

## GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE

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SB0058 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**

### FAMILY LAW – TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

Requiring that, before a juvenile court may grant guardianship of a child without consent and over the child's objection, the juvenile court must find by clear and convincing evidence that a parent is unfit to remain in a parental relationship with the child or that specified exceptional circumstances exist such that terminating the rights of the parent is in the child's best interests; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0061 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

### MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION – JURISDICTION, POWERS, AND DUTIES

Expanding the Maryland Port Administration's jurisdiction to include inland properties or facilities acquired, leased, or operated by the Administration for the transport or storage of cargo and equipment; and authorizing the Administration to exercise its powers and duties at these inland properties or facilities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0063 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

### ORAL HEALTH SAFETY NET PROGRAM – SUNSET REPEAL

Repealing the termination provision for the Oral Health Safety Net Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0064 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX – ASSESSMENT AND APPEALS – TAX PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES

Increasing the maximum penalty for failure to pay the alcoholic beverage tax from 10% to 25% of the tax due; establishing an administrative appeals process for persons or governmental units against which an assessment of alcoholic beverage tax has been made; authorizing the Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee to alter or abate an alcoholic beverage tax assessment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0066 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS AND OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM – EMPLOYING INSTITUTIONS – COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Designating specified community colleges or regional community colleges as employing institutions for specified employees participating in supplemental retirement plans and the Optional Retirement Program; requiring that specified employing institutions shall select one or more designated companies under specified circumstances that may offer supplemental retirement accounts to their employees and shall administer the participation of those employees; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0067 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – PROOF OF GOOD STANDING FOR FOREIGN BUSINESS ENTITIES

Requiring foreign business entities that are required to register or qualify to do business in Maryland to provide the State Department of Assessments and Taxation proof acceptable to the Department of good standing in the jurisdictions where the foreign business entities currently are organized.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0069 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – AIR-CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Requiring motor vehicles of model year 2011 or any model year thereafter to contain only specified types of air-conditioning refrigerants; providing for consultation between the Department of the Environment and the Motor Vehicle Administrator in the adoption of regulations; prohibiting the sale and equipping of vehicles of model year 2011 or thereafter if the requirements of the Act are not met; repealing a prohibition against use of a motor vehicle with specified air-conditioning equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB0075 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – CONFIDENTIALITY OF SECURITY-RELATED DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Adding specified documents and records concerning ports to the list of security-related documentation that may be exempt from disclosure under the Public Information Act; stating that the Act is not intended to limit inspection by a specified exclusive representative who enters into a specified nondisclosure agreement to ensure confidentiality; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB0076 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Baltimore City Community College)**

BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – TERM OF STUDENT TRUSTEE

Altering the beginning and ending days of the term of the student member of the Baltimore City Community College Board of Trustees to be July 1 and June 30, respectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**SB0081 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Budget and Management)**

STATE PERSONNEL – MARYLAND WHISTLEBLOWER LAW –  
CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING  
INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS

Establishing that information obtained during investigations of complaints conducted under the Maryland Whistleblower Law is confidential within the meaning of specified provisions of law; and applying the Act retroactively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**SB0083 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**

HUMAN SERVICES – CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE

Altering provisions relating to the training and testing of specified child welfare caseworkers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**SB0086 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

TITLE INSURANCE PRODUCERS – REGULATION AND  
REQUIREMENTS

Specifying that, with exceptions, only a licensed title insurance producer may exercise control over trust money; increasing the amount of the fidelity bond and the surety bond or letter of credit that specified applicants for a title insurance producer's license must file with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; requiring the Commission to Study the Title Insurance Industry in Maryland to examine the adequacy of a specified blanket surety bond or letter of credit and to make a specified determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**SB0087 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

**PROPERTY TAX – HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the deadline for filing specified applications for the homestead property tax credit with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department to reinstate the tax credit under specified circumstances; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2009.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**SB0088 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

**TAX – PROPERTY – EXEMPT MANUFACTURING PERSONAL PROPERTY APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Providing that a property tax exemption for specified manufacturing personal property shall be granted for the taxable year that appears on the first assessment notice that includes the manufacturing personal property if the owner files an application for an exemption within 6 months after receipt of that assessment notice and the application is approved.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**SB0092 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)**

**MOTOR CARRIERS – IDENTIFICATION MARKERS – FORGED DOCUMENTS – CRIMINAL PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly falsifying or using, holding, possessing, giving away, or selling specified falsified licenses, decals, or related documents; prohibiting a person from attempting to falsify or sell specified licenses, decals, or related documents; specifying penalties, defining terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

- HB0046 Delegate Sossi**  
CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSES  
Authorizing in Caroline County an applicant to purchase special multiple event alcoholic beverages licenses; specifying license fees; prohibiting the total number of days for which special multiple event licenses may be issued to a single applicant from exceeding 40 days in a calendar year; requiring that fees for special multiple event licenses be paid in advance; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009
- HB0053 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)**  
HUMAN RELATIONS – SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATIONS  
Making substantive modifications, clarifications, and corrections in provisions of law relating to human relations; repealing obsolete provisions of law relating to hearing examiners; conforming the protected classes in specified provisions prohibiting discrimination; repealing a provision making it a misdemeanor to receive remuneration for participation in a racial demonstration; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009
- HB0054 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)**  
HUMAN RELATIONS – CIVIL ACTIONS – UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES  
Clarifying that provisions of law relating to civil actions elected or filed by specified complainants apply only to unlawful employment practices; and making conforming changes.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009
- HB0082 Frederick County Delegation**  
FREDERICK COUNTY – OVERDUE WATER AND SEWER CHARGE – RESTORATION OF SERVICE PENALTY  
Altering the amount of the penalty imposed on water users in Frederick County for restoring service after an overdue charge for water and sewer services has been paid.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0105 Delegates Haddaway and Eckardt****TALBOT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LIMITED WINERIES**

Authorizing a holder of a Class 4 manufacturer's (limited winery) license in Talbot County to produce wine and pomace brandy at each warehouse for which the holder has been issued an individual storage permit; and prohibiting a holder from serving or selling wine and pomace brandy to the public at a warehouse.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB0110 Delegate Eckardt, et al****DORCHESTER COUNTY – SCHOOL BUS LENGTH OF OPERATION – SUNSET REPEAL**

Repealing the termination date for a provision of law that allows school buses to be operated in Dorchester County for 15 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0113 Delegate Hubbard, 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 by specified dates regarding the feasibility of creating a coordinated care program to reform the provision of long-term care services under the Medical Assistance Program and other State programs designed to meet the differing needs of seniors and adults with disabilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0142 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)****INSURANCE – ANTIFRAUD PLANS**

Requiring third party administrators to institute and maintain a specified antifraud plan; allowing an insurer to require that an individual who is receiving benefits under a disability insurance policy affirm in writing on a periodic basis that the individual remains entitled to benefits; specifying penalties if an individual who is receiving benefits knowingly and willfully provides false information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0143 Delegate Anderson, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – NEWLY CONSTRUCTED DWELLING  
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – MODIFICATION AND  
REAUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to establish maximum limits for a specified property tax credit; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to establish specified application periods; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to establish a one-time application amnesty period subject to specified restrictions; altering the termination date applicable to specified provisions; defining “owner”; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB0146 Harford County Delegation****HARFORD COUNTY – GAMING**

Authorizing the Sheriff of Harford County to charge \$10 for a 50/50 license; increasing the maximum money prizes to \$500 that may be awarded for specified games; and authorizing specified organizations to hold a game of 50/50 at an event that is not a meeting of the organization if the organization acquires a license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0161 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental –  
Insurance Administration, Maryland)****INSURANCE – COMPANY ACTION LEVEL EVENTS – PROPERTY  
AND CASUALTY INSURERS**

Specifying when a company action level event occurs for a property and casualty insurer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0162 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

INSURANCE – NOTICE OF PREMIUM INCREASE FOR COMMERCIAL AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Requiring an insurer to send a specified notice to the named insured and insurance producer, if any, of any increase in the renewal policy premium for commercial insurance and workers' compensation insurance policies, with a specified exception; establishing methods for satisfying a notice requirement; and making the Act effective January 1, 2010.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010

HB0163 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)**

MOTOR FUEL – DYED DIESEL FUEL – VIOLATIONS

Establishing specified violations involving the use of dyed diesel fuel in the propulsion tanks of motor vehicles on the highways of the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB0164 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY AND HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – RATING, RETIERING, AND DISCOUNTS

Establishing principles for making homeowner's insurance rates; prohibiting an insurer from classifying or maintaining an insured for more than 3 years in a classification that entails a higher premium based on a specific claim; providing that removal or reduction of a discount or refusal to apply a discount under homeowner's insurance is not a violation of the Act under specified circumstances; making the Act effective January 1, 2010; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010

- HB0165      **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**  
INSURANCE – CANCELLATION OF POLICIES – LIMITATION ON MIDTERM CANCELLATIONS  
Prohibiting an insurer from cancelling a policy of personal insurance, a specified policy of homeowner’s insurance, a policy of commercial insurance, or a policy of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance midterm except under specified circumstances.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009
- HB0216      **Calvert County Delegation**  
CALVERT COUNTY – ANIMAL CONTROL – FINES AND LICENSES  
Altering the length of time a dog license in Calvert County remains effective; and requiring fines issued in accordance with Calvert County Animal Control ordinances to be paid to the Calvert County Treasurer.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009
- HB0225      **Calvert County Delegation**  
CALVERT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS  
Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$19,025,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of public facilities in Calvert County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009
- HB0227      **Delegate Elmore**  
SOMERSET COUNTY – LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD – BORROWING LIMIT  
Increasing to \$150,000 the aggregate sum of money that may be advanced to or borrowed by the Somerset County Liquor Control Board for specified purposes.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB0242 Delegate Harrison, et al****UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS – DETERMINATION  
BASED ON SEVERANCE OR DISMISSAL PAYMENTS**

Altering a determination of unemployment insurance benefits for an individual who receives or is eligible to receive severance or dismissal payments under specified circumstances; providing that for each week an individual receives or is eligible to receive severance or dismissal payments, the individual is, based on the amount of specified payments, either disqualified from receiving specified benefits or may receive benefits reduced by the amount of the payments; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB0262 Anne Arundel County Delegation****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – TIPTON AIRPORT AUTHORITY –  
RUNWAY LENGTH**

Increasing to 4,200 feet the maximum length to which the Tipton Airport Authority is authorized to extend a runway.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0268 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****WELFARE TO WORK – JOB SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM –  
GREEN JOBS**

Requiring that the Secretary of Budget and Management develop and implement a plan for hiring current and former Family Investment Program recipients and their children, foster youth, and obligors; requiring that the job skills enhancement program include job training for employment in energy efficiency and renewable energy industries and construction; authorizing the Secretary of Human Resources to access funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and other funds for job training in specified industries; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0282 St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ADULT PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW BOARD – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board of St. Mary's County to require that one member be a physician other than a psychiatrist and one be a psychiatrist or psychologist from the local health department.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0349 Washington County Delegation****WASHINGTON COUNTY – MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Authorizing the governing body of Washington County to designate Washington County Mental Health Authority, Inc. as the mental health advisory committee for Washington County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0350 Washington County Delegation****WASHINGTON COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS SALARY**

Increasing the salary of the president of the Washington County Board of Education to \$6,200; increasing the salary of other members of the county board to \$6,100; providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of an incumbent president or member of the county board; and repealing a provision that requires the members of the Washington County Board of Education to have their compensation paid in a specified number of installments.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0361 Washington County Delegation****PUBLIC SAFETY – HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
POLICE FORCE**

Establishing a police force for the Hagerstown Community College; specifying the powers of a Hagerstown Community College police officer; requiring the Board of Trustees of the Hagerstown Community College to adopt specified standards and regulations; including a member of the police force of the Hagerstown Community College in the defined term “police officer” in connection with provisions of law relating to the authority to make arrests; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0387 Delegate Ivey, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – LAWFUL STATUS IN THE UNITED STATES –  
MATERIAL COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from issuing or renewing an identification card, a moped operator’s permit, or a license to drive issued by the Administration that is acceptable by federal agencies for specified official purposes unless an applicant for the issuance or renewal provides specified evidence of the applicant’s lawful status in the United States and specified evidence relating to a Social Security number; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB0420 Delegate Love, et al****ENVIRONMENT – LIMITATION OF ACTIONS – POLITICAL  
SUBDIVISIONS**

Extending to political subdivisions the 3–year statute of limitations for suits instituted seeking a civil penalty for violations of provisions of the Environment Article or any rule, regulation, order, or permit adopted or issued under the Environment Article, or for a violation under specified regulatory programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0427 Cecil County Delegation****CECIL COUNTY – EMPLOYEES OF CECIL COUNTY TREASURER’S OFFICE**

Establishing that, except for the deputy treasurer, employees of the Cecil County Treasurer’s Office shall be subject to the personnel policies and procedures governing County employees; providing that the determination of an employee’s qualifications and ability to serve in a position in the Treasurer’s Office shall be at the sole discretion of the Treasurer; requiring a new employee of the Treasurer’s Office to serve a 6-month probationary period; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB0448 Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions), et al****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENTS**

Authorizing the Chief Investment Officer for the State Retirement and Pension System to select and invest in specified investment vehicles on behalf of the State Retirement and Pension System; providing that specified external investment managers for the State Retirement System shall be selected by the Chief Investment Officer; and increasing the current fee cap for externally managed investment assets from 0.3% to 0.5% of a specified determination of market value for the State Retirement and Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0461 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****STATE PERSONNEL – INCENTIVE AWARDS – REVIEW AND EVALUATION PROCESS**

Altering the membership of the labor-management review committee charged with evaluating and recommending incentive awards for innovative ideas by State employees to include at least half of the committee’s membership from the exclusive representatives; clarifying the methods by which innovative ideas may be received by the labor-management review committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0462 Delegate Hubbard, et al****MEDICAID STATE PLAN AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
– AMENDMENTS AND WAIVER APPLICATIONS**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to publish in the Maryland Register notice of amendments to the Medicaid State Plan; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit amendments to the Medicaid State Plan to the Medicaid Advisory Committee; requiring the Department to make amendments to the Medicaid State Plan available to the public and to provide an opportunity for public comment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0473 Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions), et al****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – PARTICIPATING  
GOVERNMENTAL UNITS**

Clarifying the definition of a “local pension system” for participating governmental units withdrawing from the State Retirement and Pension System; and providing that existing employees of participating governmental units joining the State Retirement and Pension System have to elect to participate in the State Retirement and Pension System by a specified date.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0477 Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS –  
RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

Authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County to establish that each member may receive specified retirement benefits or to establish in the county retirement program specified criteria and benefits applying only to County Commissioners under specified circumstances; placing specified restrictions on the criteria and benefits; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salaries or compensation of the incumbent County Commissioners.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB0487 Delegate Montgomery****STATE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION –  
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – REQUIRED FORMS**

Requiring specified health care facilities to submit to the State Health Services Cost Review Commission a specified form at a specified time.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0498 Delegate Feldman****PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS – CORPORATE NAMES  
– APPROVAL BY PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Establishing an exception to the requirement that the name of a professional corporation be approved by the appropriate licensing unit for a professional corporation in which the majority of the stockholders are physicians licensed by the State Board of Physicians; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0500 Delegate Tarrant, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS –  
ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT INFORMATION MAILINGS TO  
STUDENTS**

Requiring the Baltimore City Public School System and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to enter into an agreement regarding the disclosure of specified information; requiring the Baltimore City Public School System to disclose information to parents or guardians whose students are enrolled in the National School Lunch Program on or before a specified date each year; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0520 Calvert County Delegation****CALVERT COUNTY – LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM –  
BURIAL BENEFITS AND RESCUE DIVE TEAM**

Providing that specified individuals who have served as members of the Calvert County rescue dive team are eligible to receive specified benefits under specified circumstances; requiring the rescue dive team to maintain specified records for volunteer members on specified forms; requiring a report to be furnished to specified persons at specified times; altering the amount of burial benefits; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0560 Delegate Kramer, et al****HATE CRIMES – PROHIBITIONS AND PROTECTED CLASSES – DISABILITY**

Expanding the scope of prohibitions against committing specified crimes against specified persons, damaging property of specified persons, burning specified objects, and damaging specified buildings to include disability; prohibiting the attempt to commit a crime against a specified person because of the race, color, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin of that person; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0577 Carroll County Delegation****CARROLL COUNTY – EDUCATION – ORGANIZATION OF TEACHERS AND OTHER PERSONNEL**

Altering the definition of “public school employee” in Carroll County, as it relates to the organization of certificated employees, to include a registered nurse.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0578 Carroll County Delegation****CARROLL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

Altering the title of the board officer of the Carroll County Board of Education from chairman to president; altering the date by which the Carroll County Board is required to elect a president and vice president from among its members; and specifying compensation for the president and other members.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0582 Delegate Carter, et al****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – REAL AND LEASEHOLD PROPERTY – VALUATION**

Allowing real and leasehold property included in an estate to be valued at the contract sales price for the property if the sales price is set forth on a settlement statement for an arm’s length contract of sale of the property and the settlement on the contract occurs within 1 year after the decedent’s death.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0587 Delegate Kaiser, et al****EDUCATION – TEACHER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER**

Authorizing the State Department of Education to assign a unique identification number to each teacher employed in the public schools in the State; requiring that the identification number meet specified requirements; and limiting the use of the teacher identification number to specified educational purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0588 Delegate Kaiser, et al****EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STANDARDIZED COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM**

Authorizing the State Department of Education to develop a standardized course numbering system to facilitate the collection of data on student participation in courses offered in the public schools; authorizing each county school system to adopt the standardized course numbering system on a voluntary basis; requiring a specified county school system to provide a translation of course numbers under specified circumstances; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0595 Delegates Olszewski and Cardin****STATE GOVERNMENT – RECYCLING PROGRAM – ALUMINUM, GLASS, PAPER, AND PLASTIC**

Requiring the Office of Recycling in the Department of the Environment to include in the State recycling program by July 1, 2010, a system to recover aluminum, glass, paper, and plastic generated for disposal by State government; requiring the system to include placement of collection bins in State-owned or State-operated office buildings in locations in the State where it is determined to be practical and economically feasible; and requiring State agencies and units of State government to implement the plan by January 1, 2012.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0598 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)**

**ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY**

Approving specified projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of specified academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the University System of Maryland to issue bonds in a specified amount to finance specified projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB0606 Delegate Beitzel**

**GARRETT COUNTY – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – SIGNS ADJACENT TO STATE AND LOCAL ROADWAYS – AUTHORITY TO ADOPT LOCAL ORDINANCE**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Garrett County to enact ordinances regulating the height, size, location, and setback of advertising signs adjacent to State and county roads; and providing that an ordinance enacted under the Act may not be less stringent than any applicable State or federal law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0683 Delegate Ivey, et al**

**POST ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM**

Expanding the eligibility of an adopted child or adoptive family for post adoption support services; repealing a requirement that a local department of social services conduct a clinical assessment of the needs of an adoptive child and adoptive family under specified circumstances; substituting a requirement that a local department conduct an assessment of the needs of an adoptive child and adoptive family under specified circumstances; providing for the distribution of funds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0686 Calvert County Delegation****CALVERT COUNTY – SHERIFF – COMPENSATION**

Providing that the Board of County Commissioners for Calvert County may pay on or after January 1, 2011, additional compensation to the Sheriff equal to the amount of contributions the Commissioners would have made to the Calvert County Employees' Savings Plan on behalf of the Sheriff for the years of service the Sheriff accrued prior to joining the Plan; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent Sheriff of Calvert County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0745 Delegate Krebs****TOWN OF SYKESVILLE EMPLOYEES – PARTICIPATION IN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM**

Requiring employees of the Town of Sykesville who are employed by the Town of Sykesville on the date the Town of Sykesville joins the Employees' Pension System to participate in the Employees' Pension System as of that date; providing for an employee of the Town of Sykesville to receive service credit in the Employees' Pension System equal to 75% of the employee's service with the Town of Sykesville; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0756 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al****CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC HEALTH CARE PROVIDER COMPETENCY PROGRAM**

Establishing a Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Provider Competency Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; encouraging specified professional societies to identify training programs or to develop or collaborate in the development of training programs, if feasible; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0773 Delegates Conway and Mathias****WORCESTER COUNTY – GAMING – BINGO**

Increasing specified fees for bingo conducted in Worcester County; increasing specified maximum prizes offered in bingo; repealing a prohibition against conducting bingo outside a specified area; specifying that a specified game may be played without a prize limit; authorizing specified advertising; repealing a prohibition against conducting bingo on Sunday; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0781 Delegate James, et al****PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – SENIORS**

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 real property owned by and used as the principal residence of an individual who is at least 65 years old and of limited income.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB0782 Delegate James, et al****NURSING FACILITIES – ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES – PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE PROGRAM**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop accountability measures that indicate quality of care or a commitment to quality of care for use in a pay-for-performance program; requiring the Department, in consultation with representatives of the nursing facilities and other stakeholders, to develop accountability measures to use in the pay-for-performance program that take into account both performance and improvement; requiring that the accountability measures be objective and measurable; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**SB0664 Senator Garagiola, et al****NURSING FACILITIES – ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES – PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE PROGRAM**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop accountability measures that indicate quality of care or a commitment to quality of care for use in a pay-for-performance program; requiring the Department, in consultation with representatives of the nursing facilities and other stakeholders, to develop accountability measures to use in the pay-for-performance program that take into account both performance and improvement; requiring that the accountability measures be objective and measurable; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB0783 Delegate James, et al****TRANSFER TAX – PROGRAM OPEN SPACE BONDS – LAND AND EASEMENT ACQUISITION**

Providing that, in addition to other funding, Program Open Space funding may be provided in the State Consolidated Capital Bond Funding Program or in separate bond enabling acts; requiring that specified allocations of specified funds distributed to Program Open Space be adjusted in a specified manner for fiscal years 2011 through 2013 under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB0788 Delegate Jones, et al****BALTIMORE CITY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY – CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION PILOT PROGRAM – EXTENSION**

Extending the termination date of the Child in Need of Supervision Pilot Program in Baltimore City and Baltimore County; requiring the Governor to include a specified general fund appropriation in the budget bills for specified fiscal years for a specified purpose; and requiring that the funds be provided as grants to Baltimore County and Baltimore City for a specified purpose.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0796 Delegates Walker and Vaughn****AGRICULTURE – EMERALD ASH BORER GRANT FUND**

Establishing the Emerald Ash Borer Grant Fund; establishing the purpose and uses of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to administer the Fund and establish specified procedures; requiring that specified unspent or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund of the State; specifying that the State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately and that the Comptroller shall account for the Fund; designating the money to be deposited into the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0810 Delegate Heller (Chair, Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds), et al****INCOME TAX – MANDATORY INCOME TAX RETURN PREPARER REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring electronic filing of individual income tax returns prepared by income tax return preparers who prepare more than a specified volume of original individual income tax returns for compensation; authorizing the Comptroller to grant waivers based on specified circumstances; applying the Act to tax years after 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0822 Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS – AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS MC 907–09**

Making specified provisions of law relating to automated railroad grade crossing enforcement systems at railroad grade crossings applicable to Montgomery County; authorizing specified law enforcement agencies in Montgomery County to mail a citation within a specified period of time to the owner of a motor vehicle that is recorded in Montgomery County by an automated railroad grade crossing enforcement system while in violation of specified laws regarding railroad grade crossings; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0841 Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT MC 930–09**

Requiring the Montgomery County Board of Education to develop and operate a website that includes specified information on Board of Education payments; and specifying the parameters of the website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0846 Delegates Conway and Mathias****WORCESTER COUNTY – MOTORCYCLE DEALERS – SUNDAY OPERATIONS**

Authorizing in Worcester County a motorcycle dealer to sell, barter, deliver, give away, show, or offer for sale a motorcycle or a certificate of title for a motorcycle on Sunday; and making the Act effective July 1, 2009.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0872 Delegate Schuh, et al****EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM – PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDIT – WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION**

Providing that members of the Employees' Pension System, who prior to enrolling in the Employees' Pension System were members of the Montgomery County Government 401(a) Retirement Plan, may purchase service credit in the Employees' Pension System for the period of time the members were participating in the Montgomery County Government 401(a) Retirement Plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0879 Frederick County Delegation****DIVESTITURE FROM IRAN AND SUDAN – FREDERICK COUNTY RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM**

Authorizing the Board of County Commissioners for Frederick County to enact ordinances to take divestment action with regard to specified investments; providing immunity from liability for the Board of County Commissioners, its officials, agents, employees, or any fiduciary acting on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners; requiring the Board of County Commissioners, its officials, agents, employees, or any fiduciary acting on behalf of the Board to act in good faith in taking specified divestment actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB0893 Delegate Hixson, et al****ELECTION LAW – VOTING SYSTEMS – REQUIREMENTS**

Specifying that requirements for the selection and certification of a statewide voting system are subject to specified provisions of law; requiring the State Board of Elections to take specified actions if at the time of procurement of a voting system there is not commercially available a voting system that satisfies specified requirements; requiring the State Board to select and certify a voting system that satisfies specified requirements with specified exceptions; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB0937 Delegate F. Turner, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – RETENTION OF UNUSED FUNDS**

Requiring specified money retained in the State budget at the end of a fiscal year to be used to make awards to students during subsequent fiscal years under the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraqi Conflicts Scholarship; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009**

**HB0941 Cecil County Delegation****CECIL COUNTY – TOBACCO PRODUCTS – DISTRIBUTION TO MINORS**

Prohibiting a person from distributing tobacco-containing and tobacco-related products to a minor in Cecil County; establishing a specified civil infraction and specified civil penalty; authorizing a law enforcement officer in Cecil County to issue specified civil citations in specified circumstances; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009**

**HB0948 Delegate Kaiser, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – PART-TIME GRANT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Changing the number of semester hours of courses in which a student must be enrolled in order to qualify as a part-time student for the Part-Time Grant Program from at least 6 to at least 3 semester hours but no more than 11 semester hours; and limiting the percentage of the part-time grant allocation that may be provided to students who are enrolled in at least 3 but less than 6 semester hours of courses each semester.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0963 Prince George's County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PUBLIC CONSUMPTION AND OPEN CONTAINERS – PENALTIES PG 326-09**

Requiring a person in Prince George's County who is charged with a specified misdemeanor relating to the public consumption of alcoholic beverages or the public possession of an open container of alcoholic beverages to comply with a specified command in a charging document by making a personal appearance in court; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB0964 Prince George's County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS PG 315-09**

Requiring, in Prince George's County, that an application for an alcoholic beverages license contain a statement, if the applicant is not a United States citizen, that the applicant is in legal status in accordance with federal law; and requiring the applicant to show proof of the legal status.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB1045 Cecil County Delegation****CECIL COUNTY – REGULATION OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

Altering from two or more to one the number of persons required to make a sworn complaint in the District Court alleging that a domestic animal disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood in an inhabited area, or is vicious and has bitten any person, in Cecil County in order for a summons to be issued to the owner or keeper of the animal; and altering a specified penalty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1051 Delegate Griffith****EMPLOYEES’ PENSION SYSTEM – SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE – CREDITABLE SERVICE**

Providing that individuals who were employed by the City of Annapolis as contractual employees for a specified period of time may receive a creditable service in the Employees’ Pension System for the period of time the individuals were employed as contractual employees; and terminating the Act on December 31, 2009.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB1057 Delegates McHale and Hecht****NET ENERGY METERING – MICRO COMBINED HEAT AND POWER**

Including a customer that uses a micro heat and power electric generating facility that meets specified conditions among the list of eligible customer–generators that are eligible for net energy metering; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB1058 Delegate Walkup, et al****ENVIRONMENT – SEWAGE SLUDGE UTILIZATION PERMITS – LOCAL NOTICE**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to provide notice to the legislative body and elected executive of a county of an application to utilize sewage sludge; and requiring the Department to provide notice to the elected executive of a municipal corporation of an application to utilize sewage sludge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1134     Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – AUDIT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MC/PG 122–09

Requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to file each year a certified copy of its annual audit and current financial statements with the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Senate and House delegations to the Maryland General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1136     Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT ACT MC/PG 101–09

Requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to file a certified copy of its annual audit and current financial statements each year with the County Council of Montgomery County; authorizing the County Council of Montgomery County to audit and examine the books and records of the Commission under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1138     Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

MARYLAND–WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – GENERAL PLAN AND AREA MASTER PLANS MC/PG 106–09

Requiring the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission, at specified intervals, to review the general plan for the development of the portion of the Maryland–Washington Regional District that is located in Prince George's County; requiring the Prince George's District Council, at specified intervals, to consider whether amendments should be made to the area master plan for the development of the portion of the Maryland–Washington Regional District that is located in Prince George's county; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1139 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT SURCHARGE – EXEMPTIONS MC/PG 104–09

Authorizing the County Councils of Montgomery County and Prince George's County to grant as much as an \$80,000 exemption from a system development charge imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for properties owned by § 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations whose primary use, mission, and purpose is to provide recreational and educational programs and services to youth; and terminating the Act at the end of December 31, 2010.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB1141 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS – AUTHORITY TO REGULATE COMMERCIAL SIGNS MC/PG 111–09

Authorizing municipal corporations in Montgomery County to enact by local law specified regulations for commercial signs.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB1144 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP MC/PG 115–09

Adding a representative from the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to the membership of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; and increasing the maximum membership of the committee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1171 Delegate Bartlett, et al****ALTERNATIVE ENERGY TAX INCENTIVE ACT OF 2009**

Exempting from the sales and use tax the sale of residential wind energy equipment; clarifying that solar energy property that uses solar thermal electric energy is exempt from the State and local property tax; exempting from the State and local property tax residential wind energy equipment; and defining terms.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB1179 Delegate Cardin, et al****ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING**

Establishing a process to allow a voter in the State to vote in primary or general elections at early voting centers, instead of in the voter's assigned precinct on election day; requiring each county to have a specified number of early voting centers, based on the number of registered voters in the county; requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local board of elections in a county, to designate the early voting polling centers in that county; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1184 Washington County Delegation****WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**

Authorizing the governing body of Washington County or the governing body of a municipal corporation in Washington County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on specified real property under specified circumstances; authorizing the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount of the credit and provisions to carry out the credit; authorizing the governing body of Washington County to provide, by law, a specified payment deferral; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB1212 Delegate Hixson, et al****HORSE RACING – PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

Altering specified allocations of the Purse Dedication Account under the authority of the State Racing Commission to be funded with specified video lottery proceeds; and requiring that funds in the Account be allocated in a specified way to thoroughbred purses at specified race tracks, the Maryland-bred Race Fund, standardbred purses at specified race tracks, and the Standardbred Race Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1219 Washington County Delegation****WASHINGTON COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY**

Altering to \$88,000 the salary of the Sheriff of Washington County; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent Sheriff of Washington County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1220 Washington County Delegation****WASHINGTON COUNTY – REGULATION OF ELECTRICIANS AND THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES**

Requiring a Master Electrician to be responsible for work performed under the Master Electrician's license; repealing the requirement that persons working under the authority of a Master Electrician's license must be employees of a Master Electrician; repealing the prohibitions on the assignment or transfer of specified licenses; and requiring the names of specified persons to be included on specified licenses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1221 Washington County Delegation****WASHINGTON COUNTY – ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Providing that, under specified circumstances, Washington County may cause a road to be surveyed and a description and plat made of the road and recorded among the land records of the county; authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington County to construct county highways or roads under specified circumstances; requiring the County Commissioners to accept into the county road system specified roads; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

- HB1271 St. Mary's County Delegation**  
ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MAXIMUM FINE FOR SALES VIOLATIONS  
Increasing to \$1,000 the maximum fine that the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County may impose for a violation of the laws as to licensing the sale of alcoholic beverages.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009
- HB1326 Frederick County Delegation**  
FREDERICK COUNTY – STATE'S ATTORNEY – ANNUAL SALARY  
Altering the annual salary of the State's Attorney for Frederick County; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent State's Attorney.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009
- HB1355 Delegates Lafferty and Morhaim**  
NATURAL RESOURCES – TIDAL FISH LICENSES AND AUTHORIZATIONS – ENFORCEMENT  
Altering the grounds for suspension or revocation of a specified tidal fish license or authorization; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt specified regulations on or before January 1, 2010 that include enhanced penalties for specified violations; requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations in consultation with specified entities; repealing a requirement that the Department initiate specified proceedings to suspend a tidal fish license not later than a specified time; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009
- HB1363 Delegate Murphy, et al**  
COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – PROCUREMENT OF GREEN PRODUCT CLEANING SUPPLIES  
Requiring a county board of education to procure green product cleaning supplies for its schools under specified circumstances; requiring a county board to adopt specifications for the green product cleaning supplies; providing that the specifications may not preclude the use of products that are regulated by a specified federal law and shall allow multiple avenues for obtaining green product cleaning supplies certification; defining "green product cleaning supplies"; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1369 Howard County Delegation**

HOWARD COUNTY ETHICS LAW – APPLICATION FOR ZONING REGULATION AMENDMENT HO. CO. 12–09

Making an application for a zoning regulation amendment subject to specified Howard County ethics law provisions by altering the definition of “application”.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB1373 Delegate Conway, et al**

NATURAL RESOURCES – SOMERS COVE MARINA COMMISSION

Including the Somers Cove Marina Commission as State personnel under the Maryland Tort Claims Act; specifying that Commission members who are not employees of the Department of Natural Resources may use vehicles and equipment, as specified; authorizing the Department to transfer vehicles and other inventory to the Commission, as specified; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to engage in emergency procurement, as specified; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

**HB1374 Delegates Oaks and Carter**

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL POLICE OFFICERS – EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION

Authorizing the public school employer in Baltimore City to designate a fourth negotiating unit composed of specified city school police officers for purposes of collective bargaining.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1395 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Elections, State Board of)**

CAMPAIGN FINANCE – REPORTS AND AFFIDAVITS – FAILURE TO FILE

Subjecting a campaign finance entity that fails to file a specified affidavit to specified sanctions; requiring the State Board of Elections, instead of a local board of elections, to assess specified late fees; increasing specified maximum fees payable for overdue campaign finance reports and affidavits; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB1396 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE –  
DUALY ENROLLED STUDENTS

Expanding eligibility in the Part–Time Grant Program to include specified students who are dually enrolled in secondary schools in the State and institutions of higher education; providing that a recipient of a specified part–time grant is not required to receive academic credit under specified circumstances; authorizing an institution of higher education to use a specified amount of Part–Time Grant Program funds for specified purposes; changing the name of the Dual Enrollment Grant Program to the Early College Access Grant Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB1403 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

STATE PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION QUADRENNIAL REVIEW  
– REPORTING DATE

Altering to July 1, 2009, the date by which the Maryland Higher Education Commission must first submit a quadrennial review of the State Plan for Higher Education to the Governor and General Assembly; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB1404 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

HIGHER EDUCATION – CHILDREN OF FALLEN STATE OR LOCAL  
PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES – EXEMPTION FROM  
NONRESIDENT TUITION

Exempting a son or a daughter of a State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty from paying nonresident tuition at public institutions of higher education; requiring the governing board of each public institution of higher education to adopt specified policies; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB1412 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

**VEHICLE LAWS – MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION POINT SYSTEM**

Repealing provisions relating to point system conferences; providing for the assessment of points for specified violations involving the unlawful operation of a commercial motor vehicle; requiring attendance at a driver improvement program for individuals who accumulate a minimum number of points; eliminating the requirement to attend a point system conference based on the accumulation of a specified number of points; repealing a provision requiring a minimum number of points to suspend or revoke the driving privilege; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1416 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

**SMALL BUSINESS POLLUTION COMPLIANCE LOAN FUND – REPEAL**

Repealing the Small Business Pollution Compliance Loan Fund; requiring the reversion to the General Fund of any remaining balance in the Small Business Pollution Compliance Loan Fund; and requiring the Department of the Environment to collect and hold loan repayments for reversion to the General Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1419 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – FISH AND FISHERIES LAWS VIOLATIONS – PENALTIES**

Altering the penalties for violations of specified fish and fisheries laws; and requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission, to adopt regulations to establish a schedule of resource values for specified species to be used in assessing penalties for specified violations of specified fish and fisheries laws.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB1435 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

**HIGHER EDUCATION – ENFORCEMENT POWERS OF MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION AND SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Authorizing the Secretary of Higher Education to issue cease and desist orders and notices of violation, to impose penalties, and to seek relief for violations of requirements regarding certificates of approval by an institution of postsecondary education; authorizing the Secretary to order that specified tuition payments and fees be returned to students under specified circumstances; altering the authority of the Commission to limit the issues to be determined in a specified hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1440 Delegates Burns and Rudolph**

**STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY – REINSTATEMENT FEE FOR EXPIRED FIRM PERMITS**

Authorizing the State Board of Public Accountancy to reinstate the permit to practice certified public accountancy to a firm that has not renewed its permit, if the firm is otherwise entitled to a permit and if it pays a specified reinstatement fee.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB1450 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Repealing the provisions that the Executive Director of the State Board of Cosmetologists is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Board and must be a licensed senior cosmetologist or a master barber.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

- HB1453      **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EXEMPTION FROM COVERED EMPLOYMENT – HOME WORKERS  
Providing that work performed by specified home workers is not covered employment for the purposes of unemployment insurance; providing that specified contributions and benefit charges collected are not subject to refund; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009
- HB1466      **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**  
FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM – TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE – ASSIGNMENT OF SUPPORT  
Altering a condition of eligibility for temporary cash assistance by requiring applicants and recipients to assign support rights to the State for the period that the family receives temporary cash assistance; and repealing a requirement that the assignment include any right accrued when the assignment is executed.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009
- HB1468      **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**  
PUBLIC HEALTH SURVEILLANCE – CONFIDENTIALITY  
Expanding requirements for confidentiality relating to specified reports on specified conditions or diseases by physicians, institutions, and specified medical laboratories so as to require that all information collected in connection with a report, the subject of the report, or other individuals who might be affected by the condition or disease in the report are subject to the requirements; making specified exceptions; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1479 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Department of Information Technology)**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY LOAN PROGRAM – MEMBERSHIP**

Substituting the Secretary of Information Technology or a designee for the Secretary of Budget and Management or a designee as a member of the Board of Directors of the Assistive Technology Loan Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1512 Frederick County Delegation**

**FREDERICK COUNTY – MULTIVENUE WINE LICENSE**

Establishing a Multivenue wine (MVW) license in Frederick County; specifying that a holder of the license may hold simultaneous wine events at not more than five venues that meet specified requirements; authorizing a holder of the license to sell wine and to allow a holder of a Class 4 limited winery license to conduct a wine tasting under specified circumstances; and requiring that a holder of the MVW license prohibit a guest from transporting wine from one venue to another.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB1513 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

**EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS**

Repealing the 4-year reemployment limitation for retirees of the Employees' Retirement and Pension Systems who are reemployed as health care practitioners and exempt from a specified reemployment earnings limitation; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2011.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB1517 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY MC/PG 127-09

Requiring the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to disburse to Prince George's County on or before specified dates specified sums of money drawn from the balances of specified funds collected in Prince George's County under specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB1522 Delegates Mathias and Conway**

WORCESTER COUNTY – LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD – BORROWING LIMIT

Increasing the maximum amount of money that the Worcester County Liquor Control Board may borrow to \$6,000,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB1526 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND WORKFORCE CORPORATION

Establishing the Maryland Workforce Corporation to coordinate with State agencies to establish a plan and framework for workforce development programs, assure a reliable funding stream, obtain public and private resources, administer the programs, provide grants, contract with training providers, act as a resource for new and emerging workforce issues, and evaluate effectiveness; prohibiting the Corporation from offering or providing specified training; providing for a board of directors; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB1532 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**

STATE FIRE MARSHAL – FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTOR – LICENSING

Repealing a provision of law that allowed a contractor to provide services as a fire sprinkler contractor without being licensed by the State Fire Marshal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB1542 Delegate Haddaway, et al****HEALTH – LICENSING OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS – EXCEPTION FOR EGG PRODUCERS**

Exempting from a specified food establishment licensing requirement specified persons who produce shell eggs and sell the shell eggs directly to the public; and making the Act an emergency measure.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB1553 Delegate Conway, et al****WORCESTER COUNTY – VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATIONS**

Providing that if a video lottery facility is at a racetrack location at the Ocean Downs Race Course, the County Commissioners of Worcester County shall appoint the local development council; altering the membership of a local development council; altering the manner in which a specified local impact grant is to be distributed under specified circumstances; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009**

**HB1556 Chair, Economic Matters Committee and Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)****ENVIRONMENT – COAL COMBUSTION BY-PRODUCTS – FEES**

Establishing a fund for the management of specified coal combustion by-products; authorizing the Department of the Environment to establish and collect a fee, subject to specified conditions; requiring the Department to consider specified factors in establishing a fee; prohibiting the imposition or collection of the fee on specified coal combustion by-products used in specified manners; requiring fees to be paid into the Fund and used for specified purposes; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009**

**HB1559 St. Mary's County Delegation****TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE GOVERNANCE AND STRUCTURE OF THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Governance and Structure of the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission; requiring the Task Force to study the governance and structure of the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission; specifying the membership and staffing of the Task Force; providing for the appointment of the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations by specified dates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB1570 Delegate Weir****FISHERIES MANAGEMENT – ANCHORED FISHING NETS – BUOY MARKERS**

Authorizing a person to use a buoy or other floating device that shows specified information to mark specified anchored fishing nets; and altering the information that is required to be marked on specified fishing gear.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB1573 Delegate Kipke, et al****BUSINESS REGULATION – SODA FOUNTAIN LICENSE – REPEAL**

Repealing the law requiring a person to have a soda fountain license whenever the person does business operating a soda fountain in the State; and repealing the law requiring an applicant for a soda fountain license to pay a specified license fee for each soda fountain.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**SJ0002 Senator Middleton, et al****THE JIM MCKAY MARYLAND MILLION**

Urging the Maryland Million LTD to rename the day of racing known as the Maryland Million in memory of Jim McKay; etc.