

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE

Bills to be Signed by the Governor on April 28, 2015

SB 863

Senator Miller, et al

WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAMS – REVISIONS

Repealing the requirement that a specified county or municipality adopt and implement local laws or ordinances necessary to establish a watershed protection and restoration program; exempting a specified county from specified provisions of the Act; authorizing a specified county or municipality to adopt and implement local laws or ordinances necessary to establish a watershed protection and restoration program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 592

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME – INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD

Increasing from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a subtraction modification under the State income tax for specified military retirement income for individuals who are at least 65 years old on the last day of the taxable year; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 321

Senators Nathan–Pulliam and Ferguson

BALTIMORE CITY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY – POLICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNITS – PILOT PROGRAM

Requiring, on or before October 1, 2016, the Baltimore City and Baltimore County police departments to establish behavioral health units; requiring a behavioral health unit to consist of at least six officers who are specially trained to understand the needs of individuals with mental health, substance use, or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders and in cultural sensitivity and cultural competency; establishing the purpose and goals of a behavioral health unit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 413**Senator Gladden, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – RACE–BASED TRAFFIC STOPS – POLICY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring that specified law enforcement officers record specified information pertaining to traffic stops; requiring specified law enforcement agencies to report specified information to the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center; requiring the Police Training Commission to develop a specified format and guidelines and a standardized format for the reporting of specified data; requiring the Police Training Commission to develop a specified model policy; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 482**Senator Ramirez, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – BODY–WORN DIGITAL RECORDING DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE**

Establishing that it is lawful under a specified provision of law for a law enforcement officer to intercept a specified oral communication with a specified device under specified circumstances; requiring on or before January 1, 2016, the Maryland Police Training Commission to develop and publish online a policy for the issuance and use of a body–worn camera by a law enforcement officer; establishing the Commission Regarding the Implementation and Use of Body Cameras by Law Enforcement Officers; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 533**Delegate Sydnor, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – BODY–WORN DIGITAL RECORDING DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE**

Establishing that it is lawful under a specified provision of law for a law enforcement officer to intercept a specified oral communication with a specified device under specified circumstances; requiring the Maryland Police Training Commission to develop and publish a specified policy; establishing the Commission Regarding the Implementation and Use of Body Cameras by Law Enforcement Officers; requiring the Commission to submit a report to the Maryland Police Training Commission and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2015; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 882 **Senator Conway, et al****BALTIMORE CITY CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD**

Altering the definition of “law enforcement unit” as it relates to the Baltimore City Civilian Review Board so as to increase the number of law enforcement units that are subject to review by the Board; altering the composition of the Board; requiring the Board to hold at least four meetings in locations rotated throughout different police districts in Baltimore City; and altering specified definitions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 113 **Delegate Conaway****LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITS ON LIABILITY**

Increasing to \$400,000 per individual claim and \$800,000 per total claims the limits on liability of a local government for claims under the Local Government Tort Claims Act that arise from the same occurrence; altering the period of time from 180 days to 1 year after the injury during which a specified notice of a claim under the Local Government Tort Claims Act must be provided; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 114 **Delegate Conaway****MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – CLAIM REQUIREMENT AND LIMIT ON LIABILITY**

Increasing the limit on liability of the State and its units under the Maryland Tort Claims Act for injuries to a claimant arising from an incident or occurrence; authorizing a court to entertain a suit under the Maryland Tort Claims Act under specified circumstances, even if a specified claim was not submitted; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 771**Delegate Carter, et al****BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT – REPORTING ON COMMUNITY POLICING**

Requiring the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to report annually specified information concerning the Baltimore Police Department to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the members of the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly; and requiring the report to be made available on the Department's Web site.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 954**Delegate A. Washington, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – DEATHS INVOLVING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – REPORTS**

Requiring local law enforcement agencies to provide the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention with information on officer-involved deaths and deaths in the line of duty; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to report annually information on officer-involved deaths and deaths in the line of duty to the General Assembly on or before June 30 and to report on or before October 15, 2016, on the number of officer-involved deaths and deaths in the line of duty in the last 3 calendar years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 695**Senator Raskin****GENERAL PROVISIONS – PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – ENFORCEMENT, FEES, AND EXEMPTIONS**

Establishing the State Public Information Act Compliance Board and Office of the Public Access Ombudsman; requiring the Governor and the Attorney General to publish on their Web sites specified notice relating to specified applications and the names and qualifications of specified applicants; requiring the Governor to solicit specified recommendations from specified individuals; requiring the Board to report on specified matters to the Governor and General Assembly by October 1, of each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 755**Delegate Cullison, et al****GENERAL PROVISIONS – PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – ENFORCEMENT, FEES, AND EXEMPTIONS**

Establishing the State Public Information Act Compliance Board and Office of the Public Access Ombudsman; requiring the Governor and the Attorney General to publish on their Web sites specified notice relating to specified applications and the names and qualifications of specified applicants; requiring the Governor to solicit specified recommendations from specified individuals; requiring the Board to report on specified matters to the Governor and General Assembly by October 1 of each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 939**The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission), et al****PROPOSED REGULATIONS – DETERMINATION OF IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES**

Establishing the Advisory Council on the Impact of Regulations on Small Businesses in the Department of Business and Economic Development; requiring the Advisory Council to take specified actions and make specified determinations about proposed regulations; requiring the Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission to examine whether the Advisory Council should consider whether a proposed regulation poses a potential unreasonable burden on consumers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 940 The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission), et al

OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS OMBUDSMAN – STATE CUSTOMER SERVICE AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS TRAINING PROGRAM

Establishing the State Customer Service and Business Development Efforts Training Program to increase the responsiveness of and improve customer service provided by State agencies to businesses and customers in the State; requiring the Office of the Business Ombudsman to administer and oversee the program; requiring the Office to develop standards that identify best practices for providing excellent customer service; requiring each participating agency to develop and conduct customer service training for each specified employee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 941 The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission), et al

TASK FORCE TO STUDY EXEMPTIONS FROM HIGHER EDUCATION ETHICS REQUIREMENTS AND PROCUREMENT RULES TO FACILITATE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Establishing the Task Force to Study Exemptions from Higher Education Ethics Requirements and Procurement Rules to Facilitate Technology Transfer; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to review, study, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 942 The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission), et al

APPRENTICESHIP PILOT PROGRAM – APPRENTICESHIP MARYLAND

Establishing a 2–year pilot program called Apprenticeship Maryland to prepare students to enter the workforce; providing for the Program to begin in the summer of 2016; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and a specified entity to develop criteria for the selection of two local school systems and to consider, where practicable, one rural and one urban system; allowing for the participation of up to 60 students from each school system; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 943 The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission), et al

ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS AND COMMERCE – RESTRUCTURING

Renaming the Department of Business and Economic Development to be the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce; renaming the Secretary of Economic Development to be the Secretary of Commerce; establishing an Office of the Secretary of Commerce in the Office of the Governor; specifying that the Secretary is the head of the economic development policy; establishing the Public–Private Partnership Marketing Corporation to create a branding strategy, attract new business to the State, and other specified purposes; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 4 Carroll County Senators

CARROLL COUNTY – GAMING EVENTS

Authorizing specified organizations in Carroll County to conduct a card game, card tournament, or casino event under specified circumstances; requiring a specified organization to obtain a permit from the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County; requiring a participant in a card game, card tournament, or casino event to be at least 21 years old; requiring the permit holder to file with the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County a financial report that includes specified information on prize winners; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 22**Senator Madaleno****EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – TAX YEAR 2014 – TECHNICAL CORRECTION**

Clarifying, for the 2014 taxable year, that 25 percent is the applicable percentage of the federal earned income credit used for determining the amount that an individual may claim as a refund under the Maryland earned income credit under specified circumstances; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 38**Senator Mathias****WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS C LICENSES – CLUBS**

Repealing a requirement that the daily average receipts from the sale of food be in excess of those for the sale of alcoholic beverages for a club to qualify for a specified seven-day license in Worcester County
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 51**Senator Serafini, et al****COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE – DUTIES**

Authorizing the Commission on African American History and Culture to provide operational funding to a museum that specializes in African American history and culture.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 60**Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)****CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS – COLLECTION OF APPEARANCE FEES**

Clarifying that if more than one stockholder, partner, member, or employee of a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other entity engaged in practicing law enters an appearance in an action or a case, the clerk of the circuit court may collect only one appearance fee per entity; and clarifying that, if more than one employee of a specified governmental entity enters an appearance in an action or a case, the clerk of the circuit court may collect only one appearance fee per governmental entity.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 68 **Senators Conway and Waugh****CHARLES COUNTY AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY – DEER
MANAGEMENT PERMIT**

Repealing the requirement that the Department of Natural Resources establish a program in Charles County and St. Mary's County to train rifle shooters to hunt deer for the purpose of controlling the deer population; authorizing an individual who holds a specified permit to use a specified rifle in specified locations and under specified conditions in Charles County and St. Mary's County; altering the circumstances and conditions under which an individual may hunt deer on State land in Charles County and St. Mary's County; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 88 **Senator Astle, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – GAME BIRDS – BAITING**

Altering the prohibition against a person hunting specified game birds by the aid of baiting or on or over a baited area to require that the person know or reasonably should know that the area is a baited area before a violation occurs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 94 **Senator Ferguson, et al****STATE GOVERNMENT – AUTOMATED MAPPING–
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS – SYSTEM SERVICES
COSTS**

Repealing the authority of specified governmental units to adopt a fee structure to cover specified costs for system services; altering a specified definition for the purpose of repealing the authority of specified governmental units to adopt a fee structure to cover specified costs relating to existing system products; authorizing specified governmental units to adopt a fee structure for system products that includes an additional charge of not more than \$50; repealing a specified requirement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- SB 103** **Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP, BENEFITS,
AND REEMPLOYMENT
Clarifying that regular interest may not be paid on member contributions of specified members of the Judges' Retirement System under specified circumstances; providing that an individual who was a member of the Judges Retirement System on or before June 30, 2012, is separated from employment for more than 4 years, and returns to employment in a position that requires membership in the Judge's Retirement System is subject to specified requirements; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- SB 107** **Senator Conway**
PUBLIC SAFETY – HOTELS AND LODGING OR ROOMING
HOUSES – CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS
Altering the applicability to specified hotels and lodging or rooming houses of specified provisions of law concerning carbon monoxide alarms; altering a specified reference to a specified alarm device national standard; requiring specified hotels and lodging or rooming houses, on or after April 1, 2017, to install a specified carbon monoxide alarm on the wall of specified rooms and areas within the hotel or lodging or rooming house under specified circumstances; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 121** **Senator Norman, et al**
COURTS – DISCOVERY – EXAMINATION IN AID OF
ENFORCEMENT OF MONEY JUDGMENT
Prohibiting a circuit court and the District Court, in ruling on a certain request by a judgment creditor for an examination in aid of enforcement of a specified judgment, from requiring the judgment creditor to show that good cause exists for the examination; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 133 **Senator Edwards****ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – USE OF FUNDS**

Authorizing funds in the Bay Restoration Fund, in fiscal 2016 and thereafter, to be used to pay up to 87.5% of the total cost of projects relating to combined sewer overflows abatement, rehabilitation of existing sewers, and upgrading specified conveyance systems; specifying that an order of priority for specified projects funded by the Bay Restoration Fund in specified fiscal years shall be determined by the Department of the Environment; and generally relating to the use of funds in the Bay Restoration Fund

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 230 **Calvert County Senators****CALVERT COUNTY – LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM – RECIPIENT BENEFITS**

Altering the age from 55 to 50 years old at which specified individuals may begin to receive benefits under the Length of Service Award Program for Calvert County; altering from \$4 to \$10 per month an additional amount that is payable under the Program for specified volunteer service; repealing a limit on a maximum benefit payable under the Program; authorizing a specified death benefit to be paid to an alternate beneficiary if a volunteer dies and is unmarried at the time of death; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 297 **Senator Kelley, et al****TASK FORCE ON FAMILY CAREGIVING AND LONG-TERM SUPPORTS**

Establishing the Task Force on Family Caregiving and Long-Term Supports; providing for the composition, staff, and duties of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation; authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses for specified members of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make recommendations for legislative and administrative action relating to family caregiving and to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before September 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 298**Senator Norman****VEHICLE LAWS – DEALERS – FINANCING OR LEASING AGREEMENTS**

Requiring that a specified notice be provided to a buyer purchasing a vehicle through dealer–arranged financing or leasing before approval of a third–party financial institution has been received; requiring a dealer to notify a buyer in writing if the terms of a specified financing or lease agreement are not approved by a third party finance source within 4 days of delivery of the vehicle to the buyer; requiring a buyer to return a vehicle to a dealer within 2 days of receipt of the written notice under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 313**Delegate Beidle****VEHICLE LAWS – DEALERS – FINANCING OR LEASING AGREEMENTS**

Requiring that a specified notice be provided to a buyer purchasing a vehicle through dealer–arranged financing or leasing before approval of a third–party financial institution has been received; requiring a dealer to notify a buyer in writing if the terms of a specified financing or lease agreement are not approved by a third–party finance source within 4 days of delivery of the vehicle to the buyer; requiring a buyer to return a vehicle to a dealer within 2 days of receipt of the notice under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 299**Harford County Senators****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE WINE CONTAINER PERMITS**

Establishing a refillable wine container permit in Harford County; authorizing the Harford County Liquor Control Board to issue a refillable container permit for wine to a holder of a specified license under specified circumstances and conditions; specifying that the Act applies in the County to wine; providing that the permit authorizes the permit holder to sell wine for off–premises consumption in a refillable container under specified circumstances and conditions; providing for an annual permit fee of \$50; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 330 **Senator Klausmeier (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)**

BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – 2015 EDITION – LEGALIZATION

Legalizing the 2015 Edition of the Baltimore County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 343 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission, State)**

PUBLIC ETHICS – ADVISORY BODIES – ADVISORY OPINIONS AND INFORMAL ADVICE

Authorizing specified advisory bodies to issue informal advice instead of an advisory opinion; and specifying that information related to informal advice provided by an advisory body shall remain confidential and is not subject to specified publication requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 353 **Senator Hershey**

ELECTRIC COMPANIES – INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY – NEW INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Requiring a person who is negotiating a specified solar installation and interconnection contract with specified customer-generator to submit to the customer-generator's electric company a specified application; allowing a specified person to accept a payment from the customer-generator in connection with the contract before receiving an approval from the customer-generator's electric company; prohibiting a specified person to begin a specified installation under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 360**Calvert County Senators****CALVERT COUNTY – BUDGET HEARINGS AND PROCEDURES**

Altering the procedures for preparing and adopting a budget for Calvert County; requiring each county department, agency, or board receiving county funds to submit a specified itemized budget request on or before a date set by the County Commissioners of Calvert County; requiring the County Commissioners to conduct a public hearing on a specified staff–recommended budget and a subsequent public hearing on the County Commissioners’ budget; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 364**Senators Kasemeyer and Simonaire****ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION –
RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT**

Allowing an individual to resume participation in the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection in the Employees’ Pension System or Teachers’ Pension System if the individual has been separated from employment for more than 4 years, by June 30, 2011, has accrued the minimum amount of eligibility service needed to be eligible for a vested allowance, and by June 30, 2016, has returned to employment in a position included in the Employees’ Pension System or Teachers’ Pension System; providing for the retroactive application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 370**Senator Rosapepe, et al****UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS RESEARCH,
DEVELOPMENT, REGULATION, AND PRIVACY ACT OF 2015**

Providing that only the State may enact a law or take other action to prohibit, restrict, or regulate the testing or operation of unmanned aircraft systems; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development, in consultation with other specified institutions, to study specified benefits and concerns; requiring specified State and local government entities and officials to review the use of unmanned aircraft systems and report their findings to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

**SB 374 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General),
et al**

MARYLAND FALSE CLAIMS ACT

Prohibiting specified actions constituting false claims against a governmental entity; providing specified penalties for making false claims; requiring the court to consider and give special attention to specified factors in determining the amount of fines and penalties to be levied under the Act; authorizing a person and the governmental entity to file a civil action against a person that makes a specified false claim under specified circumstances; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 383 Senators Hershey and Eckardt

PUBLIC SAFETY – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF FIRE COMPANIES AS DEPUTY SHERIFFS – CAROLINE COUNTY AND TALBOT COUNTY

Altering the applicability in Caroline County of specified provisions governing the appointment and duties of members of fire companies as deputy sheriffs; and providing for the appointment and duties of members of fire companies as deputy sheriffs in Talbot County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 391 Senator Montgomery

STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – LICENSES, PERMITS, AND REGISTRATIONS – PROCESSES AND CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS

Clarifying that a specified process for regulating crematories must provide for the registration of crematory operators or the issuance of permits for operating crematories; requiring specified applicants to the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to submit to a specified criminal history records check or submit to the Board a criminal history records check conducted by an accredited agency approved by the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 410**Senator Gladden****BALTIMORE CITY – VEHICLE LAWS – TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Adding Baltimore City to the list of local authorities that under specified circumstances may impose specified restrictions on vehicles passing over a bridge or culvert under the jurisdictions of the local authorities without the approval of the State Highway Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 422**Senator Rosapepe****GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – SOUTH ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY**

Requiring the Governor to proclaim annually October 2 as South Asian American Heritage Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to properly observe South Asian American Heritage Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 746**Delegate Barve, et al****GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – SOUTH ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY**

Requiring the Governor to proclaim annually October 2 as South Asian American Heritage Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to properly observe South Asian American Heritage Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 426**Senator Madaleno****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

Providing that an applicant who is a resident of the State meets specified registered voter and residency requirements for an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license if the application is made for a partnership; providing that an applicant who is a resident of the State meets specified registered voter, taxpayer, and residency requirements for an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license if the application is made for a specified corporation or club; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 441 **Senator Hershey****MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – ANNUAL REPORT – GRANTS**

Requiring that a specified annual report made by the Maryland Energy Administration to the Governor and General Assembly include a detailed accounting of all amounts received by and disbursed from the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund, including the amount and recipient of each grant awarded by the Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 443 **Senators Norman and Jennings****HARFORD COUNTY – CHARITABLE GAMING**

Creating in Harford County a permit to be issued by the Sheriff of Harford County that authorizes specified nonprofit organizations to conduct a gaming contest in Harford County; specifying requirements that organizations must meet to be issued a permit; authorizing a permit holder under the Act to charge only a preset entrance fee; requiring participants in a gaming contest to use tokens and not cash for wagering; requiring an individual who participates in a gaming contest to be at least 21 years of age; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 460 **Senator Feldman, et al****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRICITY – CONSTRUCTION OF OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES**

Altering the scope of persons who may apply to begin construction of a new overhead transmission line for electricity under specified circumstances to include an electric company or a person who is or will be subject to regulation as a public utility by an officer or an agency of the United States; prohibiting the Public Service Commission from issuing a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a specified overhead transmission line to an applicant other than an electric company under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 496**Senator Rosapepe, et al****MARYLAND COLLEGE EDUCATION EXPORT ACT OF 2015**

Authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to enter into the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement; and exempting specified institutions that participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement from the requirement to register with the Commission if they enroll Maryland students in a fully online distance education program in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 672**Delegate Jones, et al****MARYLAND COLLEGE EDUCATION EXPORT ACT OF 2015**

Authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to enter into the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement; and exempting specified institutions that participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement from the requirement to register with the Commission if they enroll Maryland students in a fully online distance education program in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 499**Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL CLASS C (RETIREMENT CENTER) LICENSE**

Establishing a special Class C (retirement center) on-sale beer, wine and liquor license in Frederick County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license by converting a specified license held on behalf of a retirement center; specifying that the retirement center license authorizes the holder to sell at retail beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption; authorizing an annual fee of \$1,500 for the license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 500 **Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINE EVENTS, LICENSING, ALCOHOL AWARENESS REQUIREMENTS, AND FINES**

Restricting the number of bottles of wine that may remain open at any one time at a wine sampling or tasting event in Frederick County to all bottles in a wine preservation system that the Board of License Commissioners approves and not more than six other bottles; altering the qualifications for signatories of a certificate accompanying a license application; providing for an alternative method for selecting signatories under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board to reduce a suspension under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 502 **Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSES AND PROMOTER'S LICENSE**

Authorizing an applicant in Frederick County to purchase specified single-day or multiday alcoholic beverages licenses; specifying the licenses may be issued for a maximum of 50 days to a single applicant in a calendar year; providing for specified license fees; establishing a promoter's license in the County; requiring a for-profit organization to obtain a promoter's license from the Board of License Commissioners before the organization may conduct specified activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 508 **Senator Hough, et al****CHILDREN – CHILD CARE FACILITIES, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS**

Prohibiting specified county boards of education and specified nonpublic schools from hiring or retaining specified individuals who have been convicted of specified crimes; requiring specified contracts to provide that specified contractors or subcontractors for specified nonpublic schools and specified local school systems may not knowingly assign employees to work on school premises with direct, unsupervised, and uncontrolled access to children if the employee has been convicted of a specified crime; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 540**Senator Astle****MUNICIPALITIES – PARKING AUTHORITIES**

Authorizing a municipality that is organized under Article XI–E of the Maryland Constitution to create a parking authority as a body politic and corporate as provided under the Parking Authorities Act; authorizing a municipality to authorize an authority to take specified actions; requiring a municipality to determine specified matters by local law in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale, delivery, and payment of specified revenue bonds as authorized under the Parking Authorities Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 560**Senator Peters****EMPLOYEES’ PENSION SYSTEM – OPTIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Providing that membership in the Employees’ Pension System is optional for specified officials who are elected or appointed for a fixed term; providing that specified individuals’ election or failure to elect to join the Employees’ Pension System is a one–time, irrevocable decision; simplifying and clarifying specified provisions of law regarding mandatory and optional membership of employees of participating governmental units in the Employees’ Pension System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 599**Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental
Hygiene)****PUBLIC HEALTH – EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY FOR
CHLAMYDIA AND GONORRHEA**

Repealing specified provisions of law establishing an Expedited Partner Therapy Pilot Program in the Baltimore City Health Department; providing for the purpose of expedited partner therapy; authorizing licensed physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants who diagnose chlamydia or gonorrhea in an individual patient to prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide prescription antibiotic drugs to that patient’s sexual partners without examination of that patient’s partners; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 618 **Senator Norman****PUBLIC SAFETY – RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IDENTIFICATION CARD**

Requiring a law enforcement agency to provide a retiring law enforcement officer or specified retired law enforcement officer with an identification card under specified circumstances; authorizing a law enforcement agency to charge a reasonable fee for an identification card or a replacement card; requiring a law enforcement officer to meet specified requirements to qualify for an identification card; establishing the form and contents of an identification card; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 631 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINE TASTING LICENSE FOR CLASS B LICENSE HOLDERS – REPEAL**

Repealing the authority for a special wine tasting license to be issued to a Class B (on–off sale) beer, wine and liquor license holder in Washington County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 634 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**

Authorizing a special liquor tasting license to be issued in Washington County; authorizing the license to be issued only to a holder of a Class A (off–sale) beer, wine and liquor license; establishing the annual license fee of \$300 for 12 tastings and \$500 for 24 tastings; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Washington County to issue the license for specified purposes; prohibiting the holder of the license from charging for the liquor tasting or sampling; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 635 Washington County Senators**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD – ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

Authorizing the State Board of Education, the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board, and at least two local education agencies to consider and, if appropriate, develop an alternative teacher certification program for areas of the State experiencing a critical teacher shortage; requiring the State Board of Education, the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board, and specified local education agencies to consider specified criteria in the development of an alternative teacher certification program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 637 Washington County Senators**WASHINGTON COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTION – ANNUAL REPORTS**

Altering the due date, from September 1 to November 1, of specified annual reports on the county hotel rental tax revenue distribution; repealing specified reporting requirements relating to the county hotel rental tax revenue; requiring the Washington County Commissioners to post a report on the hotel rental tax revenue on the county's Web site; and requiring the Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau to report to the County Commissioners on its use of the hotel rental tax revenue.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 639 Senator Serafini**TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting from a specified offset of a retirement allowance specified retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System who are employed in specified positions in a local school system or the Maryland School for the Deaf; authorizing local school system superintendents and the superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf to employ a maximum of five retirees per year who will not be subject to a specified offset of a retirement allowance; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 643 **Senator Edwards****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MICRO-BREWERIES –
ADDITIONAL LICENSE**

Authorizing the holder of a micro-brewery license to apply for and obtain an additional micro-brewery license for another premises; specifying limitations on the distribution and sale of beer brewed by a holder of an additional micro-brewery license; providing that provisions of law that prohibit a holder of a micro-brewery license from owning, operating, or being affiliated with other manufacturers of beer, or being granted a wholesale alcoholic beverages license, do not apply in Allegany County or Frederick County; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 662 **Senator Ready, et al****STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – ONE MARYLAND
BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION**

Establishing the One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to review the current State procurement process and develop policy recommendations to ensure transparency and greater participation of businesses located in the State in State contracting; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 673 **Senator Young****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BREWING COMPANY OFF-SITE
PERMIT AND NONPROFIT BEER FESTIVAL PERMIT**

Requiring specified licensing boards to collect a \$100 fee for a nonprofit beer festival permit; authorizing the Comptroller to issue a brewing company off-site permit to specified persons who meet specified requirements; establishing that specified holders of a brewing company off-site permit may use the permit for specified activities during specified events; authorizing a nonprofit beer festival permit holder to purchase beer at wholesale to provide and sell beer for specified purposes under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 694**Senator Manno****INCOME TAX CREDIT – OYSTER SHELL RECYCLING – CREDIT AMOUNT**

Increasing the amount of a specified credit against the State income tax from \$1 to \$5 for each bushel of oyster shells recycled during the taxable year; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 715**Senator Edwards****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GARRETT COUNTY – MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE**

Requiring the holder of a special multiple event Class C license in Garrett County to ensure that at least one individual who is certified by an approved alcohol awareness program is on the premises when alcoholic beverages are served; authorizing the license holder to store specified alcoholic beverages between specified events under specified circumstances and conditions; providing that a license holder who violates the Act is subject to specified fines and denial of specified licenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 726**Senators Bates and Ready****EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM – TOWN OF SYKESVILLE – SERVICE CREDIT**

Authorizing the Town of Sykesville to purchase specified additional service credit for specified employees; requiring specified additional service credit to be credited to specified employees on July 1 of the fiscal year in which the additional service credit is purchased; requiring a specified adjustment to a specified new entrant valuation that is used to determine a specified employer contribution in the fiscal year in which a specified purchase of service credit is made; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 744**Senators Kagan and King****MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2011 – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – WATER PARK AT BOHRER PARK**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 to provide that specified grants for the Water Park at Bohrer Park may not terminate before June 1, 2016; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 766 **Senator Ready, et al****AGRICULTURAL LAND TRANSFER TAX – RATE DETERMINATION**

Providing that, when determining the rate of the agricultural land transfer tax to be imposed, the amount of agricultural land transferred that is exempt from the tax in accordance with specified provisions of law may not be included in the amount of agricultural land that is transferred.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 767 **Senator Conway****ETHICS LAW – STATEMENT BY PERSON PROVIDING LOBBYIST COMPENSATION AND MAKING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS**

Clarifying and conforming specified provisions of the State ethics law with related provisions under the State election law relating to a statement required by persons providing lobbyist compensation and making campaign contributions; altering the reporting periods and due dates for a specified statement; authorizing the State Board of Elections to impose fines for the late filing of a specified statement; altering a specified definition; and defining a term.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 793 **Senator Middleton****STATE PERSONNEL – AUTOMATIC STEP INCREASES – STANDARD PAY PLAN**

Requiring that regulations adopted by the Secretary of Budget and Management provide for automatic increases from minimum to maximum steps in a pay grade of pay rates in the Standard Pay Plan for State employees for an employee whose overall performance is rated satisfactory or above on the employee's annual performance appraisal; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 816**Senator Rosapepe****MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION OUTREACH AND COLLEGE ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program targeting low-income Maryland high school students to determine if the program can lead to an increase in low-income students attending and succeeding in college; establishing specified eligibility requirements for participation in the Program; requiring the Commission to submit a specified report on the Program to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017, and December 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 779**Delegate A. Washington, et al****MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION OUTREACH AND COLLEGE ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program targeting low-income Maryland high school students to determine if the Program can lead to an increase in low-income students attending and succeeding in college; establishing specified eligibility requirements for participation in the Program; requiring the Commission to submit a specified report on the Program to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017, and December 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 844**Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT – USE OF RIFLES**

Authorizing an individual who holds a Deer Management Permit to use a specified rifle to harvest deer throughout the year in Frederick County, subject to specified conditions; authorizing an agent of a permittee in a specified zone in Frederick County to use a specified rifle to harvest deer in the county throughout the year; authorizing an agent of a permittee in a specified zone in Frederick County to use a rifle to harvest deer during a specified period with a specified exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 864 **Senator Klausmeier****STATE BOARD OF HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-
CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS –
CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS – AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors to issue a cease and desist order for violations of specified provisions of law, subject to specified notice and hearing provisions; and authorizing an aggrieved party to file a specified appeal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 868 **Senator Ferguson, et al****PUBLIC UTILITIES – TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICES
AND FOR-HIRE TRANSPORTATION**

Authorizing the establishment of transportation network services in the State; requiring specified motor vehicle insurance to be issued by specified insurers under specified circumstances; prohibiting a person from operating a specified motor vehicle for hire under a specified permit unless the person holds a specified license issued by the Public Service Commission; authorizing the Commission to issue a permanent driver's license if the applicant submits a specified criminal background check; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 902 **Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES**

Establishing in Frederick County a Class B-CC (conference center) license, a Class B license, and a Class MEC (micro-brewery/entertainment center) license; specifying requirements for the licensed establishments; specifying the types of alcoholic beverages that may be sold for on-premises consumption in locations at the licensed establishments; providing for the hours of sale and license fees; requiring that the Board of License Commissioners define a specified term; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 906**Senator Mathias****SOMERSET COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SELLING NEAR SCHOOLS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, AND YOUTH CENTERS**

Altering a specified exception to the prohibition against the Somerset County Board of License Commissioners approving a license to sell alcoholic beverages for specified establishments located within 300 feet of a school, church or other place of worship, public library, or youth center.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 909**Senator Middleton****TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND – FINANCING PURCHASE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY BY OTHER ENTITIES**

Authorizing the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to use specified money to finance the purchase or lease of property only by one or more specified Southern Maryland counties, the Maryland Food Center Authority, or another entity, as determined by the Council, that is authorized to finance or purchase property; requiring the Council, under specified circumstances and in accordance with specified provisions of law, to issue a request for and to evaluate proposals and to select an entity to purchase or lease property; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 910**Senator Middleton, et al****MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – ENTRY-LEVEL COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVER'S LICENSE HOLDERS – STUDY**

Requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to conduct a study of the availability, accessibility, and affordability of commercial motor vehicle insurance for motor carriers who want to employ entry-level commercial driver's license holders; requiring the Department to make specified recommendations on or before December 1, 2015, to specified committees of the General Assembly; authorizing the Department to consult with specified State agencies, institutions of higher education, industries, and other persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 913 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING – APPLICATION OF BOND PROCEEDS**

Authorizing Washington County to use the proceeds from the issuance of specified bonds for specified purposes.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 922 **Senator Serafini****CITY OF HAGERSTOWN – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – OUTDOOR FESTIVALS AND STREET FESTIVAL LICENSES**

Authorizing the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special Class C (on-sale) beer and wine street festival license to a not-for-profit club, society, association, or organization; specifying that the license entitles the holder to exercise the privileges of the license at a specified entertainment event held in the Arts and Entertainment District and approved by the Mayor and the City Council of Hagerstown; providing a \$30 per day fee for the Class C beer and wine street festival license; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 925 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Expanding a specified property tax credit for specified business entities in Washington County to include specified business entities that invest at least \$10,000,000 for capital improvements of specified real property and create 100 new and permanent full-time positions in Washington County; providing for the amount and duration of the property tax credit; making conforming changes; and providing for the application of the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 928**Senator Mathias****SOMERSET COUNTY SANITARY COMMISSION –
ENFORCEMENT OF LIENS – TAX SALE AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the Somerset County Sanitary Commission to request the county tax collector to conduct a sale of real property to enforce a lien representing specified unpaid benefit assessments or other specified charges in accordance with the same procedures governing the sale of property for delinquent property taxes; and authorizing the tax collector in Somerset County to conduct a county tax sale for the purpose of enforcing a specified lien.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 929**Senators King and Miller****VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL REVENUES – STANDARDBRED
OWNERS AND TRAINERS – BENEFIT PROGRAMS**

Authorizing the organization that represents a majority of the standardbred owners and trainers in the State to apply to the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation for the reimbursement of specified expenditures not to exceed 2% of all open purses; providing that the reimbursement amount be deducted from the Purse Dedication Account; specifying programs for which reimbursement is allowable; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 940**Senators Conway and Salling****RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – STATEMENT OF
NEED – EXCEPTION FOR RELOCATION**

Creating an exception to a specified statement of need requirement for the relocation of an existing licensed residential child care program if the relocation is necessary due to circumstances beyond the control of the licensee, including the nonrenewal of the lease for the site of the existing licensed residential child care program, the new site meets the requirements of the residential child care program's license, and the new site is located within the same jurisdiction and within 10 miles of the closed site.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 11 Delegate O'Donnell**EDWARD T. AND MARY A. CONROY AND JEAN B. CRYOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS – ELIGIBILITY**

Changing the name of the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program to the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program; and altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program to include the stepchildren of specified individuals who are at least 16 years of age.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 14 Delegates O'Donnell and S. Howard**HUNTING LICENSES – EXEMPTION FOR RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**

Creating an exemption for a person who is a retired former member of the armed forces of the United States from the requirement to obtain a hunting license under specified circumstances; providing that the exemption applies only to hunting on specified farmland that is under specified ownership; and requiring a person who hunts under the exemption to possess a retired–military identification card, specified written permission to hunt from the property owner, and any required hunting stamps.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 35 Delegate Barkley**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – HEARING EXAMINERS – CHANGE OF JOB TITLE**

Changing the job title of “hearing examiners” of the Public Service Commission to “public utility law judges”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 37 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Establishing the Frederick Center for Research and Education in Science and Technology; altering the name of the Frederick Center for Research and Education in Science and Technology (CREST); altering the name of the Frederick Center for Research and Education in Science and Technology Governing Board; altering the powers and duties of the Board to require the Board to operate and exercise general control over Frederick CREST; requiring the Board to submit an adopted mission statement to the Maryland Higher Education Commission; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 58 Delegate Reznik, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES – PROHIBITION AGAINST CONCURRENT SERVICE**

Prohibiting an individual from serving concurrently as a member of a health occupations board or a specified advisory committee and as an elected officer of a specified professional association that advocates for the interests of the individuals regulated by that health occupations board; and defining specified terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 64 Delegate Vitale, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LOCAL LICENSING BOARDS – JUDICIAL REVIEW**

Repealing the time limit within which a court may affirm, modify, or reverse a decision by a local alcoholic beverages licensing board on whether to approve, suspend, revoke, or restrict a license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 115 Carroll County Delegation**CARROLL COUNTY – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS**

Making the Correctional Officers' Bill of Rights applicable to correctional officers in Carroll County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 117 Carroll County Delegation**CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOURS OF SALE ON SUNDAYS FOR HOLDERS OF CLASS A LICENSES**

Altering the hours of sale on Sundays from between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. to between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. for holders of Class A licenses in Carroll County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 140 Delegate Davis**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – RESTRICTIONS AFTER SERVICE**

Prohibiting an individual from receiving financial benefit, that is not otherwise generally available to the public as a customer of a public service company, from public service companies, persons, or entities until at least 1 year has passed after the individual left service with the Public Service Commission as a commissioner; applying the Act to an individual who serves as a commissioner of the Public Service Commission on or after January 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 154 Delegates Davis and Holmes**MARYLAND HOME BUILDER REGISTRATION ACT – GUARANTY FUND – CLAIMS**

Increasing to \$7,500 the maximum amount of a claim against the Maryland Home Builder Guaranty Fund for which the Consumer Protection Division may issue a specified proposed order; and increasing to 60 the number of days, following specified notice by the Division, after which the Division may bring a specified action in court against a registered home builder who fails to reimburse the Fund in full for payment of a specified claim.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 164**Delegate Dumais****JUDGMENTS – APPEALS – SUPERSEDEAS BOND**

Limiting the amount of a supersedeas bond required to stay the enforcement of a judgment in a civil action; authorizing a court to reduce further the amount of a supersedeas bond; providing a procedure by which an appellee may seek discovery for the limited purpose of determining whether an appellant has dissipated or diverted assets under specified circumstances; requiring a circuit court to retain jurisdiction over a specified action for a specified limited purpose; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 165**Delegate Dumais****FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR LIMITED DIVORCE**

Altering a specified ground for limited divorce by repealing a requirement that separation of the parties be voluntary and without a reasonable expectation of reconciliation; and repealing a specified condition precedent to granting a decree of limited divorce.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 180**Delegate Turner, et al****VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL REVENUES – PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT – STANDARD BRED RACETRACK OPERATING LOSS ASSISTANCE**

Providing for calendar years through 2019 the authorization to use specified Purse Dedication Account funds generated from video lottery proceeds for financial assistance for operating losses, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, by the Ocean Downs Race Course and Rosecroft Raceway to support a minimum of 40 live racing days at each race course.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 187 Delegate Arentz, et al**CECIL COUNTY AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS**

Applying to Cecil County and Queen Anne's County specified provisions authorizing the governing body of a county to contract with another governmental entity for the joint or cooperative performance of any governmental function; and authorizing the governing body of a county to accept specified gifts or grants from the federal or State government and to use the gifts and grants for specified purposes.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 208 Delegate Pendergrass**STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – PREAPPROVAL FOR USE OF TRADE NAMES – REPEAL**

Repealing specified provisions of law that condition the use of specified trade names by specified chiropractors, massage therapists, and massage practitioners on preapproval of the use by the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 217 Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – CREDIT FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE – CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying that a member of the State Retirement and Pension System may not receive creditable service for unused sick leave at retirement unless the leave was available to the member to be used as sick leave during employment; and clarifying the definition of "unused sick leave" to specify that the leave must have been available to be used as sick leave during employment.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 235 Delegate Reznik, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS – SALE OF ELECTRIC OR NONFOSSIL–FUEL BURNING VEHICLES**

Authorizing a manufacturer or distributor to be licensed as a vehicle dealer if the manufacturer or distributor deals only in electric or nonfossil–fuel burning vehicles, no dealer in the State holds a franchise from the manufacturer or distributor, and the manufacturer or distributor does not have a specified relationship with another manufacturer or distributor licensed as a dealer under the Act; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations to implement the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 246 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – NOTICE FOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS, FEES, AND INSPECTORS**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to fulfill a notice requirement for license applications by posting online a completed application with all submitted documents on or before a specified date; eliminating the fees for a specified certificate of permission and a specified license; repealing the requirement that the Governor appoint a full–time inspector; authorizing the Board to appoint a chief inspector and one full–time or two part–time inspectors; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 263 Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDERS – CONSPIRACY OR SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER**

Expanding the circumstances under which a court is required to issue a permanent final protective order to include the conviction of an individual for conspiracy or solicitation to commit murder under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 274 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – GAMING EVENTS**

Authorizing specified organizations in Frederick County to conduct a card game, card tournament, or casino event under specified circumstances; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Frederick County Department of Permits and Inspections; requiring an individual who participates in a card game, card tournament, or casino event to be at least 21 years of age; requiring a permit holder to submit a financial report and specified information about the winners of specified prizes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 287 Delegate O'Donnell**NATURAL RESOURCES – AQUACULTURE – LIABILITY FOR TRESPASS**

Establishing specified damages for which specified persons are liable for entering an area leased to another person for aquaculture purposes to harvest, damage, or transfer shellfish or to alter, damage, or remove any markings or equipment; requiring a person who enters an area leased to another person for aquaculture purposes to display a shellfish aquaculture harvester registration card or an operator card for the lease area on the request of a law enforcement officer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 290 Delegate Barkley**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINERY OFF–SITE PERMIT HOLDERS – COMPTROLLER NOTIFICATION AND ATTENDANCE RESTRICTIONS**

Requiring the holder of a winery off–site permit to report specified information to the Comptroller within a time period determined by the Comptroller rather than by a specified day; and altering a limitation on attendance at specified events by winery off–site permit holders.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 291 Delegate Barkley**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DIRECT WINE SHIPPERS –
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a direct wine shipper to report information about wine shipments to the Office of the Comptroller in the manner determined by the Officer of the Comptroller, rather than reporting specified information according to a specified schedule.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 300 Delegate Korman, et al**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – WASHINGTON
METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY SERVICES –
UTILIZATION STUDY**

Requiring the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, to study specified matters relating to the utilization of services provided by the Authority every 5 years; requiring that the study include an evaluation of specified ridership information; requiring the Department to submit a report detailing the results of the study to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015, and every 5 years thereafter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 323 Delegate Impallaria, et al**MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS –
MODIFICATIONS – ENERGY CODES**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, subject to specified provisions, to adopt modifications to the Maryland Building Performance Standards that allow any innovative approach, design, equipment, or method of construction that can be demonstrated to offer performance that is at least the equivalent to the requirements of specified international energy conservation and energy efficiency codes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 327 Delegate Kelly**HEALTH – AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITY –
DEFINITIONS**

Altering the definitions of “ambulatory surgical facility” and “surgical services” under provisions of law governing freestanding ambulatory care facilities in the State to conform with federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 340 Delegate Haynes, et al**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS –
THURGOOD MARSHALL DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim July 2 as Thurgood Marshall Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe Thurgood Marshall Day properly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 354 Calvert County Delegation**CALVERT COUNTY – TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE
COMMEMORATION OF HARRIET ELIZABETH BROWN**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Commemoration of Harriet Elizabeth Brown; requiring the staff of the Calvert County Delegation to the General Assembly to provide staff to the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to hold public hearings and make recommendations regarding commemoration of Harriet Elizabeth Brown; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the County Commissioners of Calvert County, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 356**Delegate Beitzel****DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DEEP CREEK LAKE
BUY DOWN AREA PROGRAM – EXTENSION**

Requiring the Department of General Services to establish the Deep Creek Lake Buy Down Area Program to offer the owners of properties adjoining Deep Creek Lake the right to purchase the land contiguous to their land at an amount equal to the State's cost of acquiring the land plus reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the State from the sale; providing that revenue from the sale of specified property be distributed to the Deep Creek Lake Recreation Maintenance and Management Fund for specified land purchases; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 382**Delegate Morales, et al****SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS' RIGHT TO KNOW ACT**

Requiring a health care provider that performs a sexual assault evidence collection kit exam on a victim of sexual assault to provide the victim with contact information for a specified law enforcement agency; and requiring a law enforcement agency that receives a sexual assault evidence collection kit to provide specified information, except results that include identifying information, within 30 days after a request by a victim from whom the evidence was collected.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 386**Delegate Valentino-Smith****CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – CENTRALIZED
CONFIDENTIAL DATABASE**

Repealing provisions of law authorizing the Social Services Administration and each local department of social services to maintain a central registry of child abuse and neglect cases and substituting provisions authorizing a centralized confidential database; requiring each local department to enter and have access to specified information in the database; specifying conditions under which an individual may be identified as responsible for child abuse or neglect in the centralized confidential database; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 425 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY – CASINO EVENTS – AUTHORIZED HO. CO. 7–15**

Authorizing specified organizations to hold casino events that may include a card game or roulette in Howard County, as specified; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits before operating a casino event; authorizing a permit holder under this Act to charge only a preset entrance fee; requiring participants in a casino event to use tokens and not cash for wagering under specified circumstances; requiring a permit holder to submit a financial report; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 430 Delegates Folden and Afzali**DRUNK DRIVING – ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN DEATH – SANCTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PER SE OFFENSES**

Altering the administrative sanctions for specified alcohol–related administrative per se offenses applicable to a person who was involved in a motor vehicle accident that resulted in the death of another person; authorizing the Administration, under specified circumstances, to issue a specified restrictive license to allow for participation in the Ignition Interlock System Program by a person whose license is suspended or revoked under the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 440 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY – INSURANCE – CERTIFICATES OF GUARANTEE FOR COUNTY BOND REQUIREMENTS HO. CO. 8–15**

Authorizing Howard County to honor certificates of guarantee that are issued by specified associations or their wholly owned subsidiaries on behalf of specified contractors for the purpose of satisfying county bond requirements for public improvements or other county bond requirements; providing that Howard County is not required under specified provisions of law to honor a certificate of guarantee; and altering the definition of “certificate of guarantee”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 463**Delegate K. Young****STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –
FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES – OWNERSHIP AND
OPERATION REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to issue a funeral establishment license to a funeral establishment that will be owned and operated in accordance with specified provisions of law by a specified individual, a specified group of individuals, or a holder of a specified license or operated in accordance with specified provisions of law by a holder of a specified license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 472**Delegate Jameson****TELEPHONE COMPANIES – STREAMLINED REGULATORY
REQUIREMENTS**

Narrowing the types of services of a telephone company that are regulated by the Public Service Commission by altering a specified definition; providing that the Commission may allow a specified telephone company to provide a regulated service without requiring the telephone company to file a specified tariff schedule if the Commission finds that it is in the public interest; providing that specified transactions do not require specified prior authorization from the Commission; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 490**Delegate Morhaim, et al****NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION –
MISCELLANEOUS REVISIONS**

Renaming the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission to be the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission; renaming the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission Fund to be the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission Fund; providing that the purpose of the Commission is to develop policies, procedures, guidelines, and regulations to implement programs to make medical cannabis available to qualifying patients in a safe and effective manner; altering the information to be included on the Commission's Web site; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

- HB 493** **Delegate McMillan, et al**
MOTOR VEHICLES – PROHIBITION AGAINST UNATTENDED
MOTOR VEHICLE – EXCEPTIONS
Creating specified exceptions to the prohibition against leaving an unattended motor vehicle by allowing the vehicle to be locked or on private property which is not open to the public and to operate unattended for 5 consecutive minutes or less when the vehicle is not in motion.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 497** **Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al**
PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION – LOW INCOME HOUSING – OWNERSHIP BY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Providing for an exemption, under specified circumstances, from property tax for real property if, under specified circumstances, the owner of the real property is a specified limited liability company or is a specified limited partnership whose managing general partner is a specified limited liability company; providing that the real property may be exempt from property tax only under specified circumstances; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- HB 509** **Delegate McMillan, et al**
ENVIRONMENT – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS – ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES
Establishing a 5-year statute of limitations for an action for administrative penalties for violations of specified laws relating to the environment; requiring the statute of limitations for an action for an administrative penalty for an ongoing violation to be tolled until the action that caused the ongoing violation has ceased; providing that the Act may not be construed as limiting specified authority of the Department of the Environment to issue administrative orders or seek injunctive relief for specified violations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 515 Allegany County Delegation**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALLEGANY COUNTY – CLASS B–MB (MICRO–BREWERY/RESTAURANT) LICENSE**

Creating in Allegany County a Class B–MB (micro–brewery/restaurant) license; providing that the Class B–MB license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail beer and light wine by the drink or by the bottle and liquor by the drink for on–premises consumption; providing that the Class B–MB license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail beer and light wine by the bottle for off–premises consumption; specifying specified days and hours of sale; establishing an annual fee for the license of \$900; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 522 Delegate Kramer**CORPORATIONS – MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Clarifying the rights of a subscriber for shares of stock of a corporation; providing that an individual, whether or not then a director, may assent to an action by a consent that will be effective at a future time under specified circumstances; providing that a person, whether or not then a stockholder, may assent to an action by a consent that will be effective at a future date that is no later than 60 days after the consent is delivered to the corporation or its agent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 524 Delegate McMillan, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – SINGLE REGISTRATION PLATE – CLASS L (HISTORIC) VEHICLES AND CLASS N (STREET ROD) VEHICLES**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, when it registers specified Class L (historic) vehicles or Class N (street rod) vehicles, to issue a single registration plate for the vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 543 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al

BALTIMORE CITY – HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY – SUBSIDIARY ENTITIES

Providing that a not-for-profit entity shall be deemed controlled by the Housing Authority of Baltimore City under specified circumstances; and altering the applicability of specified tax exemption provisions for property of a subsidiary entity of a Baltimore Housing Authority entity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 544 Calvert County Delegation

CALVERT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOTTLE CLUBS

Defining a bottle club in Calvert County to mean a restaurant that accommodates the public and is equipped with a dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals or a nightclub that offers to the public music, dancing or other nighttime entertainment; and prohibiting a bottle club in the county from giving, serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing to be consumed on its premises, or on premises under its control or possession, any alcoholic beverages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 554 Delegate Beitzel

NATURAL RESOURCES – NONRESIDENT SENIOR AND JUNIOR HUNTING LICENSES

Establishing a nonresident senior hunting license; authorizing a nonresident to purchase the license beginning in the calendar year in which the nonresident attains the age of 65; and establishing a \$65 fee for the license; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to submit a specified report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 566**Delegate Rosenberg****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE –
LICENSEES PROVIDING SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – EMERGENCY ACTION**

Authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, under specified circumstances, to suspend the license of a licensee that provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities or order the licensee to remedy immediately a situation requiring emergency action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 587**Delegate Davis****STATE BOARD OF BARBERS – LIMITED LICENSE – BARBER–
STYLIST**

Establishing a barber–stylist limited license; authorizing the licensee to provide barber–stylist services, under the State Board of Barbers; requiring the Board to adopt regulations to set specified curriculum standards for specified students; requiring an individual to obtain a barber–stylist limited license before providing barber–stylist services; authorizing a specified student to provide barber–stylist services in specified settings without a limited license, under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 613**Delegate Hammen****HOSPITALS – RATE–SETTING – PARTICIPATION IN 340B
PROGRAM UNDER THE FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
ACT**

Altering the definition of “hospital services” to include a hospital outpatient service that meets specified criteria for the purpose of making it possible for the hospital outpatient service to participate in the federal 340B Program under rates set by the State Health Services Cost Review Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 617 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
LICENSES, SALARIES, INSPECTORS, AND BOTTLE CLUBS PG
307–15

Altering in Prince George's County a specified requirement that must be included in specified regulations that define a catering establishment for the purposes of a specified license; altering residency requirements for an alcoholic beverages license applicant; providing that specified provisions of law prohibiting a license from being granted to sell alcoholic beverages in buildings within a specified distance of places of worship and schools do not apply to a specified license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 649 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – CLEAN WATER PROGRAM –
REPORT PG 404–15

Requiring the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources to prepare a specified report on the county funding plan established for the Clean Water Program of Prince George's County; requiring the report to include specified information relating to the collection and use of program funds and specified recommendations concerning residential fee structures under the program; requiring the Department to submit the report to the Prince George's County Delegation by July 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 674 Delegate Barron, et al

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – LIST OF CONTACT
INFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENTAL UNIT
REPRESENTATIVES

Requiring each governmental unit that maintains public records to identify a representative who a member of the public should contact to request a public record, to maintain specified contact information and post the information on the unit's Web site or keep the information in a specified place, and annually update the information and submit it to the Office of the Attorney General; and requiring the Office to post specified information on the Office's Web site and include specified information in a specified manual.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 681**Prince George's County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – MUNICIPAL TAX SETOFF –
REPORT PG 417–15**

Requiring the governing body of Prince George's County, on or before January 31 each year, to complete a report concerning the county's municipal tax setoffs that includes specified information; and requiring the report to be made available in a specified manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015**HB 694****Delegate Jackson, et al****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM –
DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION – WARRANT
APPREHENSION UNIT EMPLOYEES – MEMBERSHIP**

Providing for the membership of employees of the Warrant Apprehension Unit in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; authorizing specified employees of the Warrant Apprehension Unit to transfer membership to the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System on or before December 31, 2015; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer specified funds to the annuity savings fund of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015**HB 716****Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PRESCRIBER–PHARMACIST
AGREEMENTS AND THERAPY MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

Authorizing licensed physicians, podiatrists, and advanced practice nurses to enter into prescriber–pharmacist agreements for therapy management contracts; requiring the submission of specified documents to specified health occupations boards; requiring specified contracts to include specified provisions; providing that a protocol by a licensed physician and licensed pharmacist may authorize the initiation of specified drug therapy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 720 Delegate Vaughn**ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS – FIRM PERMITS**

Altering specified requirements for the responsible member of an entity providing architectural services; authorizing the State Board of Architects to deny a firm permit to an applicant, reprimand a permit holder, suspend or revoke a permit, or impose a penalty up to \$5,000 under specified circumstances and subject to specified hearing provisions; authorizing landscape architecture to be practiced through a limited liability company under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 738 Delegate Krebs**JURISDICTION OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AND THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS – PARTICIPATION IN PROCUREMENT**

Amending and transferring from the State Ethics Commission to the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals jurisdiction of specified provisions of law prohibiting specified participation in procurement by a specified individual or a specified person that employs a specified individual who assists a specified executive unit in the drafting of specifications, an invitation for bids, a request for proposals for procurements, or the selections or awards made in response to an invitation for bids or a request for proposals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 750 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2013 AND 2014 – BALTIMORE CITY – SKATEPARK OF BALTIMORE AT ROOSEVELT PARK**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2013 and 2014 to change the grantees of the grants for the Skatepark of Baltimore at Roosevelt Park to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Baltimore; extending the deadline to June 1, 2016, for the grantee to present evidence of a specified matching fund; making this Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 756**Delegate Arentz, et al****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CHARLES COUNTY AND QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY**

Establishing refillable container permits for draft beer in Charles County and Queen Anne’s County; authorizing the Charles County Board of License Commissioners and the Queen Anne’s County Board of License Commissioners to issue the permits to holders of specified licenses under specified circumstances and conditions; specifying that the permit authorizes the permit holders to sell draft beer for consumption off the licensed premises in a refillable container under specified circumstances and conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 759**Delegate Bromwell****HEALTH INSURANCE – SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN PREMIUM SUBSIDY PROGRAM – REPEAL**

Repealing the Small Employer Health Benefit Plan Premium Subsidy Program; repealing provisions of law relating to the purposes, administration, subsidies, and funding for the Program; repealing a requirement that the Maryland Health Care Commission adopt regulations for the Program; repealing eligibility requirements for the Program; repealing provisions of law relating to the calculation of subsidies under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 775**Delegate Frick****INAUGURAL COMMITTEES – DONATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS – DISCLOSURE**

Requiring that the inaugural festivities of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor be financed with private donations only if the private donations are received by an inaugural committee and disclosed by the inaugural committee; requiring an inaugural committee to file a statement of organization with the State Board of Elections before it may receive donations or make expenditures; requiring the treasurer of an inaugural committee to maintain detailed and accurate records of donations received and disbursements made; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 793 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – COUNTY CLERK**

Altering the duties of the County Clerk of Washington County; repealing a requirement that the County Clerk execute a specified bond before beginning the duties of the office; repealing requirements that each Washington County agency file with the County Clerk the names and addresses of all attorneys representing the agency and of all members of the agency who are attorneys; repealing requirements that the County Clerk maintain specified lists of names filed by each Washington County agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 795 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – EXPUNGEMENT OF VIOLATIONS**

Requiring, in Washington County, violations of the alcoholic beverages laws of the State or any regulation adopted under those laws to be expunged by the Washington County Board of License Commissioners after 5 years from the date the violation occurred.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 797 Washington County Delegation**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WASHINGTON COUNTY – POPULATION RATIO QUOTA**

Altering the population ratio quota from 1 license per 1,000 to 1 license per 3,000 individuals that applies to the issuance of specified alcoholic beverages licenses in Washington County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 799 Delegate P. Young, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS NONRESIDENT TUITION – COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW**

Requiring each public institution of higher education in the State to comply with specified federal laws relating to veterans' tuition benefits.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

- HB 801** **Washington County Delegation**
WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
CONVERSION OF CLASS P LICENSES
Establishing in Washington County a Class B beer (on-sale) license, a Class B beer and light wine (on-sale) license, and a Class B beer, wine and liquor (on-sale) license; specifying license fees; repealing provisions concerning a Class P pouring license; authorizing the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to issue a sidewalk cafe license to a holder of specified Class B licenses under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- HB 812** **Delegate Hornberger, et al**
VEHICLE LAWS – ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES – ACCESS TO FARMS
Authorizing a local authority to allow a person to cross a highway under its jurisdiction on an all-terrain vehicle at a right angle to access a farm or to move from one part of a farm to another part of the same farm.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- HB 827** **Delegate Hixson, et al**
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAXES – WINE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTION
Distributing revenue from the excise tax on wine to the Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- HB 846** **Delegate Vogt, et al**
MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE – PROGRAM FOR VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS (TROOPS TO TRUCKS)
Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish a program to assist veterans and members of the military transitioning out of military service to obtain a commercial driver's license; requiring the Administration, as part of the program, to waive a specified skills test for specified program participants and coordinate and consult with specified entities to explore the feasibility of providing a commercial driver's license training course on military bases in the State; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 873 Charles County Delegation**CHARLES COUNTY – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS**

Altering, for purposes of the Charles County Correctional Officers’ Bill of Rights, the definition of “correctional officer” to exclude an officer who is in probationary status on initial entry into the Sheriff’s Office, except if an allegation of brutality in the execution of the officer’s duties is made against the officer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 877 Delegate Jacobs, et al**KENT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B WINE SHOP AND LOUNGE LICENSE**

Establishing a Class B wine shop and lounge license in Kent County; specifying that the license authorizes the holder to sell wine for consumption on and off the premises and to sell or serve specified foods; providing that the license holder is not subject to any requirement regarding the percentage of average daily receipts derived from the sale of food; allowing an individual under the legal drinking age to enter the licensed premises; providing for an annual license fee of \$300; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 913 Delegate Hixson**TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING – REVISIONS**

Repealing a requirement that Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities report information relating to the use of highway user revenues to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly; requiring Baltimore City and each county and municipality to report to the State Highway Administration the costs for projects paid for using highway user revenues, the amount of funds diverted from a specified general fund to pay for projects funded by highway user revenues, and specified delayed transportation projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 917**Delegate Kramer, et al****MOTOR VEHICLES – CHECKPOINTS – PROHIBITION ON TARGETING MOTORCYCLES**

Prohibiting a police officer at a motor vehicle checkpoint from targeting only motorcycles for inspection or evaluation; creating a specified exception to the prohibition for a police officer at a motor vehicle checkpoint established as part of a police search or investigation; providing for the construction of a provision of law governing obedience to a lawful order or direction of a police officer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 919**Delegate Lafferty, et al****LAND USE – PLANS – DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION**

Authorizing the legislative body of a local jurisdiction to adopt, modify, remand or disapprove a specified plan or part of a plan, a plan for one or more geographic sections or divisions of the local jurisdiction, or an amendment to the plan; authorizing and requiring the legislative body to hold a public hearing before taking specified actions; requiring a planning commission to hold a public hearing before submitting a new recommended plan under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 935**Prince George's County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – TAX SALES – FORECLOSURE FOR ABANDONED PROPERTY PG 410-15**

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to file a complaint to foreclose all rights of redemption in abandoned property consisting of a vacant lot or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation on a housing or building violation notice at any time after the date of sale.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

- HB 936** **Delegate Jones**
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS –
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS – SECURITY REQUIREMENTS
Clarifying the value on which requirements for the amount of the payment security and specified performance security shall be based in a public-private partnership agreement for a construction contract.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 965** **Delegate Haynes, et al**
THE HUNGER-FREE SCHOOLS ACT OF 2015
Altering a specified definition for fiscal years 2017 and 2018 to determine the number of students used to calculate the State compensatory education grant for schools that participate in the federal community eligibility provision for school meals; requiring the State Department of Education, the Department of Budget and Management, and the Department of Legislative Services to submit a specified report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- HB 981** **Cecil County Delegation**
CECIL COUNTY – ORPHANS' COURT – SESSIONS
Altering the frequency of the sessions of the Orphans' Court in Cecil County to be every Tuesday for the transaction of the business of the Court, and more often if need be, according to its own adjournment.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 1032** **Delegate Jackson, et al**
PUBLIC SAFETY – TRANSPORT OF WEAPONS ON SCHOOL
PROPERTY – RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
Providing that a specified prohibition on carrying or possessing a specified weapon on public school property does not include a specified retired law enforcement officer who is a parent, guardian, or visitor of a student attending a school located on the public school property under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 1039 Wicomico County Delegation**WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MICRO–
BREWRIES – ANNUAL PRODUCTION LIMIT**

Increasing to 45,000 the limit in Wicomico County on the number of barrels of malt beverages that a micro–brewery may collectively brew, bottle, or contract for in a calendar year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 1074 Delegate Kipke, et al**COMPLIMENTARY HUNTING LICENSE FOR FORMER
PRISONERS OF WAR OR DISABLED VETERANS –
RECIPROCITY**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a lifetime complimentary hunter’s license to an out–of–state person who certifies that the person is a former prisoner of war or 100% service connected disabled American veteran if the person’s state of residence extends similar privileges to former prisoners of war or 100% service connected disabled American veterans of this State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

**HB 1104 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By
Request – Departmental – Public Television)****PROCUREMENT EXEMPTIONS – MARYLAND PUBLIC
BROADCASTING COMMISSION – REPACKING
REQUIREMENTS**

Exempting from specified provisions of the State procurement law procurement by the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission for procurement contracts needed to implement the repacking requirements of the federal Spectrum Act; and terminating the Act after June 30, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 1106 Delegate Morhaim**PUBLIC HEALTH – ELECTRONIC ADVANCE DIRECTIVES –
WITNESS REQUIREMENTS**

Providing that an electronic advance directive that is created in compliance with specified protocols satisfies the requirement that specified witnesses sign the advance directive.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 1110 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)

LAW ENFORCEMENT – SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to require a specified manner and format for an application for a commission; requiring the Secretary to apply for a State and national criminal history records check under specified circumstances; requiring the Central Repository to forward to a specified applicant and the Secretary a printed statement of the applicant's criminal history information; providing that specified information obtained from the Central Repository is confidential and may only be used for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 1113 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)

VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES – OPERATION AND EMPLOYEE LICENSES – CRIMES OR ACTS OF MORAL TURPITUDE OR GAMBLING

Altering the circumstances under which the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission must disqualify an applicant for a specified license due to the commission of a crime involving moral turpitude or a gambling offense; repealing the requirement that the Commission deny a specified license to an applicant who is disqualified due to the commission of a specified act that has not been or may not be prosecuted under specified laws; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 1160 Delegate Luedtke

STATE RACING COMMISSION – EMPLOYEES OF LICENSEES – REPEAL OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT

Repealing specified provisions of law that require 85% of individuals employed by a person licensed by the State Racing Commission to hold a race meeting to be citizens of the United States who have maintained a permanent place of residence in the State for at least the 2 years immediately before being employed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 1178 Delegate Lafferty**RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAXES – EXEMPTION – PURCHASE MONEY MORTGAGE OR PURCHASE MONEY DEED OF TRUST**

Exempting from the recordation tax and State transfer tax a purchase money mortgage or purchase money deed of trust related to a transfer from a certified community development financial institution under specified circumstances; providing for the retroactive application of the Act; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1188 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)**MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES**

Altering the definition of “police officer” and “law enforcement officer” under specified provisions of law to clarify that the terms include members of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services; clarifying the geographic area over which the Department of General Services has jurisdiction and full police authority for a specified purpose; specifying that the police and security force established by the Secretary of General Services is the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 1224 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**PROCUREMENT – CONTRACTS FOR PRETREATMENT AND REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE**

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to enter into procurement contracts for snow and ice removal operations as required or permitted under specified provisions of law; requiring the State Highway Administration, beginning on June 30, 2016, and no later than June 30 of each succeeding year, to report to the Board of Public Works on the operation and effectiveness of the procurement contracts; authorizing the Board, in consultation with the State Highway Administration, to adopt regulations to carry out the requirements of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 1229 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES – DENIAL, CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to deny, cancel, suspend, or revoke the commercial motor vehicle registration of a vehicle if the motor carrier responsible for the safety of the vehicle is subject to an out-of-service order, under specified provisions of law, or other federal operating authority sanctions or determinations; requiring that a denial, cancellation, suspension, or revocation continue until the out-of-service order or other sanctions have been lifted and the carrier is allowed to resume operations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 1237 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

POLICE AND CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSIONS – APPLICANTS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS

Requiring specified applicants for police officer certification to submit to specified criminal history records checks; requiring specified applicants for correctional officer certification or certification as a specified Department of Juvenile Services employee to submit to specified criminal history records checks; requiring specified applicants to submit specified fingerprints and fees to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 1279 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION ADVISORY BOARD – MEMBERS

Altering the membership of the Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board to include the director or chair of a criminology studies program at a university or college in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 1287**Delegate O'Donnell****TIDAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION AND SPORT FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the composition of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission; requiring the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of Natural Resources, to appoint a representative of the aquaculture industry in the State to both the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission; providing for the terms of the membership of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 1289**Delegate Dumais****MARYLAND UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT – REVISION**

Revising the Maryland Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; identifying the Child Support Enforcement Administration as the support enforcement agency of the State; extending the application of specified provisions of the Maryland Uniform Interstate Family Support Act to include parties, pleadings, proceedings, and support orders of a foreign country; authorizing a tribunal of this State to exercise jurisdiction over a guardian or conservator under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 1290**Delegate Adams, et al****MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS – PHARMACY NETWORKS – PLAN**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a plan on or before September 1, 2015, to ensure that Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients enrolled in managed care organizations have reasonable access to pharmacy services in the event a managed care organization makes a change to its pharmacy network; requiring the plan to address specified standards needed to ensure access to specified pharmacy services; requiring the Department to submit the plan to specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015