

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE

Bills to be Signed by the Governor on April 18, 2017

- SB 308 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
CHILD ABUSE – SEX TRAFFICKING (PROTECTING VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2017)
Altering the definition of “sexual abuse” in provisions of law relating to child abuse to include the sex trafficking of a child by any individual; defining the terms “sexual molestation or exploitation” and “sex trafficking” in provisions of law relating to child abuse; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
- HB 632 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
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- SB 597 Senator Guzzone, et al**
INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT INCOME OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL
Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax under specified circumstances for specified retirement income attributable to a resident’s employment as a law enforcement officer or the individual’s service as fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel; defining “emergency services personnel” as emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- HB 100** **Delegate Hixson, et al**
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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 822** **Delegate Kipke, et al**
INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – POLICE AUXILIARIES AND RESERVE VOLUNTEERS
Altering eligibility for and increasing the amount of a subtraction modification under the State income tax for specified qualifying police auxiliaries and reserve volunteers for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 912** **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**
CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – SEX TRAFFICKING
Altering the definition of “sexual abuse” in provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance to include an act that involves the sex trafficking of a child by any individual; and defining the terms “sexual molestation or exploitation” and “sex trafficking” in provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- HB 1219** **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**
CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – SEX TRAFFICKING
Altering the definition of “sexual abuse” in provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance to include an act that involves the sex trafficking of a child by any individual; and defining the terms “sexual molestation or exploitation” and “sex trafficking” in provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 349**Senator Zirkin, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS' RIGHTS
– DISPOSAL OF RAPE KIT EVIDENCE AND NOTIFICATION**

Requiring a specified health care provider to provide a victim of sexual assault with written information describing the laws and policies governing the testing, preservation, and disposal of a sexual assault evidence collection kit; requiring a hospital or child advocacy center to transfer a sexual assault evidence collection kit to a law enforcement agency within 30 days of the exam; prohibiting a law enforcement agency from destroying or disposing of specified evidence of sexual assault within 20 years of its collection; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 255**Delegate Hettleman, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS' RIGHTS
– DISPOSAL OF RAPE KIT EVIDENCE AND NOTIFICATION**

Requiring a specified health care provider to provide a victim of sexual assault with written information describing the laws and policies governing the testing, preservation, and disposal of a sexual assault evidence collection kit; requiring a hospital or child advocacy center to transfer a sexual assault evidence collection kit to a law enforcement agency within 30 days of the exam; prohibiting a law enforcement agency from destroying or disposing of specified evidence of sexual assault within 20 years of its collection; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 217**Senator Kelley, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL OFFENSES – PHYSICAL
RESISTANCE**

Establishing that evidence of physical resistance by a victim is not required to prove that a sexual crime was committed; establishing that a specified provision of the Act may not be construed to affect the admissibility of evidence of actual physical resistance by a victim of a sexual crime; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

[SB 944](#)**Senator Smith****CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL OFFENSES – CLASSIFICATION**

Reclassifying criminal conduct currently classified as sexual offense in the first degree and sexual offense in the second degree as rape in the first degree and rape in the second degree, respectively; and repealing the crimes of sexual offense in the first degree, sexual offense in the second degree, attempted sexual offense in the first degree, and attempted sexual offense in the second degree.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

[HB 647](#)**Delegate Reznik, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL OFFENSES – CLASSIFICATION**

Reclassifying criminal conduct currently classified as sexual offense in the first degree and sexual offense in the second degree as rape in the first degree and rape in the second degree, respectively; and repealing the crimes of sexual offense in the first degree, sexual offense in the second degree, attempted sexual offense in the first degree, and attempted sexual offense in the second degree.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

[HB 429](#)**Delegate Dumais, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL OFFENSES – PHYSICAL RESISTANCE**

Establishing that evidence of physical resistance by a victim is not required to prove that a sexual crime was committed; establishing that a specified provision of the Act may not be construed to affect the admissibility of evidence of actual physical resistance by a victim of a sexual crime; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

[SB 1017](#)**Senator Lee****WORKGROUP TO STUDY SAFE HARBOR POLICY FOR YOUTH VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the termination date to June 30, 2019, for the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking; requiring the Workgroup to submit specified reports to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 666 **Senator Hough, et al****DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL RECORDS – GUARDIAN AD LITEM
– VICTIMS OF CRIME OR DELINQUENT ACTS**

Requiring a health care provider to disclose a medical record without specified authorization to a guardian ad litem appointed by a court to protect specified interests of a minor or a disabled or elderly individual who is a specified victim, for a specified purpose and for use in specified court proceedings; authorizing a specified guardian ad litem to redisclose a specified record under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 233 **Delegate Barron, et al****DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL RECORDS – GUARDIAN AD LITEM
– VICTIMS OF CRIME OR DELINQUENT ACTS**

Requiring a health care provider to disclose a medical record without specified authorization to a guardian ad litem appointed by a court to protect specified interests of a minor or a disabled or elderly individual who is a specified victim, for a specified purpose and use in specified court proceedings; authorizing a specified guardian ad litem to redisclose a specified record under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 229 **Senator Cassilly, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – HOMICIDE BY MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL
WHILE IMPAIRED BY CONTROLLED DANGEROUS
SUBSTANCE – PENALTIES**

Increasing penalties from 3 years to 5 years imprisonment for the crime of homicide by motor vehicle or vessel while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 635 **Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – HOMICIDE BY MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL
WHILE IMPAIRED BY A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS
SUBSTANCE – PENALTIES**

Increasing penalties from 3 years to 5 years imprisonment for the crime of homicide by motor vehicle or vessel while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 207**Senator Feldman****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHARGES AGAINST
CORRECTIONAL OFFICER – REVIEW BY STATE’S ATTORNEY**

Altering a definition to make specified provisions of law requiring State’s Attorney review of an application for a statement of charges against a law enforcement officer applicable to an application for a statement of charges against specified other law enforcement officers.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 166**Delegate Dumais****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHARGES AGAINST
CORRECTIONAL OFFICER – REVIEW BY STATE’S ATTORNEY**

Altering a definition to make specified provisions of law requiring State’s Attorney review of an application for a statement of charges against a law enforcement officer applicable to an application for a statement of charges against specified other law enforcement officers.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1110**Delegate B. Barnes****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ PENSION SYSTEM –
MEMBERSHIP**

Transferring specified individuals into the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System; requiring an individual who is transferred into the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System to make specified deposits in the annuity savings fund of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to make specified transfers to the specified accumulation fund and annuity savings fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 754**Senator Guzzone****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ PENSION SYSTEM –
MEMBERSHIP**

Transferring specified individuals into the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System; requiring an individual who is transferred into the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System to make specified deposits in the annuity savings fund of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to make specified transfers to the specified accumulation fund and annuity savings fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 282 **Senator Ready, et al****PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED OR FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RESCUE WORKERS – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to grant a specified property tax credit for specified residential real property owned by specified surviving spouses or specified cohabitants of specified fallen law enforcement officers and rescue workers; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 231 **Delegates Impallaria and Jackson****PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED OR FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RESCUE WORKERS – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant a property tax credit for a dwelling owned by the surviving spouse or cohabitant of a specified fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker; increasing from 2 to 10 years the time within which specified persons must have acquired specified residential property in order to qualify for a specified property tax credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 201 **Senator King, et al****EDUCATION – FIRE DRILL REQUIREMENTS – STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE**

Requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to require each county superintendent of schools to hold fire drills in each public school in accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1066 **Delegate Ebersole****EDUCATION – FIRE DRILL REQUIREMENTS – STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE**

Requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to require each county superintendent of schools to hold fire drills in each public school in accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 909

Charles County Senators (By Request)**CHARLES COUNTY – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS**

Altering the definition of “employer” to include Charles County under specified provisions of law; authorizing fire, emergency medical service, paramedic, and rescue employees to collectively bargain with specified counties and municipal corporations; altering a specified provision of law to provide that, with respect to Charles County, a memorandum of understanding between Charles County and a specified exclusive representative is subject to specified provisions concerning budgetary and fiscal procedures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 446

Charles County Delegation (By Request)**CHARLES COUNTY – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS**

Altering the definition of “employer” to include Charles County under specified provisions of law; authorizing fire, emergency medical service, paramedic, and rescue employees to collectively bargain with specified counties and municipal corporations; altering a specified provision of law to provide that, with respect to Charles County, a memorandum of understanding between Charles County and a specified exclusive representative is subject to specified provisions concerning budgetary and fiscal procedures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1466

Delegate P. Young, et al**STATE PERSONNEL – DISABLED VETERANS – NONCOMPETITIVE APPOINTMENT**

Authorizing an appointing authority to select specified disabled veterans for specified positions in the State Personnel Management System using a specified selection process; requiring an appointing authority for a specified position in a unit in the Executive Branch of State government with an independent personnel system to develop a specified selection process for disabled veterans; requiring a specified appointing authority to interview specified disabled veterans under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 807**Senator Smith, et al****INCOME TAX CREDIT – WAGES PAID TO QUALIFIED VETERAN EMPLOYEES (HIRE OUR VETERANS ACT OF 2017)**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for specified wages paid by specified small businesses to specified qualified veteran employees; prohibiting a small business from claiming the credit for a qualified veteran employee who is hired to replace a laid-off or striking employee; requiring the Department of Commerce, on application of a small business, to issue a tax credit certificate under specified circumstances; providing that the total amount of credit certificates issued may not exceed \$500,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 349**Delegate Miele, et al****INCOME TAX CREDIT – WAGES PAID TO QUALIFIED VETERAN EMPLOYEES (HIRE OUR VETERANS ACT OF 2017)**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for specified wages paid by small businesses to qualified veteran employees; prohibiting a small business from claiming the credit for a qualified veteran employee who is hired to replace a laid-off or striking employee; requiring the Department of Commerce, on application of a small business, to issue a tax credit certificate under specified circumstances; providing that the total amount of credit certificates issued may not exceed \$500,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 515**Senator Peters, et al****COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – FIREFIGHTERS – MARTIN STATE AIRPORT**

Making specified provisions of law that relate to collective bargaining for State employees apply to firefighters for the Martin State Airport at the rank of captain or below who are employed by the Military Department; and altering specified provisions of law that relate to collective bargaining for specified firefighters for the Martin State Airport

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 275 **Delegate Queen, et al****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE –
RECOMMENDED COURSES IN MILITARY CULTURE**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to provide to specified health occupations boards a list of recommended courses in military culture.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1234 **Delegate Wilkins, et al****PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR RETIRED MILITARY SERVICE
MEMBERS – ELIGIBILITY**

Expanding eligibility for a credit authorized against the county or municipal corporation property tax for retired military service members to include members of the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the military reserves, and the National Guard; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 375 **Senator Jennings****INSURANCE – BAIL BONDSMEN – CONTINUING EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring insurance producers who sell, solicit, or negotiate bail bonds to receive continuing education that directly relates to bail bond insurance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 451 **Delegate Cluster****INSURANCE – BAIL BONDSMEN – CONTINUING EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring insurance producers who sell, solicit, or negotiate bail bonds to receive continuing education that directly relates to bail bond insurance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 790**Senator Smith****CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL CRUELTY – APPLICABILITY**

Clarifying that a person who has charge or custody of an animal and who unnecessarily fails to provide the animal with proper air, proper space, proper shelter, or proper protection from the weather is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against abuse or neglect of an animal; and clarifying that a person who intentionally mutilates, intentionally tortures, intentionally cruelly beats, or intentionally cruelly kills an animal is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against aggravated cruelty to animals.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 455**Delegate Atterbeary, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL CRUELTY – APPLICABILITY**

Clarifying that a person who has charge or custody of an animal and who unnecessarily fails to provide the animal with proper air, proper space, proper shelter, or proper protection from the weather is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against abuse or neglect of an animal; and clarifying that a person who intentionally mutilates, intentionally tortures, intentionally cruelly beats, or intentionally cruelly kills an animal is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against aggravated cruelty to animals.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 162**Delegate Dumais****PUBLIC SAFETY – FIREARM APPLICATION**

Repealing a requirement that a firearm application contain a copy of the applicant's handgun qualification license; and requiring that a firearm application contain the applicant's handgun qualification license number, with a specified exception.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 23**Senator Klausmeier, et al****HANDGUN PERMITS – ALTERNATIVE EXPIRATION DATE – PRIVATE DETECTIVES, SECURITY GUARDS, AND SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to establish an alternative expiration date for a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun that coincides with the expiration of a license, certification, or commission for a specified private detective, specified security guard, or specified special police officer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 877**Delegate McComas, et al****HANDGUN PERMITS – ALTERNATIVE EXPIRATION DATE – PRIVATE DETECTIVES, SECURITY GUARDS, AND SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to establish an alternative expiration date for a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun that coincides with the expiration of a license, certification, or commission for a specified private detective, specified security guard, or specified special police officer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 16**Senators Hough and Ready****PUBLIC SAFETY – FIREARM APPLICATION**

Repealing a requirement that a firearm application contain a copy of the applicant's handgun qualification license; and requiring that a firearm application contain the applicant's handgun qualification license number, with a specified exception.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 43**Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)****JUVENILE COURT RECORDS – DISCLOSURE**

Establishing that specified provisions regarding the confidentiality of juvenile court records do not prohibit access to and confidential use of a juvenile court record by the Department of Human Resources for the purpose of claiming specified federal funds.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 35 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

JUVENILE LAW – INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT – MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Establishing that a juvenile informal adjustment process may exceed 90 days if a juvenile intake officer determines that additional time is necessary for a child to participate in a substance-related disorder treatment program or a mental health program that is part of the informal adjustment process.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 45 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – DRIVING INSTRUCTORS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS

Requiring the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide to the Motor Vehicle Administration specified revised criminal history record information under specified circumstances; altering the application process for a criminal history records check for driving instructors; making a technical correction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 77 **Senator Simonaire**

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AND HARFORD COUNTY – COURTHOUSE DOG AND CHILD WITNESS PILOT PROGRAM

Expanding the application of the Courthouse Dog and Child Witness Pilot Program to civil court proceedings.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

- HB 669** **Delegate Arentz, et al**
PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARDS OF EDUCATION – ANONYMOUS
TWO-WAY ELECTRONIC TIP PROGRAMS
Authorizing a county board of education to establish an anonymous two-way electronic tip program; providing that the purpose of the program is for a student, a parent, guardian, or close adult relative of a student, or a school staff member to report acts of bullying, harassment, or intimidation; requiring each county board of education that establishes an anonymous two-way electronic tip program to publicize the program in specified locations; authorizing the Governor to include funding in the State budget for the program; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 1261** **Delegate Wilkins, et al**
BARBERS – CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF
BARBERING LAW – REPEAL
Repealing specified criminal penalties for violations of the barbering law; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 221** **Delegate Cullison**
MARYLAND COUNCIL ON ADVANCEMENT OF SCHOOL-
BASED HEALTH CENTERS
Transferring the Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers from the State Department of Education to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission to provide staff support for the Council; authorizing the Commission to seek the assistance of organizations with expertise in school-based health care or specified other matters to provide additional staffing resources to the Commission and the Council; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 185 **Senator Feldman****PUBLIC HEALTH – REPEAL OF AIDS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF DRUG– OR SEX–RELATED CRIMES**

Repealing a specified educational program on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) for persons convicted of specified drug– or sex–related crimes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 445 **Delegate West, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – REPEAL OF AIDS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF DRUG– OR SEX–RELATED CRIMES**

Repealing a specified educational program on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) for persons who plead guilty or nolo contendere to or are found guilty of specified drug– or sex–related crimes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 671 **Senator Kelley, et al****DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES – PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY – FINANCIAL RECORDS**

Requiring the Department of Human Resources, on a showing by an applicant for long term Medicaid benefits that the applicant has been unable to obtain from a specified fiduciary institution financial records related to financial and real property assets necessary to establish the applicant’s eligibility or ineligibility for public assistance, to request and obtain the records; requiring the Department to adopt regulations stating the requirements an applicant must satisfy for the Department to request financial records; etc..

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 752**Delegate Kelly****DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES – PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY – FINANCIAL RECORDS**

Requiring the Department of Human Resources, on a showing by an applicant for long-term care Medicaid benefits that the applicant has been unable to obtain from a specified fiduciary institution financial records related to financial and real property assets necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility or ineligibility for Medicaid benefits, to request the records; requiring the Department to adopt regulations stating the requirements an applicant must satisfy for the Department to request financial records; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 906**Senator Muse****CHILD SUPPORT –NONCOMPLIANCE WITH COURT ORDER – LICENSE SUSPENSION**

Extending from 60 to 120 days the time period that an individual with a commercial driver's license may be out of compliance with the most recent order of the court in making child support payments before the Child Support Enforcement Administration may notify the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend the individual's driver's license; altering the circumstances under which the Child Support Enforcement Administration may request that a specified licensing authority suspend or deny a specified license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 103**Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)****DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION – RENAMING**

Renaming the Department of Human Resources to be the Department of Human Services; renaming the Secretary of Human Resources to be the Secretary of Human Services; providing that the Department of Human Services is the successor of the Department of Human Resources; renaming the Child Support Enforcement Administration to be the Child Support Administration; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 147 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)**

HEALTHY AGING PROGRAM

Establishing the Healthy Aging Program in the Department of Aging; specifying the purposes of the Program; providing that funding for the Program shall be as provided in the State budget; authorizing the Secretary of Aging to accept money from specified sources for the Program; authorizing the Secretary to adopt regulations to implement the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 47 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)**

REPORTING ABUSE TO THE LONG–TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM AND THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY

Clarifying that suspected abuse of a resident of a related institution is required to be reported to the Office of Health Care Quality; requiring the recipient of a specified report to promptly notify, to the extent allowed by specified laws, the administrator of the related institution; requiring the Office of Health Care Quality once it has received a specified report to promptly notify the Long–Term Care Ombudsman Program; clarifying the entities to which a law enforcement agency is required to report the findings of an investigation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 132 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)**

LONG–TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM – REGULATIONS

Requiring the Secretary of Aging to consult with the State Long–Term Care Ombudsman when adopting specified regulations that relate to the Long–Term Care Ombudsman Program, including specified annual reviews, resident councils and family councils in long–term care facilities, training and designating ombudsmen, conflicts of interest, and confidentiality of specified information and documents.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 418**Delegate Kelly, et al****CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM – REIMBURSEMENT RATE ADJUSTMENTS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to conduct a specified analysis regarding the Child Care Subsidy Program beginning in 2017 and every 2 years thereafter; requiring the Department to consult with specified entities before conducting a specified analysis; and requiring the Department to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before September 1, 2017, and by September 1 every 2 years thereafter.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 294**Senator King, et al****CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM – REIMBURSEMENT RATE ADJUSTMENTS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to conduct a specified analysis regarding the Child Care Subsidy Program beginning in 2017 and every 2 years thereafter; requiring the Department to consult with specified entities before conducting a specified analysis; and requiring the Department to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before September 1, 2017, and by September 1 every 2 years thereafter.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 128**Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)****STATE DISABILITIES PLAN AND INTERAGENCY DISABILITIES BOARD – REVISIONS**

Altering the date, from October 1 to December 1 of each year, by which the Secretary of Disabilities must submit an annual analysis of the State's progress in implementing the State Disabilities Plan and related performance objectives to the Governor and the General Assembly; altering the membership of the Interagency Disabilities Board; and altering the required elements of the State Disabilities Plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 696**Senator Feldman, et al****TASK FORCE ON LONG-TERM CARE EDUCATION AND PLANNING**

Establishing the Task Force on Long-Term Care Education and Planning to examine, to consider options for improving, and to make recommendations regarding efforts to educate residents of the State about planning for long-term care; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 953**Delegate Morales, et al****TASK FORCE ON LONG-TERM CARE EDUCATION AND PLANNING**

Establishing the Task Force on Long-Term Care Education and Planning to examine, to consider options for improving, and to make recommendations regarding efforts to educate residents of the State about planning for long-term care; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 82**Senator Middleton, et al****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – RENAMING**

Renaming the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to be the Maryland Department of Health; renaming the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to be the Secretary of Health; providing that the Maryland Department of Health is the successor of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing that specified names and titles of a specified unit and officials in laws and other documents mean the names and titles of the successor unit and officials; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 262**Senator Bates, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES –
LICENSING AND INSPECTION BY COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENTS**

Requiring a county health department to issue a mobile reciprocity license to a specified mobile food service facility; authorizing a county health department to charge a fee not exceeding \$300 for a mobile reciprocity license; providing that a mobile reciprocity license is valid for 1 year; prohibiting a county from requiring that a mobile food service facility be inspected before a county health department issues a mobile reciprocity license if the mobile food service facility has been inspected by the county of origin; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 771**Delegate W. Miller, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES –
LICENSING AND INSPECTION BY COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENTS**

Requiring a county health department to issue a mobile reciprocity license to a specified mobile food service facility; authorizing a county health department to charge a fee not exceeding \$300 for a mobile reciprocity license; providing that a mobile reciprocity license is valid for 1 year; prohibiting a county from requiring that a mobile food service facility be inspected before a county health department issues a mobile reciprocity license if the mobile food service facility has been inspected by the county of origin; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 549 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS AND ALLIED HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEES – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Continuing the State Board of Physicians and the related allied health advisory committees in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending the related termination provisions to July 1, 2023; altering the circumstances under which specified individuals may practice medicine without a license; altering the circumstances under which the State Board of Physicians may renew or reinstate a license to practice medicine; establishing a specified penalty; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1265 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee**

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS AND ALLIED HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEES – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Continuing the State Board of Physicians and the related allied health advisory committees in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending the related termination provisions to July 1, 2023; altering the circumstances under which specified individuals may practice medicine without a license; altering the circumstances under which the State Board of Physicians may renew or reinstate a license to practice medicine; establishing a specified penalty; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 298 **Delegate Kelly, et al**

HEALTH INSURANCE – LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL ART THERAPISTS – REIMBURSEMENT

Adding a licensed clinical professional art therapist to the types of licensed clinical counselors and therapists whose services entitle an insured or specified other persons to reimbursement, under specified circumstances, under specified health insurance policies, contracts, or certificates.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 190 Delegate Queen, et al**MAMMOGRAPHY CENTERS – DENSE BREAST TISSUE – NOTIFICATION OF BREAST CANCER SCREENING OPTIONS**

Altering the notice that specified mammography centers are required to include in a specified screening results letter; and requiring the notice to state that together, a patient and the patient's physician can decide whether additional screening options might be right for the patient.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 775 Delegate Kelly, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with stakeholders, to identify specified information about perinatal mood and anxiety disorders; requiring the Department to provide specified information on the its Web site; requiring the Department to develop a plan to expand the Maryland Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (BHIPP) program to assist obstetric, primary care, and other health care providers in addressing the emotional and mental health needs pregnant and postpartum women; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 600 Senator Feldman, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify specified information about perinatal mood and anxiety disorders; requiring the Department to make available specified information on the Department's Web site; requiring the Department to develop a plan to expand the Maryland Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (BHIPP) program to address the mental health needs of specified women; requiring the Department to submit the plan to specified committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 774 Delegates Kipke and Bromwell**INSURANCE – SHORT–TERM MEDICAL INSURANCE – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a study to assess the need in the State for short–term medical insurance offered by nonadmitted insurers; establishing specified requirements for the study; requiring the Administration to solicit input from specified persons in conducting the study; requiring the Administration to submit a specified report to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 380 Senator Feldman, et al**INSURANCE – SHORT–TERM MEDICAL INSURANCE – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a study to assess the need in the State for short–term medical insurance offered by nonadmitted insurers; establishing specified requirements for the study; requiring the Administration to solicit input from specified persons in conducting the study; requiring the Administration to submit a specified report to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 403 Delegate Pendergrass**MARYLAND PATIENT REFERRAL LAW – COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS UNDER FEDERALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS AND MODELS**

Exempting, under specified circumstances, a health care practitioner who has a specified compensation arrangement with a health care entity from a provision of law that prohibits a health care practitioner from referring a patient or directing specified persons to refer a patient to a specified health care entity; providing that the exemption is null and void if the Maryland Insurance Commissioner issues a specified order; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 369**Senator Middleton, et al****MARYLAND PATIENT REFERRAL LAW – COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS UNDER FEDERALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS AND MODELS**

Exempting, under specified circumstances, a health care practitioner who has a specified compensation arrangement with a health care entity from a provision of law that prohibits a health care practitioner from referring a patient or directing specified persons to refer a patient to a specified health care entity; providing that the exemption is null and void if the Maryland Insurance Commissioner issues a specified order; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 730**Delegate Hill (By Request), et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR DIABETES TEST STRIPS – PROHIBITION ON DEDUCTIBLE, COPAYMENT, AND COINSURANCE**

Prohibiting, except under specified circumstances, specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a deductible, copayment, or coinsurance requirement on diabetes test strips; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

SB 108**Senator Simonaire****PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – EROSION CONTROL MEASURES – NONSTRUCTURAL AND STRUCTURAL SHORELINE STABILIZATION**

Requiring that, except under specified circumstances, specified erosion control measures that qualify for a specified property tax credit authorized against the county or municipal corporation property tax meet specified shoreline stabilization standards; and applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 180 **Senator Peters, et al****INDEPENDENT LIVING TAX CREDIT ACT**

Allowing an individual a credit against the State income tax equal to 50% of the renovation costs incurred during the taxable year to provide accessibility and universal visitability features to an existing home; providing that the credit may not exceed \$5,000; requiring applicants to file a specified application and an amended return; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; requiring the Department of Disabilities to administer the credit which may not exceed \$1,000,000 in a calendar year; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 235 **Senator Guzzone****SALES AND USE TAX – DECLARATION OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT – SERVICES**

Clarifying that the sales tax applies to a security service by a detective who is authorized to provide private detective services under specified provisions of law; declaring the intent of the General Assembly regarding the application of the sales tax to taxable services; clarifying that the Comptroller is prohibited from imposing the sales tax on specified services; applying the Act retroactively; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 367 **Senator Zucker, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MORTGAGE FORGIVENESS DEBT RELIEF**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for income from the discharge of indebtedness related to acquiring, constructing, substantially improving, or refinancing a principal residence; providing that the subtraction does not apply to more than \$100,000 for an individual and \$200,000 for a married couple filing jointly or specified individuals; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016, but before January 1, 2019; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 416**Senator Middleton, et al****INCOME TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED FARMS – FOOD DONATION PILOT PROGRAM**

Allowing a qualified farm a credit, for tax years 2017 through 2019, of up to \$5,000 against the State income tax; providing that the credit is equal to 50% of the value of an eligible food donation or 75% of the value of donated certified organic produce; providing that the total amount of tax credit certificates issued may not exceed \$250,000 per fiscal year; requiring the Secretary, in consultation with the Comptroller, to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on specified matters by January 1 of specified years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 472**Delegates Jameson and Patterson****INCOME TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED FARMS – FOOD DONATION PILOT PROGRAM**

Allowing a qualified farm a credit, for tax years 2017 through 2019, of up to \$5,000 against the State income tax; providing that the credit is equal to 50% of the value of an eligible food donation or 75% of the value of donated certified organic produce; providing that the amount of tax credit certificates may not exceed \$250,000 per year; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the Comptroller, to report to the Governor and General Assembly on specified matters by January 1 of specified years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 436**Senator Eckardt****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR NURSE PRACTITIONER OR LICENSED PHYSICIAN IN PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the application of a specified fee assessed by the Board of Nursing for the renewal of a nurse practitioner who holds an advanced practice certification; altering the number of hours, so that the required minimum of three rotations must each consist of at least 100 hours of community-based clinical training, that a specified nurse practitioner or licensed physician must work in a specified preceptorship program in order to qualify for a specified credit against the State income tax; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 683 Delegate Sample–Hughes**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR NURSE PRACTITIONER OR LICENSED PHYSICIAN IN PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the application of a specified fee assessed by the Board of Nursing for the renewal of a nurse practitioner who holds an advanced practice certification; altering the number of hours, so that the required minimum of three rotations must consist of at least 100 hours of community–based clinical training, that a specified nurse practitioner or licensed physician must work in a specified preceptorship program in order to qualify for a specified credit against the State income tax; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 622 Senator Eckardt, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – TAX–FREE PERIOD FOR BACK–TO–SCHOOL SHOPPING – SALE OF BACKPACKS AND BOOKBAGS**

Altering a specified sales and use tax exemption to include the first \$40 of the taxable price of any backpack or bookbag during a designated sales tax–free period for back–to–school shopping, subject to specified limitations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 530 Delegate M. Washington, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – TAX–FREE PERIOD FOR BACK–TO–SCHOOL SHOPPING – SALE OF BACKPACKS AND BOOKBAGS**

Altering a specified sales and use tax exemption to include the first \$40 of the taxable price of any backpack or bookbag during a designated sales tax–free period for back–to–school shopping, subject to specified limitations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 55 Delegate Jameson, et al**MOTOR FUEL TAX – AVIATION GASOLINE – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of aviation gasoline for purposes of the motor fuel tax; providing that “aviation gasoline” is gasoline that is used to propel gasoline–powered aircraft and does not include gasoline used to propel a motor vehicle; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 351**Delegate Carr****PROPERTY TAX – HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PERCENTAGE AND CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE – DEADLINES**

Authorizing the Department of Assessments and Taxation to amend a constant yield tax rate when a county or municipal corporation alters the homestead tax credit percentage; extending the deadline by which the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City and the governing body of a county or municipal corporation must set or alter the homestead property tax percentage in a taxable year and notify the Department of Assessments and Taxation; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 873**Delegates Carey and Lisanti****INCOME TAX CREDIT – SECURITY CLEARANCES – EMPLOYER COSTS – EXTENSION**

Extending from January 1, 2017, to January 1, 2022, the termination of an income tax credit that specified individuals or corporations may claim against the State income tax for costs incurred to obtain federal security clearances, to rent specified facilities, and to construct or renovate a sensitive compartmented information facility.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1323**Delegate Long, et al****PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR REVITALIZATION DISTRICTS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a dwelling that is located in a revitalization district and is owned by a homeowner who, on or after June 1, 2017, made specified substantial improvements to the dwelling that cause the dwelling to be reassessed at a higher value; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 753 **Senator Guzzone****TAX SALES – FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION – NAMING OF DEFENDANTS**

Establishing requirements for naming of the defendants in an action to foreclose the right of redemption on property sold at a tax sale; and establishing requirements for filing a specified affidavit in an action to foreclose the right of redemption on property sold at a tax sale.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 861 **Delegate D. Barnes, et al****TAX SALES – FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION – NAMING OF DEFENDANTS**

Establishing requirements for naming of the defendants in an action to foreclose the right of redemption on property sold at a tax sale; and establishing requirements for filing a specified affidavit in an action to foreclose the right of redemption on property sold at a tax sale.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 21 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)****UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – RECOVERY OF BENEFITS – COLLECTION BY ASSESSMENT**

Authorizing the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to recover unemployment insurance benefits by assessment in the same manner as provided in a specified provision of law for the assessment of past due contributions; and requiring the Secretary, if the Secretary seeks to recover specified unemployment benefits by assessment, to allow a claimant to elect, within 30 days of the date of the notice of assessment, to have the amount collected by suit instead of by assessment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 137 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – RECOVERY OF BENEFITS – COLLECTION BY ASSESSMENT

Authorizing the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to recover unemployment insurance benefits by assessment in the same manner as provided in a specified provision of law for the assessment of past due contributions; requiring the Secretary, if the Secretary seeks to recover specified unemployment benefits by assessment, to allow a claimant to elect within 30 days of the date of the notice of assessment to have the amount collected by suit instead of by assessment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 6 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND REGULATORY ENTITIES – NOTIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS, LICENSEES, REGISTRANTS, AND PERMIT HOLDERS

Altering the methods, to include both mail and electronic transmission, by which specified occupational and professional entities are authorized to send notices to specified applicants and specified renewal notices to specified licensees, registrants, or permit holders, subject to a specified condition; requiring specified entities to mail to the licensee, permit holder, or registrant notice of a switch to electronic transmission and to request verification of current e-mail addresses on file; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 138 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS,
COMMISSIONS, AND REGULATORY ENTITIES –
NOTIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS, LICENSEES,
REGISTRANTS, AND PERMIT HOLDERS

Altering the methods, to include both mail and electronic transmission, by which specified occupational and professional entities are authorized to send specified notices to specified applicants and specified renewal notices to specified licensees, registrants, or permit holders, subject to a specified condition; requiring specified entities to mail to the licensee, permit holder, or registrant notice of a switch to electronic transmission and to request verification of current e-mail addresses on file; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 141 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS
– BUSINESS OPERATION CLOSINGS

Authorizing the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to exempt employees of an employer that closes its business operation or part of its business operation for a definite period not exceeding 10 weeks for inventory, vacation, or another purpose from the requirement to actively seek work during that period to be eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits; and providing that a specified exemption may be granted only with respect to a specific business operation closing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 17 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS – BUSINESS OPERATION CLOSINGS

Authorizing the Secretary of Labor, Licensing and Regulation to exempt employees of an employer that closes its business operation or part of its business operation for a definite period not exceeding 10 weeks for inventory, vacation, or another purpose from the requirement to actively seek work during that period to be eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits; and providing that a specified exemption may be granted only with respect to a specific business operation closing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 135 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS – AUTHORITY

Authorizing the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, individuals, and employers to electronically send specified information and documents relating to unemployment insurance; and requiring the Department to adopt regulations establishing the methods and means for information and documents to be sent electronically.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 139 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EMPLOYER DETERMINATIONS – PROCESS AND APPEAL RIGHTS

Specifying the process and timeframe for exercising specified appeal rights related to employer determinations under the unemployment insurance law; requiring the Lower Appeals Division to hear and decide appeals from review determination decisions; authorizing an employer to file an appeal of a specified review determination decision to the Lower Appeals Division and the Board of Appeals under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 140 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS,
APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, AND HOME
INSPECTORS – SUPERVISION OF APPRAISER TRAINEES

Altering the qualifications for a real estate appraisal license and for a certificate for residential or general real estate appraisal to require that the applicant provide real estate appraiser services as a trainee under the supervision of only a certified appraiser.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 182 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION AND STATE
COLLECTION AGENCY LICENSING BOARD – LICENSEES –
REVISIONS

Requiring specified licensees to obtain and maintain a specified unique identifier and transfer licensing information to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry during the time period established by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; requiring the Commissioner to notify specified licensees of a specified transfer period and provide instructions for the transfer of licensing information at least 30 days before the transfer period begins; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 246 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION –
STATE OCCUPATIONAL MECHANICAL LICENSING BOARDS –
FUND AND FEES

Establishing the State Occupational Mechanical Licensing Boards' Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; specifying the contents of the Fund; requiring that the Fund be used to cover the specified costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties each specified occupational licensing board; requiring the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or a designee of the Secretary, to administer the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HB 248 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION – SPECIAL FUND AND FEES

Establishing the Maryland Home Improvement Commission Special Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; specifying the contents of the Special Fund; requiring that the Special Fund be used to cover the actual documented direct and indirect costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties of the Commission; requiring the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or a designee of the Secretary, to administer the Special Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HB 250 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

STATE BOARD OF BARBERS AND STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – SPECIAL FUND AND FEES

Establishing the State Barbers and Cosmetologists Boards' Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; specifying the contents of the Fund; requiring that the Fund be used for specified purposes; requiring the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or a designee of the Secretary, to administer the Fund; requiring the Secretary, in consultation with the State Board of Barbers and the State Board of Cosmetologists, to annually calculate specified costs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HB 810 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

APPRENTICESHIPS – APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL – REVISIONS

Providing that the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning is the designated State Apprenticeship Agency under specified provisions of federal law; altering the duties of the Apprenticeship and Training Council; authorizing the Division to deregister a program or course rather than the Council suspending or revoking the approval of a program or course under specified circumstances; repealing a provision that authorizes the Council to recommend that the Division negotiate and adopt specified reciprocity agreements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 94 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**

MARYLAND E-NNOVATION INITIATIVE PROGRAM – REQUIREMENTS FOR MATCHING FUNDS

Authorizing a nonprofit institution of higher education to deposit specified available institutional funds into the research endowment of the institution under specified circumstances to satisfy a specified 90-day deposit requirement to receive matching funds under the Maryland E-Nnovation Initiative Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 245 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – MARYLAND ADVISORY COMMISSION ON MANUFACTURING COMPETITIVENESS – RENAMING AND RESTRUCTURING

Renaming the Maryland Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness in the Department of Commerce to be the Maryland Manufacturing Advisory Board; and altering the composition of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 87 **Senators Astle and Middleton**

MARYLAND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD –
DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS –
VOTING RIGHTS

Granting the destination marketing organization officials who are members of the Maryland Tourism Development Board specified voting rights.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 505 **Delegate McMillan**

MARYLAND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD –
DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS –
VOTING RIGHTS

Granting the destination marketing organization officials who are members of the Maryland Tourism Development Board specified voting rights.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 70 **Senator Waugh**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EXEMPTION FROM
COVERED EMPLOYMENT – YOUTH SPORTS WORKERS

Providing that, under specified circumstances, work that is performed by qualifying youth sports workers for youth sports organizations is not covered employment under the unemployment insurance law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 72 **Senator Klausmeier, et al**

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – TIERED RATING PLANS AND
MERIT RATING PLANS

Authorizing a workers' compensation insurer to develop a tiered rating plan that establishes discrete tiers based on risk attributes that are not arbitrary, capricious, or unfairly discriminatory and are reasonably related to the insurer's business and economic purposes; requiring a workers' compensation insurer to submit a tiered rating plan to the Insurance Commissioner at least 30 days in advance of the plan's use; authorizing a workers' compensation insurer to use a specified merit rating plan under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1315 Delegate Valderrama, et al**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – TIERED RATING PLANS AND MERIT RATING PLANS**

Authorizing a workers' compensation insurer to develop a tiered rating plan that establishes discrete tiers based on risk attributes that are not arbitrary, capricious, or unfairly discriminatory and are reasonably related to the insurer's business and economic purposes; requiring a workers' compensation insurer to submit a tiered rating plan to the Insurance Commissioner at least 30 days in advance of the plan's use; authorizing a workers' compensation insurer to use a specified merit rating plan under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 206 Senator Feldman, et al**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS – RESIDENCY**

Decreasing from a majority to at least 30%, the percentage of the directors of a commercial bank who are required to be residents of the State.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 718 Delegate Carey**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS – RESIDENCY**

Decreasing from a majority to at least 30% the percentage of the directors of a commercial bank who are required to be residents of the State.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 255 Senator Guzzone (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – AUTHORITY TO ARRANGE CUSTODY OF INVESTMENTS AND PROCUREMENT EXEMPTION**

Exempting from specified procurement law expenditures made by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System for the safe custody, domestic or global, of investments of the State Retirement and Pension System; and transferring the authority to arrange for the safe custody, domestic or global, of investments from the State Treasurer to the Board of Trustees; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 202 **Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – AUTHORITY TO
ARRANGE CUSTODY OF INVESTMENTS AND PROCUREMENT
EXEMPTION

Exempting from specified procurement law expenditures made by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System for the safe custody of investments of the State Retirement and Pension System; and transferring the authority to arrange for the safe custody of investments from the State Treasurer to the Board of Trustees; and applying the Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 256 **Senator Guzzone (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
EMPLOYEES’ AND TEACHERS’ PENSION SYSTEMS –
REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT – SERVICE
CREDIT PURCHASE CLARIFICATION

Clarifying that a member of the Employees’ Pension System or the Teachers’ Pension System who is subject to the Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit is eligible to purchase service credit for a specified period of employment under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 201 **Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
EMPLOYEES’ AND TEACHERS’ PENSION SYSTEMS –
REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT – SERVICE
CREDIT PURCHASE CLARIFICATION

Clarifying that a member of the Employees’ Pension System or the Teachers’ Pension System who is subject to the Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit is eligible to purchase service credit for a specified period of employment under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- SB 401** **Senator Guzzone (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP ELECTIONS
- Limiting optional membership in the Employees’ Pension System to individuals who have not previously been a member of a specified pension and retirement program or who have not had specified previous employment; authorizing an eligible governmental unit that does not satisfy specified requirements to participate in the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System to submit a request to participate to the Board of Trustees; requiring the Board to consider specified requests and make specified recommendations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 815** **Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP ELECTIONS
- Limiting optional membership in the Employees’ Pension System to individuals who have not previously been a member of a specified pension and retirement program or who have not had specified previous employment; authorizing an eligible governmental unit that does not satisfy specified requirements to participate in specified State systems to submit a request to participate to the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring the Board to consider specified requests and make specified recommendations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 399** **Senator Guzzone (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
EMPLOYEES’ PENSION SYSTEM – PURCHASE OF CREDIT FOR ELIGIBILITY SERVICE – LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES
- Altering the amount that a member of the Employees’ Pension System who is considered to have been a specified legislative employee must pay to the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to purchase credit for eligibility service for a specified period of legislative employment; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 817 **Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM – PURCHASE OF CREDIT FOR ELIGIBILITY SERVICE – LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES

Altering the amount that a member of the Employees' Pension System who is considered to have been a specified legislative employee must pay to the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to purchase credit for eligibility service for a specified period of legislative employment; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 752 **Senator Guzzone**
OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM – ANNUITY CONTRACT PROVIDERS

Repealing a default inclusion as an optional retirement program annuity contract provider of a company designated by a governing board of an employing institution on or before a specified date; altering the definition of “designated company” to mean one that is designated by the Board of Trustees; and providing the Board of Trustees may designate not more than five companies from which annuity contracts are to be purchased under the program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 328 **Delegate B. Barnes**
OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM – ANNUITY CONTRACT PROVIDERS

Repealing a default inclusion as an optional retirement program annuity contract provider of a company designated by a governing board of an employing institution on or before a specified date; altering the definition of “designated company” to mean one that is designated by the Board of Trustees; and providing the Board of Trustees may designate not more than five companies from which annuity contracts are to be purchased under the program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- SB 913** **Senator Guzzone (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DEATH BENEFITS
Altering the distribution of specified survivor benefits to surviving children of specified members of the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring a disabled child to receive specified survivor benefits; allowing a death benefit to be paid if special death benefits are waived; altering the distribution of special death benefits to surviving children of members of the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring a surviving disabled child to receive specified special death benefits; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 1122** **Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DEATH BENEFITS
Altering the distribution of specified survivor benefits to surviving children of specified members of the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring a disabled child to receive specified survivor benefits; allowing a death benefit to be paid if special death benefits are waived; altering the distribution of special death benefits to surviving children of members of the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring a surviving disabled child to receive specified special death benefits; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 62** **Delegate McConkey**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DISABILITY RETIREMENT – REEMPLOYMENT EARNINGS LIMITATION
Altering the amount used in a calculation to determine whether retirees receiving an ordinary disability retirement allowance from the State Retirement and Pension System are subject to a specified reemployment earnings limitation.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 382**Senator McFadden****STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM – PARTICIPATION BY SATELLITE ORGANIZATIONS**

Altering the definition of “qualifying not–for–profit organization”, for purposes of provisions of law that authorize specified qualifying not–for–profit organizations to participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program, to include a corporation, a limited liability company, or any other entity wholly owned by the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1178**Delegate Ghrist, et al****EMPLOYEES’ PENSION SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP – STUDY**

Requiring the State Retirement Agency and the Department of Legislative Services to conduct a study regarding membership in the Employees’ Pension System for specified individuals who are employed in positions for which the budgeted hours are less than 500 hours per fiscal year; requiring the study to contain specified elements; requiring the State Retirement Agency and the Department of Legislative Services to report their findings and recommendations to the Joint Committee on Pensions on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 130**Senator Simonaire****ELECTION LAW – BALLOT ISSUES – CONTRIBUTIONS OR DONATIONS BY FOREIGN PRINCIPALS**

Prohibiting a foreign principal from making a contribution to a ballot issue committee or making a donation to a person that makes independent expenditures or electioneering communications relating to a ballot issue; and defining a specified term.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 18 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Ethics
Commission)**

**PUBLIC ETHICS – BICOUNTY COMMISSIONS – FINANCIAL
DISCLOSURE**

Altering duties of executive directors of bicounty commissions relating to the provision of ethics forms, as specified; requiring commissioners and applicants for appointment as commissioners to file financial disclosure statements electronically with the Ethics Commission; requiring the filing of paper copies of financial disclosure statements with specified officials in specified counties; requiring the Ethics Commission to promptly delete a statement electronically filed by an applicant who is not appointed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 882 **Senator Simonaire**

ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN SIGNS AT POLLING PLACES

Altering the time period during which campaign signs shall be allowed on the premises of polling places for an election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 619 **Delegate Hornberger, et al**

ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN SIGNS AT POLLING PLACES

Altering the time period during which campaign signs shall be allowed on the premises of polling places for an election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 162 **Senator Waugh**

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – MOBILE HOME PARKS – REPEAL

Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to the licensing and operation of mobile home parks in St. Mary's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 163 **St. Mary's County Delegation**

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – MOBILE HOME PARKS – REPEAL

Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to the licensing and operation of mobile home parks in St. Mary's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 526 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ART ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE**

Establishing an art establishment license in St. Mary's County; specifying that the Board of License Commissioners may issue the license to a for-profit retail business engaged in specified activities; authorizing a license holder to sell or serve beer and wine at retail for on-premises consumption under specified circumstances; specifying the maximum amount of beer and wine to be sold or served to an individual; providing for a \$300 annual license fee; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 538 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEAUTY SALON LICENSE**

Establishing in St. Mary's County a beauty salon beer and wine license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to a person who holds a beauty salon permit; authorizing a holder of the license to sell or serve not more than specified amounts of beer and wine for on-premises consumption by a beauty salon customer under specified circumstances; establishing a \$300 license fee; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 187 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – FOXES AND HOUNDS – REPEAL OF PROVISIONS**

Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to trapping or shooting specified foxes or shooting or molesting specified hounds in St. Mary's County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 103 Senator Waugh**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – FOXES AND HOUNDS – REPEAL OF PROVISIONS**

Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to trapping or shooting specified foxes or shooting or molesting specified hounds in St. Mary's County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 104 **Senator Waugh****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – REGULATION OF ANIMALS – DOGS**

Requiring the Animal Control Division of the Department of Emergency Services and Technology in the St. Mary's County government, rather than the county tax collector, to perform specified duties relating to the issuance and replacement of dog licenses and dog tags; and requiring the general shape of dog tags to remain unchanged from year to year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 108 **St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – REGULATION OF ANIMALS – DOGS**

Requiring the Animal Control Division of the Department of Emergency Services and Technology in the St. Mary's County government, rather than the county tax collector, to perform specified duties relating to the issuance and replacement of dog licenses and dog tags; and requiring the general shape of dog tags to remain unchanged from year to year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 124 **Senator Waugh****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITY – REPEAL**

Repealing a provision of law that relates to the authority of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to establish a specified board of directors for the purposes of establishing and overseeing a vocational training facility for specified purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 209 **St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITY – REPEAL**

Repealing a provision of law that relates to the authority of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to establish a specified board of directors for the purposes of establishing and overseeing a vocational training facility for specified purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 679 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – PERSONNEL**

Altering the type of position of specified personnel in the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission; establishing specified personnel positions in the Commission as contractual positions; and establishing that the Director of the Commission is the immediate supervisor of the General Counsel, Treasurer or Chief Financial Officer, Chief Engineer, and any other department director.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 395 Senator Waugh**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – PERSONNEL**

Altering the type of position of specified personnel in the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission; establishing specified personnel positions in the Commission as contractual positions; and establishing that the Director of the Commission is the immediate supervisor of the General Counsel, Treasurer or Chief Financial Officer, Chief Engineer, and any other department director.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 102 Senator Waugh**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – FARM FENCES – REPEAL**

Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to joint fences for adjoining farms in St. Mary's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 109 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – FARM FENCES – REPEAL**

Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to joint fences for adjoining farms in St. Mary's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 998 **Senator Conway****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**

Authorizing the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on premises) tasting license in a specified portion of the 43rd legislative district of Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 837 **Delegate McIntosh, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**

Authorizing the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on premises) tasting license in a specified portion of the 43rd legislative district of Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 212 **Senator Hershey****BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL – QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – MEMBERSHIP**

Adding to the Baltimore Metropolitan Council a member who is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County; providing that the new member serves at the pleasure of the Board; and providing that a Delegate or Senator who represents a district located in Queen Anne's County may be appointed as a member of the Council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 173 **Delegate Arentz, et al****BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL – QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – MEMBERSHIP**

Adding to the Baltimore Metropolitan Council a member who is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County; providing that the new member serves at the pleasure of the Board; and providing that a Delegate or Senator who represents a district located in Queen Anne's County may be appointed as a member of the Council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 305 Delegate Jacobs, et al**KENT COUNTY – TURKEY HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
– SUNDAYS**

Authorizing a person to hunt turkey on private property in Kent County on Sundays during the spring turkey hunting season.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 309 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR
FESTIVAL LICENSE MC 7–17**

Establishing a Beer, Wine, and Liquor Festival license in Montgomery County; authorizing a specified festival organization to conduct a beer, wine, and liquor festival under the supervision of the Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control; specifying conditions under which beer, wine, or liquor may be displayed and sold on or off the festival premises at specified times; requiring a festival organization to choose festival weekends and location; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 397 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
LICENSES MC 17–17**

Authorizing a holder of a Class 7 micro–brewery license to brew malt beverages in two locations using the same license under specified conditions; authorizing the license holder to obtain a Class 2 rectifying license for use at the locations; requiring the license holder to request in writing and obtain permission of the Comptroller to brew in specified locations; requiring the Comptroller to make a specified determination; prohibiting the license holder from serving or selling specified beverages at the second brewing location; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 677 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY – NOISE CONTROL – OUTDOOR CONCERT VENUES HO. CO. 18–17**

Clarifying a limitation concerning the electronic amplification of sound at an outdoor concert venue with a specified capacity in Howard County; specifying the point from which specified measurements should be taken concerning the electronic amplification of sound at the venue; specifying that specified limitations concerning the electronic amplification of sound at the venue apply even if a satellite stage is used for an event at the venue; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 1299 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD HO. CO. 11–17**

Requiring that, beginning with a specified election, specified members of the Howard County Board of Education shall reside in specified districts and specified members may reside anywhere in the county, and that the members shall be elected at large by the voters of the entire county; requiring the County Executive of Howard County to endeavor to ensure that the county board reflects characteristics of the county population, as specified; providing for the termination of the terms of specified members of the county boards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1343 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY – FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATOR – AUTHORITY HO. CO. 24–17**

Providing that under specified circumstances, a Howard County fire and explosive investigator operating in Howard County has the same authority as the State Fire Marshal and a full-time investigative and inspection assistant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal to make arrests without a warrant, to exercise specified powers of arrest, and to carry a firearm; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1423 Calvert County Delegation**CALVERT COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS –
NOTICE AND HEARING ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Calvert County, before submitting a legislative proposal to the Calvert County Delegation for introduction as a bill in a session of the General Assembly, to post notice, send specified e-mails, and hold a public hearing on the proposal at least 3 months before the start of the General Assembly session; and providing an exception for a legislative proposal to the county delegation for introduction as an emergency bill in a session of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1576 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – STUDENT LOAN REFINANCING
AUTHORITY PG 419–17**

Expressing the intent of the General Assembly for Prince George's County to study whether a higher education financial assistance program should be offered in the county; requiring Prince George's County, on or before December 1, 2018, to perform specified actions related to a study of a student loan refinancing program in Prince George's County, including reviewing the Prince George's County Supplemental Higher Educational Loan Authority and performing a specified feasibility and demand study; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1201 Cecil County Delegation**CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE,
AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**

Establishing a beer, wine, and liquor tasting license in Cecil County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Cecil County to issue the beer, wine, and liquor tasting license to a holder of a Class A or Class B beer, wine, and liquor license; authorizing the license holder to allow on-premises consumption of beer, wine, and liquor for tasting; specifying the term of the license; requiring a license holder to provide specified notice before exercising specified privileges; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 816 Cecil County Senators**CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**

Establishing a beer, wine, and liquor tasting license in Cecil County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Cecil County to issue the beer, wine, and liquor tasting license to a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license; authorizing the license holder to allow on-premises consumption of beer, wine, and liquor for tasting; specifying the term of the license; requiring a license holder to provide specified notice before exercising specified privileges; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 42 Delegate Barkley**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 1 DISTILLERY LICENSES**

Allowing the holder of a Class 1 distillery license to establish and operate a plant for distilling, rectifying, blending, and bottling specified alcoholic beverages at the location described in the license; allowing the license holder to acquire alcoholic beverages from a holder of any manufacturer's license, wholesaler's license, or a holder of a nonresident dealer's permit; authorizing the license holder to serve at no cost or for a fee specified product samples to specified individuals who have participated in a guided tour; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 252 Delegate Barkley**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LIQUOR AND WINE**

Adding a definition of "liquor" to the Alcoholic Beverages Article; and adding an alcohol content limitation on wine that is sold under a beer and wine license in specified jurisdictions.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 281 Senator Ready, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DEFINITION OF BEER – HARD CIDER**

Altering from 7% to 8.5% the alcoholic content of hard cider that is part of the definition of beer used in the Alcoholic Beverages Article.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 292**Delegate Krebs, et al****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – NONREFILLABLE CONTAINERS –
DRAFT BEER**

Establishing in specified jurisdictions a nonrefillable container permit; authorizing a permit holder to sell draft beer for off-premises consumption by packaging the beer in a nonrefillable container that meets specified standards; specifying requirements for permit holders, hours of sale, and permit fees; and prohibiting permit fees to be charged for a nonrefillable container permit if the applicant has a refillable container permit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 491**Senator Ready****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – NONREFILLABLE CONTAINERS –
DRAFT BEER**

Establishing in specified jurisdictions a nonrefillable container permit; authorizing a permit holder to sell draft beer for off-premises consumption by packaging the beer in a nonrefillable container that meets specified standards; specifying requirements for permit holders, hours of sale, and license fees; and prohibiting permit fees to be charged for a nonrefillable container permit if the applicant has a refillable container permit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 76**Delegate McCray, et al****BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CAPITAL PROJECT
SCORING SYSTEM**

Requiring the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, by January 1, 2018, to develop and implement a scoring system for evaluating specified public school projects and, on or before January 1, 2020, to apply the scoring system to 75% of specified public school facilities, publish project scores on the Baltimore City Public School's Web site, and report project scores to the General Assembly; requiring the Board, by January 1, 2021, to apply the scoring system to the remaining 25% of public school facilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 701 **Senator Zucker, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION WAIVERS FOR FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS AND UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “foster care recipient” for specified tuition waivers to include an individual who resided in an out-of-home placement at the time the individual graduated from high school or successfully completed a GED; and clarifying that the definition of “tuition” includes fees for credit-bearing and noncredit courses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 462 **Delegate P. Young, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION WAIVERS FOR FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS AND UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “foster care recipient” for specified tuition waivers to include an individual who resided in an out-of-home placement at the time the individual graduated from high school or successfully completed a GED; and clarifying that the definition of “tuition” includes fees for credit-bearing and noncredit courses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 485 **Senator Serafini, et al****EDUCATION – REMOTE CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (PEYTON’S BILL)**

Establishing the Remote Classroom Technology Grant Program to provide grants to public schools to purchase technology to allow students with medical conditions to participate in classrooms remotely if in-person attendance is not possible; requiring the State Department of Education to implement and administer the Program; authorizing the Governor to include in the State budget an annual appropriation to the Program; and authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 595**Senator Nathan-Pulliam, et al****RESIDENTIAL BOARDING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK YOUTH – ELIGIBILITY**

Establishing a residential boarding education program for students enrolled in grade 7 or higher; providing that specified students shall be eligible to participate in the program if the students are disadvantaged children, at-risk youth, and residents of the State and if an operator files a specified plan; requiring operators of the program to meet specified qualifications, adopt specified standards, conduct specified outreach programs, provide specified information, and encourage student participation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1475**Delegate A. Washington, et al****RESIDENTIAL BOARDING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK YOUTH – ELIGIBILITY**

Establishing a residential boarding education program for students enrolled in grade 7 or higher; providing that specified students shall be eligible to participate in the program if the students are disadvantaged children, at-risk youth, and residents of the State and if an operator files a specified plan; requiring operators of the program to meet specified qualifications, adopt specified standards, conduct specified outreach programs, provide specified information, and encourage student participation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 257**Delegate Hixson****EDUCATION – MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN-CLASSROOM BREAKFAST PROGRAM – ADMINISTRATION (MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT FOR TEENS ACT OF 2017)**

Authorizing participating secondary schools to serve breakfast in any part of the school, including from “Grab and Go” carts; and clarifying when breakfast in the classroom should be served.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 654 **Delegate Kaiser, et al****EDUCATION – STATEWIDE KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT –
COMPLETION**

Altering the date by which a statewide kindergarten assessment that has the purpose of measuring school readiness must be completed from October 1 to October 10.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1061 **Delegate A. Washington, et al****EDUCATION – EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION PLANS –
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Requiring the State Department of Education, on or before December 1, 2017, in consultation with disability advocacy groups, to update specified guidelines to accommodate, safeguard, and evacuate students, staff, and visitors with disabilities on public school grounds; requiring each local school system, on or before July, 2018, to update the local school system's emergency plan based on a specified update of the Department's guidelines and regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 715 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Education)****INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – TEACHER
PREPARATION PROGRAMS – ACCREDITATION AND
APPROVAL**

Authorizing the State Department of Education to approve a program of undergraduate or graduate studies offered by an institution of higher education in the State that would certify a recipient to teach, in addition to approval of the program by the Maryland Higher Education Commission and in lieu of national accreditation; requiring the Department and the Commission to jointly agree on specified standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

- HB 685** **Delegate Conaway, et al**
BALTIMORE CITY – PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CITY COUNCIL – LOGISTICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Stating the intent of the General Assembly that the Baltimore City Council provide logistical and financial assistance to Baltimore City Public Schools for specified shared services; and requiring the Baltimore City Council to report specified information to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 521** **Senator Ready, et al**
COMMUNITY COLLEGES – SMALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES – FUNDING
Altering the amount of the unrestricted grant provided to small community colleges.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 327** **Senator Young, et al**
PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – FINANCIAL AID – REDUCTION RESTRICTIONS
Authorizing financial aid awarded by a public senior higher education institution to be reduced only under specified circumstances; authorizing financial aid awarded by a public senior higher education institution to be reduced up to a specified amount under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 266** **Delegate Stein, et al**
PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – FINANCIAL AID – REDUCTION RESTRICTIONS
Authorizing financial aid awarded by a public senior higher education institution to be reduced only under specified circumstances; authorizing financial aid awarded by a public senior higher education institution to be reduced up to a specified amount under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 548 Delegate Shoemaker, et al**EDUCATION – PREKINDERGARTEN STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

Authorizing a county board of education to administer the early learning assessment to enrolled prekindergarten students in the county; authorizing the assessment to be administered to a specified student for the purpose of identifying a disability; and requiring a county board to consult with prekindergarten teachers, including teachers nominated by the exclusive bargaining representative, in determining how to implement the assessment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 667 Senator Jennings**EDUCATION – PREKINDERGARTEN STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

Placing a moratorium on the mandatory early learning assessment of prekindergarten students until a complete audit of the 2016–2017 pilot year of the early learning assessment is conducted and the audit results in a determination that the early learning assessment is valid and reliable and is consistent with the purpose of informing instruction and targeting interventions and supports.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 920 Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo and Pena–Melnyk**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – CERTIFICATED SCHOOL PERSONNEL – TRAINING REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the State Board of Education to require, beginning on or before July 1, 2018, all certificated school personnel who have direct contact with students on a regular basis to complete training, by December 1 of each year, in specified knowledge and skills required to understand and respond to youth suicide risk and identify specified resources to help students in crisis; prohibiting a person from bringing a specified action against a county board except under specified circumstances;

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1568**Prince George's County Delegation****WORKGROUP ON TRANSPORTATION FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PG 415-17**

Establishing the Workgroup on Transportation for Middle and High School Students in Prince George's County to identify a range of options for transporting Prince George's County Public Schools middle and high school students and estimating the cost of specified options; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations to the Prince George's County House and Senate Delegations by August 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 587**Senator King, et al****EDUCATION – LIBRARIES – REORGANIZATION OF GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**

Establishing the Maryland State Library Agency and the Maryland State Library Board; transferring the duties of the Library Development and Services Division in the State Department of Education to the State Library Agency; transferring the duties of the State Board of Education pertaining to libraries to the State Library Board; providing that the appointment of the State Librarian is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate; requiring geographic diversity in the Governor's appointments to the State Library Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1094**Delegate Hixson, et al****EDUCATION – LIBRARIES – REORGANIZATION OF GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**

Establishing the Maryland State Library Agency and the Maryland State Library Board; transferring the duties of the Library Development and Services Division in the State Department of Education to the State Library Agency; transferring the duties of the State Board of Education pertaining to libraries to the State Library Board; providing that the appointment of the State Librarian is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate; requiring geographic diversity in the Governor's appointments to the State Library Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 495 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**

GAMING – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP AND LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS

Requiring specified video lottery facilities located in Worcester County or Allegany County to own or lease specified video lottery terminals and associated equipment and software by March 31, 2020; and altering the distribution of specified proceeds of video lottery terminals at specified video lottery facilities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 4 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office of Minority Affairs)**

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – PROGRAM PARTICIPATION – REQUIREMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION

Requiring minority business enterprises serving as subcontractors on specified contracts to submit, within 10 days after notice from the prime contractor of the State's intent to award a contract, documentation providing the percentage and type of work assigned to the subcontractor to the procurement officer and to the contractor; providing the findings of the General Assembly based on a specified disparity study; requiring a specified report on the Minority Business Enterprise Program be submitted by September 30, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 283 **Delegate Krebs, et al**

PROCUREMENT – PROHIBITIONS ON PARTICIPATION

Providing that specified prohibitions on participation in procurement apply only for a specified period of time following the issuance of an invitation for bids or a request for proposals; providing that specified prohibitions on participation in procurement do not apply to a subsequent invitation for bids or request for proposals for which the specifications are reused under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 846**Delegate Bromwell****PRICING AND SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR BLIND INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES OF MARYLAND AND THE EMPLOYMENT WORKS PROGRAM – STAFF**

Requiring Blind Industries and Services of Maryland to provide staff for the Pricing and Selection Committee for Blind Industries and Services of Maryland and the Employment Works Program; and requiring that the staff provided be a blind or visually impaired associate of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland and complete specified work related to the duties of the Committee.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 781**Delegate Kramer****RETAIL PET STORES – ANIMAL SELLER, DOG CAGE SIGNS, AND RECORDS – REQUIREMENT REVISIONS**

Requiring a retail pet store to ensure that a specified person from whom the retail pet store obtains a cat or dog has not received a specified citation on a specified report for a direct or critical violation within a specified period of time; requiring specified information to be posted on or near each dog's cage in a retail pet store; and requiring a specified written record about each dog in the possession of a retail pet store to include specified information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 34**Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)****MOTOR VEHICLES – LEASED VEHICLES – INSPECTIONS, INSURANCE, AND EXCISE TAX**

Exempting from the motor vehicle excise tax a vehicle that is leased by the State or a political subdivision of the State; prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from issuing, reinstating, or renewing a vehicle registration for a motor vehicle lessee who has an unpaid insurance penalty; and exempting a leased vehicle transferred to the lessee at the end of the lease term from the requirement to obtain a motor vehicle safety inspection.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 603 **Delegate Parrott, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES – REQUIRED SECURITY**

Altering the defined term “required security” as it applies to motor vehicles in the State to include specified security for out-of-state motor vehicles.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 26 **Delegate Holmes****REAL PROPERTY – NOTICES OF FORECLOSURE SALE AND POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Requiring the person authorized to make a foreclosure sale to give written notice of the proposed sale to a specified condominium or homeowners association that, at least 30 days before the date of the proposed sale, has recorded a statement of lien against the property; requiring the trustee, within 14 days after the postponement or cancellation of a foreclosure sale, to send a notice that the sale was postponed or canceled to the record owner; applying the Act to a foreclosure sale scheduled after the effective date of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 247 **Senators Ramirez and Muse****REAL PROPERTY – NOTICES OF FORECLOSURE SALE AND POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Requiring the person authorized to make a foreclosure sale to give written notice of the proposed sale to a specified condominium or homeowners association that, at least 30 days before the date of the proposed sale, has recorded a statement of lien against the property; requiring the trustee, within 14 days after the postponement or cancellation of a foreclosure sale, to send a notice that the sale was postponed or canceled to the record owner; applying the Act to a foreclosure sale scheduled after the effective date of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 875**Senator Kelley****RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

Requiring a person authorized to sell residential property subject to foreclosure to file a notice of foreclosure with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation under certain circumstances; establishing that a notice of foreclosure may be filed through the Foreclosed Property Registry; establishing that the notice of foreclosure contain specified information; etc.

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HB 1048**Delegates Holmes and Angel****RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

Requiring a person authorized to sell residential property subject to foreclosure to file a notice of foreclosure with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation under specified circumstances; establishing that a notice of foreclosure may be filed through the Foreclosed Property Registry; requiring that the notice of foreclosure contain specified information; etc.

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HB 760**Delegate Arentz, et al****STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE SERVICES – DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS**

Specifying that a licensee of the State Real Estate Commission does not breach a duty or obligation to a client by showing a lessee other available properties or by discussing other properties with prospective buyers or lessees during an open house if the licensee has the written consent of the seller or lessor to do so.

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SB 265**Senator Feldman, et al****WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP ACT**

Requiring that specified members of the board of directors of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; requiring one regular member of the board of directors of the Commission who is appointed by the Governor to be a resident of Montgomery County or Prince George's County; etc.

CONTINGENT

HB 285 Delegate Korman, et al**WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION
MEMBERSHIP ACT**

Requiring that specified members of the board of directors of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; requiring one regular member of the board of directors of the Commission who is appointed by the Governor to be a resident of Montgomery County or Prince George's County; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 917 Senator Mathias, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – SEASONAL EXCEPTIONAL POULTRY
HAULING PERMIT**

Exempting a specified combination of vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer from specified gross weight limits; establishing the gross weight limit for a specified combination of vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer that are carrying poultry under specified circumstances; authorizing a specified combination of vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer to have a specified axle load limit tolerance and gross weight limit tolerance under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 753 Delegate West, et al**MARYLAND TRUST ACT – REPRESENTATIVES OF
BENEFICIARIES**

Authorizing a settlor of a trust to designate specified persons to serve as a representative or successor representative of a beneficiary of the trust, to designate specified persons who may in turn designate a representative or successor representative of a beneficiary of the trust, and to specify the order of priority among those persons; prohibiting a trustee from serving as a representative of a specified beneficiary under specified circumstances; etc.

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SB 793**Senator Smith****MARYLAND TRUST ACT – REPRESENTATIVES OF BENEFICIARIES**

Authorizing a settlor of a trust to designate specified persons to serve as a representative or successor representative of a beneficiary of the trust, to designate specified persons who may in turn designate a representative or successor representative of a beneficiary of the trust, and to specify the order of priority among those persons; prohibiting a trustee from serving as a representative of a specified beneficiary under specified circumstances; etc.

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HB 754**Delegates West and Lierman****MARYLAND TRUST ACT – NOTICE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting specified persons from specified requirements under the Maryland Trust Act to provide specified notice and specified information to themselves.

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SB 792**Senator Smith****MARYLAND TRUST ACT – NOTICE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting specified persons from specified requirements under the Maryland Trust Act to provide specified notice and specified information to themselves.

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HB 759**Delegates Kramer and West****CORPORATIONS – FORMATION OF A HOLDING COMPANY BY MERGER**

Establishing a process for the formation of a specified holding company through the merger of a Maryland parent corporation with or into a specified wholly owned subsidiary of the Maryland parent corporation; providing that a vote of the stockholders of the parent corporation is not necessary to authorize the merger except under specified circumstances; requiring that the merger be approved by a majority of the entire board of directors of the parent corporation; etc.

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SB 398 **Senator Feldman****CORPORATIONS – FORMATION OF A HOLDING COMPANY BY MERGER**

Establishing a process for the formation of a specified holding company through the merger of a Maryland parent corporation with or into a specified wholly owned subsidiary of the Maryland parent corporation; providing that a vote of the stockholders of the parent corporation is not necessary to authorize the merger except under specified circumstances; requiring that the merger be approved by a majority of the entire board of directors of the parent corporation; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 1057 **Senator Lee****PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – DENIALS OF INSPECTION – EXPLANATION REGARDING REDACTION**

Requiring, under specified circumstances, a custodian of a public record to include in a specified written statement an explanation of why redacting information would not address the reasons for denying inspection of a public record. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 321 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation****MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – AUDIT COMMITTEE AND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL MC/PG 110–17**

Establishing an Audit Committee in the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission; authorizing the Commission to adopt specified rules of procedure and delegate specified functions to the Audit Committee; establishing an Office of the Inspector General in the Commission; authorizing the Office to conduct specified investigations, analyses, audits and reviews; requiring the Inspector General to submit specified written reports to the Audit Committee and Commission for publication on the Commission’s Web site; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017