen removal technology; requiring the Department of the Environment to assist homeowners in paying for specified costs under specified circumstances; establishing penalties and enforcement mechanisms; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0560 Senator Miller**CALVERT COUNTY – EDUCATION – CERTIFICATED SCHOOL PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATION FEES**

Authorizing the Board of Education of Calvert County to negotiate a specified fee with a specified certificated employee organization to be charged to specified nonmembers for specified representation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0122 Delegate Kullen, et al**CALVERT COUNTY – EDUCATION – CERTIFICATED SCHOOL PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATION FEES**

Authorizing the Board of Education of Calvert County to negotiate a specified fee with a certificated employee organization to be charged to nonmembers for representation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0568 Senator Pugh, et al**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – DIRECTORY OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

Requiring a specified minority business certification agency to include in its directory minority business enterprises that have become ineligible for the Minority Business Enterprise Program for specified reasons.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0569 Senator Pugh, et al**EDUCATION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – TOPICS OF NEGOTIATION**

Including the discipline and discharge of an employee for just cause among the matters about which a public school employer must meet and negotiate with a specified employee organization on request; repealing the public school employer's authority to negotiate due process for discipline and discharge with a specified employee organization under specified circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0792 Delegate Rice, et al**EDUCATION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – TOPICS OF NEGOTIATION**

Including the discipline and discharge of an employee for just cause among the matters about which a public school employer must meet and negotiate with a specified employee organization on request; repealing the public school employer's authority to negotiate due process for discipline and discharge with a specified employee organization under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0574 Senators Stoltzfus and Colburn**WICOMICO COUNTY – ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – FILING DATE**

Altering the date by which Wicomico County may file its annual financial report for the fiscal year with the Maryland Department of Legislative Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0576 Senator Middleton, et al**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – MAXIMUM BENEFIT – INCREASE**

Increasing the amount of the weekly unemployment insurance benefit up to a specified maximum weekly benefit over a specified amount of time.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB0740 Delegate Harrison, et al**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – MAXIMUM BENEFIT – INCREASE**

Increasing the amount of the weekly unemployment insurance benefit up to a specified maximum weekly benefit over a specified amount of time.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB0581 Senator Frosh, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – ROADSIDE TREES – PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT**

Authorizing a county or municipality to adopt a local law or ordinance for the planting, care, and protection of roadside trees and to issue a stop work order under specified circumstances; prohibiting a county or municipality from adopting a local law or ordinance that applies to the cutting or clearing of trees by public utilities under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to authorize a county or municipality to enforce provisions of State law under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0604 Senator Currie**TAX CREDITS FOR QUALIFYING EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITIES – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending termination provisions and dates of applicability for specified tax credits for employers that hire qualifying individuals with disabilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0609 Senator Brinkley**FREDERICK COUNTY – DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – SUNDAYS**

Authorizing a person in Frederick County to hunt deer on specified Sundays on private property with a bow and arrow during October and November; and removing Frederick County from a list of counties in which specified Sunday deer hunting privileges do not apply.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0611 Senator Jones, et al**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting persons who are required to use a certified minority business enterprise from engaging in specified acts when submitting a bid or proposal or performing a contract under specified circumstances; and requiring the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs to make available a specified hotline for reporting violations of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0389 Delegate Taylor, et al**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting persons who are required to use a certified minority business enterprise from engaging in specified acts when submitting a bid or proposal or performing a contract under specified circumstances; and requiring the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs to make available a specified hotline for reporting violations of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0625 Senator Frosh, et al**MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – ENERGY CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENCY**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt the International Energy Conservation Code as part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards; authorizing the Department to adopt specified modifications of the building code as part of the Standards; requiring that modifications of the Standards adopted by the State after December 31, 2009, be implemented and enforced by a local jurisdiction no later than 6 months after modifications are adopted by the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0626 Senators Forehand and Garagiola**CORPORATIONS – CORPORATE DOCUMENTS, DISTRIBUTIONS, FRACTIONAL SHARES, AND REDEMPTION OF STOCK**

Repealing the requirement that the original or a certified copy of the bylaws of a corporation, including amendments, be kept at the corporation's principal office; authorizing a corporation to eliminate fractional shares of stock by rounding up, but not down, to a full share; increasing the amount of the aggregate net asset value of shares that a corporation may redeem from a stockholder under specified circumstances; authorizing a corporation to make distributions from net earnings under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0378 Delegate Feldman**CORPORATIONS – CORPORATE DOCUMENTS, DISTRIBUTIONS, FRACTIONAL SHARES, AND REDEMPTION OF STOCK**

Repealing the requirement that the original or a certified copy of the bylaws of a corporation, including amendments, be kept at the corporation's principal office; authorizing a corporation to eliminate fractional shares of stock by rounding up, but not down, to a full share; increasing the amount of the aggregate net asset value of shares that a corporation may redeem from a stockholder under specified circumstances; authorizing a corporation to make distributions from net earnings under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0644 Senator Astle**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – MARINE TRADE WATERFRONT PROPERTY**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on waterfront property used primarily for an activity or business that requires direct access to, or location in, marine waters and for the most recent 3-year period has produced an average annual gross income of at least \$1,000; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0666 Senator Pinsky, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – NO NET LOSS OF FOREST POLICY – FOREST CONSERVATION ACT**

Reducing the threshold acreage of forest cut, cleared, or graded above which specified activities no longer qualify as exemptions to the Forest Conservation Act; authorizing the acquisition of an off-site protective easement for temporarily protected forested areas as a mitigation technique to meet afforestation or reforestation requirements; altering the fee-in-lieu contribution; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to cooperate with specified groups to develop a definition and policy; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0670 Senator Raskin, et al**DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT – EXPANSION OF
DISABILITY RIGHTS**

Altering the definition of disability applicable to provisions prohibiting discrimination in employment; prohibiting an employer from failing or refusing to make reasonable accommodations for known disabilities of otherwise qualified employees; providing that an employer is not required to reasonably accommodate an employee's disability if the accommodation would cause undue hardship on the employer's business; and prohibiting retaliation against specified individuals.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0393 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT – EXPANSION OF
DISABILITY RIGHTS**

Altering the definition of disability applicable to provisions prohibiting discrimination in employment; prohibiting an employer from failing or refusing to make reasonable accommodations for known disabilities of otherwise qualified employees; providing that an employer is not required to reasonably accommodate an employee's disability if the accommodation would cause undue hardship on the employer's business; and prohibiting retaliation against specified individuals.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0684 Senator Kramer, et al**SENIOR INVESTMENT PROTECTION ACT**

Prohibiting a person from using a senior or retiree credential or designation to mislead a person in connection with the offer, sale, or purchase of securities, in connection with receiving consideration from another person for advising the other person as to the value, purchase, or sale of securities, or in connection with acting as a broker-dealer, agent, investment advisor, or investment advisor representative; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB0571 Delegate Kramer, et al**SENIOR INVESTMENT PROTECTION ACT**

Prohibiting a person from using a senior or retiree credential or designation to mislead a person in connection with the offer, sale, or purchase of securities in connection with receiving consideration from another person for advising the other person as to the value, purchase, or sale of securities, or in connection with acting as a broker–dealer, agent, investment advisor, or investment advisor representative; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB0689 Senator Rosapepe**HIGH SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS – OPTIONS FOR ACCELERATED GRADUATION**

Requiring the State Department of Education to conduct a study to identify examinations that allow students to earn substitute credits in the State–approved high school course English 12 and Algebra II in order to accelerate a student’s graduation from high school; requiring the Department to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before March 1, 2010; requiring the Department to review and evaluate specified programs and to report findings to the State Superintendent of Schools on or before February 1, 2010; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0700 Senator Klausmeier**PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINATIONS – EXPANDED AUTHORITY**

Expanding the authority of pharmacists to administer specified vaccinations to individuals under specified circumstances; requiring the Board of Pharmacy, the Board of Physicians, and the Board of Nursing to meet at least annually to jointly develop, adopt, and review regulations; specifying that regulations must require a pharmacist to submit a registration form to the Board of Pharmacy that includes specified information; and altering a definition.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0703 Senator Klausmeier, et al**ELECTRIC UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering specified criteria for providing bill assistance under the electric universal service program; repealing a limitation on providing arrearage retirement assistance under the program; clarifying the scope of weatherization assistance funded under the program; authorizing the program to provide arrearage retirement assistance to specified customers under specified conditions; authorizing the Department of Human Resources to establish specified criteria and to coordinate program benefits; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB0736 Delegate McHale, et al**ELECTRIC UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering specified criteria for providing bill assistance under the electric universal service program; repealing a limitation on providing arrearage retirement assistance under the program; clarifying the scope of weatherization assistance funded under the program; authorizing the program to provide arrearage retirement assistance to specified customers under specified conditions; authorizing the Department of Human Resources to establish specified criteria and to coordinate program benefits; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB0711 Senator Mooney, et al**TROOPER TOBIN TRIEBEL MEMORIAL ACT**

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to include in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program an option to purchase up to \$200,000 of additional life insurance coverage for State employees who fly in a helicopter or scuba dive in the course of their employment with the State or face a significant likelihood of receiving a less favorable insurance rating than an individual employed in a nonhazardous position; authorizing specified death benefits and funeral expenses to specified recipients; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0761 Senator Middleton, et al**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – LONG-TERM CARE SUPPORTS AND SERVICES – REPORT**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit interim and final reports to the General Assembly on or before specified dates on the feasibility of creating a coordinated care program to reform the provision of long-term care services under the Medical Assistance program, including health care services, in a manner that improves and integrates the care of individuals to meet the differing needs of seniors and adults with disabilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0762 Senators Middleton and Klausmeier**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING – ADMINISTRATION**

Providing that personnel who transfer from a county school system or the public library system to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall be given service credit for time served with the county or public library; authorizing the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to waive residence and withdrawal requirements relating to the high school diploma by examination under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0776 Senator Della**HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND DEBT COLLECTION POLICIES**

Requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to require specified hospitals to develop a financial assistance policy for providing free care and reduced-cost care to specified patients; requiring a hospital to post a specified notice in the billing office; requiring each hospital to develop an information sheet that meets specified requirements; requiring the Commission to establish requirements for the information sheet and review each hospital's implementation of and compliance with the requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

HB1069 Delegate Hammen, et al**HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND DEBT COLLECTION POLICIES**

Requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to require specified hospitals in the State to develop a financial assistance policy for providing free care and reduced-cost care to specified patients; requiring a hospital to post a notice in its billing office; requiring each hospital to develop an information sheet that meets specified requirements; requiring the Commission to establish uniform requirements for the information sheet and review each hospital's implementation of and compliance with requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0789 Senator Klausmeier**STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – TERMS OF MEMBERS**

Altering the terms of specified members of the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB1460 Delegate Hubbard**STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – TERMS OF MEMBERS**

Altering the terms of specified members of the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB0791 Senator Klausmeier**GROUP MODEL HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS – DRUG THERAPY MANAGEMENT**

Requiring licensed physicians and licensed pharmacists who provide drug therapy management to patients in a group model health maintenance organization to have a physician–pharmacist agreement approved by the State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Physicians in place; requiring physician–pharmacist agreements to prohibit substitutions of chemically dissimilar drug products, subject to specified exceptions; prohibiting the Boards from approving a physician–pharmacist agreement under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0725 Delegate Tarrant, et al**GROUP MODEL HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS – DRUG THERAPY MANAGEMENT**

Requiring licensed physicians and licensed pharmacists who provide drug therapy management to patients in a group model health maintenance organization to have a physician–pharmacist agreement approved by the State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Physicians in place; requiring physician–pharmacist agreements to prohibit substitutions of chemically dissimilar drug products, subject to specified exceptions; prohibiting the Boards from approving a physician–pharmacist agreement under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0792 Senator Klausmeier**PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – PORTABLE ELECTRONICS INSURANCE – REGULATION**

Establishing a limited lines license to sell coverage under a policy of portable electronics insurance subject to the jurisdiction of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; providing that the limited lines license authorizes specified employees and authorized representatives of a vendor of portable electronics to sell specified portable electronics insurance under specified circumstances; deeming the acts of employees and authorized representatives to be the acts of the vendor for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB0868 Delegates Love and Krysiak**PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – PORTABLE
ELECTRONICS INSURANCE – REGULATION**

Establishing a limited lines license to sell coverage under a policy of portable electronics insurance subject to the jurisdiction of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; providing that the limited lines license authorizes specified employees and authorized representatives of a vendor of portable electronics to sell specified portable electronics insurance under specified circumstances; deeming the acts of employees and authorized representatives to be the acts of the vendor for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010

SB0810 Senator Colburn**NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER SHELL PURCHASE PROGRAM –
FAIR MARKET VALUE**

Requiring dealers to reserve oyster shells for a specified period after the opening of each annual public shellfish fishery season; altering the conditions under which a specified dealer shall reserve oyster shells; requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Oyster Advisory Commission and the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission, to set the annual fair market value the Department will pay for oyster shells and their transportation and placement under the Oyster Shell Purchase Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB0177 Delegate Lafferty, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER SHELL PURCHASE PROGRAM –
FAIR MARKET VALUE**

Requiring dealers to reserve oyster shells for a specified period after the opening of each annual public shellfish fishery season; altering the conditions under which a specified dealer shall reserve oyster shells; requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Oyster Advisory Commission and the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission, to set the annual fair market value the Department will pay for oyster shells and their transportation and placement under the Oyster Shell Purchase Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0850 Senator Muse**PUBLIC SAFETY – ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES – REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting a person from possessing or using an electronic control device unless the person meets specified requirements; providing that an electronic control device may not be sold and activated in the State unless specified requirements are met; requiring an electronic control device manufacturer to provide an investigating law enforcement agency with prompt access to the manufacturer's records on electronic control devices and cartridges sold in the State; establishing penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0539 Delegate Branch, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES – REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting a person from possessing or using an electronic control device unless the person meets specified requirements; providing that an electronic control device may not be sold and activated in the State unless specified requirements are met; requiring an electronic control device manufacturer to provide an investigating law enforcement agency with prompt access to the manufacturer's records on electronic control devices and cartridges sold in the State; establishing penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0859 Senator Pugh**VEHICLE LAWS – ADVERTISING PRACTICES – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting a vehicle dealer or an agent or employee of a dealer from stating the purchase price of a vehicle in an advertisement unless the price is the full delivered purchase price of the vehicle, excluding specified taxes, fees, and charges; requiring the full delivered purchase price in a vehicle advertisement to be printed using the largest size of type in the advertisement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0547 Delegate Stein, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – ADVERTISING PRACTICES – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting a vehicle dealer or an agent or employee of a dealer from stating the purchase price of a vehicle in an advertisement unless the price is the full delivered purchase price of the vehicle, excluding specified taxes, fees, and charges; requiring the full delivered purchase price in a vehicle advertisement to be printed using the largest size of type in the advertisement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0870 Senator Gladden**MARRIAGE CEREMONIES – PERFORMANCE BY TAX COURT JUDGES**

Authorizing a judge of the United States Tax Court to perform a marriage ceremony in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0886 Senator Rosapepe**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – LAUREL COMMONS – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ADDITIONAL CLASS B LICENSES**

Adding Laurel Commons to a list of areas designated as underserved in Prince George’s County in which a licensee may hold or have an interest in an additional Class B beer, wine and liquor license for a restaurant; and specifying that exceptions to the maximum number of alcoholic beverages licenses that a license holder may hold in specified areas do not apply in Laurel Commons.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0940 Senator Kittleman**EDUCATION – COMMISSION ON CIVIC LITERACY – MEMBERSHIP**

Adding a member of the judiciary of the State to the membership of the Commission on Civic Literacy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

- SB0946 Senators Pugh and McFadden**
MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – REPORT TO
JOINT COMMITTEE ON FAIR PRACTICES
Requiring each unit of the State to submit a specified report regarding the
Minority Business Enterprise Program to the Joint Committee on Fair
Practices within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009
- HB1336 Delegate Braveboy, et al**
MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – REPORT TO
JOINT COMMITTEE ON FAIR PRACTICES
Requiring each unit of the State to submit a specified report regarding the
Minority Business Enterprise Program to the Joint Committee on Fair
Practices within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009
- SB0951 Senator Lenett**
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSE TO PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY
– DOCTORAL DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY
Clarifying specified qualifications of applicants for a license to practice
psychology in the State; and altering the definition of “doctoral degree in
psychology”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009
- HB0654 Delegate Hubbard**
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSE TO PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY
– DOCTORAL DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY
Clarifying specified qualifications of applicants for a license to practice
psychology in the State; and altering the definition of “doctoral degree in
psychology”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0952 Senator Middleton**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

Requiring that individuals receiving specified Maryland Medical Assistance Program benefits receive specified substance abuse benefits; requiring managed care organizations to submit data to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene at least semiannually; authorizing the Governor in fiscal year 2010 to transfer by State budget amendment \$3,343,418 for a specified substance abuse benefit and to increase specified fees; requiring the Governor to provide specified funding in specified fiscal years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010

HB0739 Delegate Hammen, et al**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

Requiring that individuals receiving specified Maryland Medical Assistance Program benefits receive specified substance abuse benefits; requiring managed care organizations to submit data to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene at least semiannually; authorizing the Governor in fiscal year 2010 to transfer by State budget amendment \$3,343,418 for a specified substance abuse benefit and to increase specified fees; requiring the Governor to provide specified funding in specified fiscal years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010

SB0955 Senator Klausmeier**PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES – ENERGY EFFICIENCY, CONSERVATION, AND DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAMS – SELECTION OF HVAC SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Requiring an electric company under specified circumstances to include procedures for the competitive selection of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, or refrigeration service providers in a specified plan to achieve specified electricity savings and demand reduction targets; authorizing the Public Service Commission to waive a specified requirement under specified circumstances on a request by an electric company; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB0958 Senator Rosapepe**CONSTRUCTION PERMITS – EXPIRATION DATES**

Requiring the running of the period of approval for specified construction and development permits issued by the State or a county or municipality to be tolled beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending on June 30, 2010; requiring a person who was issued a specified permit by the State, a county, or a municipality that will expire during the period beginning January 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2010, to pay applicable renewal fees; making the Act an emergency measure; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB0921 Delegate Barnes, et al**CONSTRUCTION PERMITS – EXPIRATION DATES**

Requiring the running of the period of approval for specified construction and development permits issued by the State or a county or municipality to be tolled beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending on June 30, 2010; requiring a person who was issued a specified permit by the State, a county, or a municipality that will expire during the period beginning January 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2010, to pay applicable renewal fees; making the Act an emergency measure; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB0959 Senator Middleton**INJURED WORKERS’ INSURANCE FUND – REGULATION AND STATUS**

Requiring the Injured Workers’ Insurance Fund to operate in a manner similar to an authorized domestic workers’ compensation insurer; providing that the Fund is subject to specified laws and must be regulated in a specified manner; specifying the role and mission of the Fund; specifying that members of the Board for the Fund are entitled to specified reimbursement; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, as part of an examination, to determine whether rate making practices produce actuarially sound rates; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0963 Senator Klausmeier, et al**HEALTH – MARYLAND COMMISSION ON AUTISM**

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Autism; requiring the Commission to develop a specified statewide plan; requiring the Commission to advise and make recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, and specified State agencies; requiring the Commission to report findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before specified dates regarding the development of a statewide plan; terminating the Act at the end of September 30, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0503 Delegate Kipke, et al**HEALTH – MARYLAND COMMISSION ON AUTISM**

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Autism; requiring the Commission to develop a specified statewide plan; requiring the Commission to advise and make recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, and specified State agencies; requiring the Commission to report findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before specified dates regarding the development of a statewide plan; terminating the Act at the end of September 30, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0965 Senators Colburn and Pipkin**CAROLINE COUNTY – SCHOOL BUSES – LENGTH OF OPERATION**

Altering to 15 years the length of time a school bus may be operated in Caroline County; providing for the effective date of provisions of the Act; and providing for the termination of provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0727 Delegate Eckardt, et al**CAROLINE COUNTY – SCHOOL BUSES – LENGTH OF OPERATION**

Altering to 15 years the length of time a school bus may be operated in Caroline County; providing for the effective date of provisions of the Act; and providing for the termination of provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0981 Senator Garagiola**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES – NET ENERGY METERING**

Altering the definition of “eligible customer-generator” to mean a customer that owns and operates, leases and operates, or contracts with a third party that owns and operates a specified biomass, solar, or wind generating facility primarily to offset all or part of the customer’s own electricity requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0983 Senator Conway, et al**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**

Establishing a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor tasting license in specified parts of the 41st Legislative District, the 43rd Legislative District, and the 44th Legislative District of Baltimore City; establishing fees for Class BWLT licenses; authorizing a Class BWLT license holder to allow the consumption of specified alcoholic beverages for tasting or sampling; requiring a Class A license holder to apply for a Class BWLT license in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB1035 Senator Peters, et al**EDUCATION – PRINCE GEORGE’S COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Adding a ninth member to the Prince George’s Community College Board of Trustees; and requiring that eight of the members of the Board be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, one from each of the eight legislative districts in the county.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB1049 Senator Muse**EDUCATION – TWEEN/ DATING VIOLENCE**

Requiring the State Board of Education to encourage county boards of education to incorporate specified lessons on dating violence into the county boards’ health education curriculum.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB1057 Senator Klausmeier**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES – TERMINATION OF ELECTRIC AND GAS SERVICE – EXTREME TEMPERATURES**

Prohibiting a public service company from terminating electric or gas service to a residential customer in a designated weather station area because of nonpayment on a day for which the forecasted high temperature in the area is at or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit; prohibiting a public service company from terminating electric service to a residential customer in a designated weather station area because of nonpayment on a day for which the forecasted temperature in the area is at or above 95 degrees Fahrenheit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

HB0453 Delegate Haynes, et al**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES – TERMINATION OF ELECTRIC AND GAS SERVICE – EXTREME TEMPERATURES**

Prohibiting a public service company from terminating electric or gas service to a residential customer in a designated weather station area because of nonpayment on a day for which the forecasted high temperature in the area is at or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit; prohibiting a public service company from terminating electric service to a residential customer in a designated weather station area because of nonpayment on a day for which the forecasted heat index in the area is at or above 95 degrees Fahrenheit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB1059 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)**CIGARETTE BUSINESS LICENSES – CIGARETTE MANUFACTURERS – DEFINITIONS AND SCOPE OF LICENSE**

Authorizing specified cigarette manufacturer licensees to sell specified unstamped cigarettes to specified cigarette wholesalers located outside of Maryland, under specified circumstances; altering the definition of “manufacturer” to include specified participating manufacturers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB1070 Senator Middleton**NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS – HEARING AND ORDER –
IMPACT OF LAW BY ANOTHER STATE**

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to hold a hearing to review and evaluate a specified impact, if another state enacts a law that requires a nonprofit health service plan operating in this State to provide a specified program or benefits; requiring the Commissioner, based on the review and evaluation, to make a specified determination; requiring the Commissioner to issue an order for a specified purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

HB1534 Delegate Pendergrass, et al**NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS – HEARING AND ORDER –
IMPACT OF LAW BY ANOTHER STATE**

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to hold a hearing to review and evaluate a specified impact, if another state enacts a law that requires a nonprofit health service plan operating in this State to provide a specified program or benefits; requiring the Commissioner, based on the review and evaluation, to make a specified determination; requiring the Commissioner to issue an order for a specified purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009