

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE

Bills to be Signed by the Governor on April 10, 2012

SB 234

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

**MARYLAND HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND DISPARITIES
REDUCTION ACT OF 2012**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to designate specified areas as Health Enterprise Zones in a specified manner; specifying the purpose of establishing Health Enterprise Zones; authorizing the Secretary, in consultation with the Community Health Resources Commission, to adopt specified regulations; authorizing specified nonprofit community-based organizations or local government agencies to apply to the Secretary on behalf of specified areas for designation as specified Health Enterprise Zones; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 179

Senator Pugh, et al

**KATHLEEN A. MATHIAS CHEMOTHERAPY PARITY ACT OF
2012**

Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide coverage for specified cancer chemotherapy under specified health insurance policies or contracts from imposing limits or cost sharing on coverage for orally administered cancer chemotherapy that are less favorable to an insured or enrollee than the limits or cost sharing on coverage for cancer chemotherapy that is administered intravenously or by injection; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 243 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al

KATHLEEN A. MATHIAS CHEMOTHERAPY PARITY ACT OF 2012

Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide coverage for cancer chemotherapy under specified health insurance policies or contracts from imposing limits or cost sharing on coverage for orally administered cancer chemotherapy that are less favorable to an insured or enrollee than the limits or cost sharing on coverage for cancer chemotherapy that is administered intravenously or by injection; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 848 Senator King

EDUCATION – MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT

Authorizing a county governing body, for a specified purpose and under specified circumstances, to set a property tax rate that is higher than the rate authorized under the county’s charter or to collect more property tax revenues than are authorized under the county’s charter, notwithstanding any provision of the county charter that places limits on the county’s property tax rate or revenues; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 9 Senator Forehand

MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2011 – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION HVAC REPLACEMENT

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 to allow the matching fund requirement for specified grants for the Mental Health Association HVAC replacement to consist of real property, in kind contributions, and funds expended prior to June 1, 2011.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 10 **Senator Colburn, et al****SLOT MACHINES FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ON THE EASTERN SHORE – USES OF PROCEEDS**

Altering a provision so as to require that at least one-half of the net after payout proceeds from slot machines operated by specified nonprofit organizations in counties on the Eastern Shore must benefit charities; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 325 **Delegates Conway and McDermott****SLOT MACHINES FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ON THE EASTERN SHORE – USES OF PROCEEDS**

Altering a provision so as to require that at least one-half of the net after payout proceeds from slot machines operated by specified nonprofit organizations in counties on the Eastern Shore must benefit charities; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 30 **Senators Klausmeier and Kittleman****INJURED WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND – CANCELLATION OF POLICIES – FAILURE TO PAY A PREMIUM**

Altering the manner in which the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund may cancel policies when a policyholder has failed to pay a premium; repealing a requirement that the Board for the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund refer cases for collection to the Office of the Attorney General; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 65 **Delegates Jameson and Minnick****INJURED WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND – CANCELLATION OF POLICIES – FAILURE TO PAY A PREMIUM**

Altering the manner in which the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund may cancel policies when a policyholder has failed to pay a premium; repealing a requirement that the Board for the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund refer cases for collection to the Office of the Attorney General; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 37**Senator Colburn****DORCHESTER COUNTY – WATER AND SEWER SERVICE – LATE FEES**

Authorizing the sanitary district in Dorchester County to charge a specified late fee for unpaid water and sewer usage charges; authorizing the sanitary commission in Dorchester County to require the payment of specified late fees before reconnecting with water service; and providing that when a specified charge is in default it will accrue interest from a specified date and at a specified rate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 51**Senator Ferguson****BALTIMORE CITY – BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – TRANSFER OF LICENSE**

Altering a prohibition against the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City issuing an alcoholic beverages license or transferring a license into specified locations in Baltimore City by authorizing the Board to allow the transfer of a specified license into a specified development in a specified location in accordance with a specified local ordinance; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 59**Senator Kelley****STATE COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL SENTENCING POLICY – ANNUAL REPORT – REPORTING DATE**

Altering from December 1 to January 31 the date by which the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy must submit its annual report to the General Assembly on the activities of the preceding calendar year; and clarifying the contents of the report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 117**Delegate Mitchell, et al****STATE COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL SENTENCING POLICY – ANNUAL REPORT – REPORTING DATE**

Altering the date by which the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy must submit its annual report to the General Assembly from December 1 to January 31 on the activities of the preceding calendar year; and clarifying the contents of the report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 85 **Senators Jennings and Getty****ELECTION LAW – BALTIMORE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
CENTRAL COMMITTEE – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Requiring the Chairman of the Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee to be elected by the members of the central committee from among its members and in accordance with its bylaws instead of being elected at large; and altering the number of members of the central committee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 103 **Senator Colburn****DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOURS
FOR SALE**

Altering the Sunday sales hours for holders of a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license in Dorchester County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 105 **Senator Colburn****CAROLINE COUNTY AND DORCHESTER COUNTY – TURKEY
HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – SUNDAYS**

Authorizing a person to hunt turkey on private property on Sundays during the spring turkey hunting season in Caroline County and Dorchester County; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 108 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)****MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD – LICENSING**

Repealing and altering requirements related to licensure and inspection of horse establishments by the Maryland Horse Industry Board; repealing specified fees; increasing fees; altering grounds for license suspension or revocation by the Board or the Secretary of Agriculture; increasing a fine; requiring the Board to provide the opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board to issue a subpoena; repealing obsolete provisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 109 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing
and Regulation)**

**STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS – CONTINUING
PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY**

Repealing provisions of law relating to continuing education requirements for architects; requiring the State Board of Architects to adopt regulations to require a licensed architect to demonstrate continuing professional competency by completing at least 24 hours of professional development activities as a condition of renewal of an architect license; and making conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 112 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION
FOUNDATION – APPRAISAL REQUIREMENT**

Increasing from one to two the number of fair market value appraisals required for the termination of an easement approved by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation; requiring the Department of General Services to review the two appraisals, make a determination as to the fair market value of the land on which the easement will be terminated, issue a specified statement to the Foundation, and issue a specified notice to the landowner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 113 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES – REGISTRATION FEES

Altering the fees and the cap on specified fees for registering specified scales and meters.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 115 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

**ENVIRONMENT – WATERWORKS AND WASTEWATER WORKS
CERTIFIED OPERATORS**

Authorizing specified waterworks, wastewater works, and industrial wastewater works to be under the supervision of a certified operator instead of a certified superintendent under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- SB 117** **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**
ENVIRONMENT – WATER APPROPRIATION PERMITS – CONSTRUCTION DEWATERING PROJECTS
Authorizing the Department of the Environment to waive the notice and hearing requirements for water appropriation or use permit applications for construction dewatering projects.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 118** **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**
VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL NUTRIENT AND SEDIMENT CREDIT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to establish requirements for the voluntary certification and registration of sediment credits on agricultural land under the Voluntary Agricultural Nutrient Credit Certification Program; clarifying the authority of the Department of the Environment to establish specified requirements under specified circumstances; and altering the intent of the General Assembly.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- SB 119** **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**
STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS – OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM – MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
Clarifying the eligibility of specified employees of the Maryland Higher Education Commission to participate in the Optional Retirement Program; providing for the application of the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- SB 121** **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Health Insurance Plan), et al**
SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SUNSET EXTENSION
Extending until the end of December 31, 2014, the termination date of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program; and lengthening the period of time during which the subsidy required under the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program may not exceed \$14,000,000.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- SB 126** **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – LAND PRESERVATION AND RECREATION PLANS
Altering the time frames for preparation and revision of the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan and specified local land preservation and recreation plans; requiring consultation with local governments when preparing the Maryland Plan; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- SB 131** **Senator Middleton, et al**
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – WARRANTLESS ARRESTS – THEFT CRIMES
Expanding the authority of a police officer without a warrant to arrest a person suspected of committing a specified theft crime.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 115** **Delegate Jameson, et al**
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – WARRANTLESS ARRESTS – THEFT CRIMES
Expanding the authority of a police officer without a warrant to arrest a person suspected of committing a specified theft crime.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 141** **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY – REPORTING DATA
Repealing the requirement that a criminal justice unit report data pertaining to the release of a person after an arrest without the filing of a charge within 30 days after the person is released.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 142 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE – FARM FOOD SAFETY

Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a farm quarantine for a specified purpose on a farm infected or infested with a pathogen; authorizing the Secretary to examine specified practices in accordance with specified standards, designate a specified person to conduct a specified inspection, and accept specified assistance from specified federal agencies; requiring the Secretary to deny access to specified information subject to a specified exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 144 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing
and Regulation)**

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION –
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING –
LICENSEES ON MILITARY DEPLOYMENT**

Authorizing a unit in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to allow specified holders of occupational and professional licenses to renew an expired license without penalty under specified circumstances and to complete continuing education or competency requirements within a reasonable time after license renewal.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 145 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing
and Regulation)**

**STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – CONTINUING
EDUCATION – DOCUMENTATION**

Requiring that continuing education courses approved by the State Real Estate Commission include relevant changes that have occurred in specified court cases and industry trends; authorizing entities conducting continuing education courses for real estate licensees, instead of providing a specified certificate of completion to the licensee, to submit course completion information to the State Real Estate Commission and the licensee by electronic means; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 148 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION
FOUNDATION – LOT RELEASE**

Altering specified conditions that must be met before the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation is required to release specified lots under a specified program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 149 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans Affairs)**

**STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND VETERANS COMMISSION
– MEMBERSHIP**

Adding one member who is a veteran of the conflicts in Iraq or Afghanistan to serve on the Maryland Veterans Commission; and removing from the Commission a voting member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and adding an honorary nonvoting member appointed by the Governor from a list of individuals submitted by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 170 **Senator Shank, et al**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY – SHERIFFS AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS
– PRACTICE OF LAW**

Allowing an individual employed as a sheriff or deputy sheriff in Washington County who has been admitted to the Maryland Bar to practice law in a county other than Washington County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 173 **Senator Klausmeier, et al**

**PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS – CARBON MONOXIDE
DETECTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT**

Requiring public school buildings constructed or substantially remodeled in accordance with specified provisions of law to have specified carbon monoxide detectors installed in specified areas; requiring a signal from specified carbon monoxide detectors to be automatically transmitted to a specified location; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 2 Delegate Glenn**PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS – CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT**

Requiring public school buildings constructed or substantially remodeled in accordance with specified provisions of law to install approved carbon monoxide detectors in areas of new and existing educational occupancies where fuel fired equipment is present; requiring a signal from specified carbon monoxide detectors to be automatically transmitted to an approved supervising station or to a constantly attended on-site location; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 174 Senator Klausmeier, et al**SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND AND UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND – ASSESSMENTS ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS**

Excluding from the assessments imposed by the Workers' Compensation Commission and payable to the Subsequent Injury Fund and the Uninsured Employers' Fund the amount of specified medical benefits under a settlement agreement under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 114 Delegates Jameson and Minnick**SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND AND UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND – ASSESSMENTS ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS**

Excluding from the assessments imposed by the Workers' Compensation Commission and payable to the Subsequent Injury Fund and the Uninsured Employers' Fund the amount of specified medical benefits under a specified settlement agreement under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 175**Senator Raskin, et al****CRIMES – ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION – HARASSMENT**

Prohibiting the use of electronic communication to maliciously engage in a course of conduct that alarms or seriously annoys another under specified circumstances; changing the defined term “electronic mail” to “electronic communication” and altering the definition; and making violation of the Act a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 8**Delegate Washington****CRIMES – ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION – HARASSMENT**

Prohibiting the use of electronic communication to maliciously engage in a course of conduct that alarms or seriously annoys another under specified circumstances; changing the defined term “electronic mail” to “electronic communication” and altering the definition; and making violation of the Act a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 177**Senator Robey, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – NONFUNCTIONING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS – REQUIREMENT TO STOP**

Altering a provision of law requiring vehicular traffic to stop and take specified actions when approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control signal at specified intersections to apply the requirement to all intersections; and requiring vehicular traffic approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control signal at an intersection to stop in a specified manner, yield to other vehicles or pedestrians in the intersection, and remain stopped until it is safe to enter and continue through the intersection.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 67**Delegate S. Robinson, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – NONFUNCTIONING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS – REQUIREMENT TO STOP**

Altering a provision of law requiring vehicular traffic to stop and take specified actions when approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control signal at specified intersections to apply the requirement to all intersections; and requiring vehicular traffic approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control signal at an intersection to stop in a specified manner, yield to other vehicles or pedestrians in the intersection, and remain stopped until it is safe to enter and continue through the intersection.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 185**Senator Forehand, et al****MOTOR VEHICLES – CHILD SAFETY SEATS – REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing the exception for children weighing more than 65 pounds to the requirement that a child under the age of 8 years must be secured in a child safety seat; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 313**Delegate Stein, et al****MOTOR VEHICLES – CHILD SAFETY SEATS – REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing the exception for children weighing more than 65 pounds to the requirement that a child under the age of 8 years must be secured in a child safety seat; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 226**Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)****COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY – INFLATABLE AMUSEMENT ATTRACTIONS – INSPECTION**

Altering the application of a provision of law relating to inspections of inflatable amusement attractions to require annual inspections only of inflatable amusement attractions in which an individual, while in contact with the attraction, is 4 feet or more above the ground; and establishing that a specified provision relating to the expiration of a certificate of inspection for an amusement attraction applies only to specified inflatable amusement attractions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 232 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

ELEVATOR SAFETY REVIEW BOARD – LICENSING

Requiring the Elevator Safety Review Board to provide a certification of licensure on request of any person and on payment of a specified fee set by the Board; providing for specified information to be contained in the certification of licensure; requiring the Board to reinstate an expired license under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 276 **Senator Mathias, et al**

DRIVERS' LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS – NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS

Requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs, on request, to provide a veteran with a document certifying veteran status; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the driver's license or identification card of an applicant who presents specified documentation certifying veteran status includes a notation indicating that the applicant is a veteran; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

HB 358 **Delegate Conway**

DRIVERS' LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS – NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS

Requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs, on request, to provide a veteran with a document certifying veteran status; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the driver's license or identification card of an applicant who presents specified documentation certifying veteran status includes a notation indicating that the applicant is a veteran; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

SB 290 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – SAVINGS BANKS – CONVERSIONS

Providing that a savings bank may convert to a capital stock commercial bank under specified circumstances; requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to adopt regulations governing the conversion of savings banks to capital stock commercial banks; establishing an application fee of \$5,000 for a conversion of a savings bank to a capital stock commercial bank; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 291 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation), et al

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – COVERAGE – VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Prohibiting the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation from charging specified unemployment insurance benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit; authorizing the Secretary to find that a cause of voluntarily leaving employment is good cause if it is directly attributable to the individual or individual's spouse, minor child, or parent being a victim of domestic violence and the individual provides specified information; providing that specified information provided to the Secretary is confidential; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 300 Senators Young and Brinkley

FREDERICK COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Frederick County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$100,000,000 in order to finance the cost of specified public facilities in Frederick County and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 302 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation), et al**

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION – INVESTIGATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT POWERS AND REGULATION OF MORTGAGE LENDERS

Altering the scope of a provision of law that prohibits the Commissioner of Financial Regulation from exercising specified investigative and enforcement powers in connection with affiliates of specified financial institutions; repealing exemptions from the Maryland Mortgage Lender Law for a person that makes or brokers a specified number of mortgage loans in a calendar year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

SB 303 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

CREDIT REGULATION – DEBT MANAGEMENT SERVICES – AGREEMENT AND PROHIBITED ACTS

Altering a notice that must be included in a debt management services agreement to clarify the right of a party to the agreement to rescind the agreement at any time; and prohibiting a licensed debt management services provider from violating any provision of specified State or federal laws.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 320 **Senator Young**

FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT

Repealing a provision of law prohibiting specified individuals in Frederick County from being elected to or serving on the county board of education; and repealing a provision of law prohibiting specified individuals in Frederick County from being hired as an administrator or a teacher under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 326 **Senator DeGrange****MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2005 – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BENSON–HAMMOND HOUSE**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2005 to repeal the requirement that the Board of Directors of the Anne Arundel County Historical Society, Inc. provide a matching fund for specified purposes at the Benson–Hammond House and related outbuildings, located in Linthicum; requiring the Board of Public Works to expend or encumber a specified grant by June 1, 2014; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 327 **Senator McFadden****BALTIMORE CITY – 45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT – LIQUOR STORES – PREMISES NEAR PLACES OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOLS**

Increasing the distance that liquor stores in a specified legislative district in Baltimore City are required to be from places of worship or schools; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 12 **Delegate Glenn****BALTIMORE CITY – 45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT – LIQUOR STORES – PREMISES NEAR PLACES OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOLS**

Increasing the distance that liquor stores in a specified legislative district in Baltimore City are required to be from places of worship or schools; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 345 **Senator Glassman****HARFORD COUNTY – WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITIES – NUMBER OF DIRECTORS**

Altering the apportionment of the number of directors between or among member political subdivisions required for a water and sewer authority in Harford County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 353**Senator Forehand****ESTATES – SMALL ESTATE ADMINISTRATION – ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLDS**

Increasing the maximum value of property of specified decedents that may be eligible to be administered as a small estate; increasing the value of property discovered after filing a specified petition that requires removing an estate from small estate administration; adjusting the fee schedule for specified small estates; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 318**Delegate Feldman****ESTATES – SMALL ESTATE ADMINISTRATION – ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLDS**

Increasing the maximum value of property of specified decedents that may be eligible to be administered as a small estate; increasing the value of property discovered after filing a specified petition that requires removing an estate from small estate administration; adjusting the fee schedule for specified small estates; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 357**Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MEDICAL BOARD PARTICIPATION**

Authorizing the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to appoint a physician who is a participating employee in the Optional Retirement Program to serve on a medical board subject to a specified condition; and prohibiting a medical board physician who is a participating employee in the Optional Retirement Program from participating in specified cases under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 374 Senator Mathias**TOWN OF OCEAN CITY – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK – TAXI DRIVER APPLICANTS**

Authorizing the Ocean City Police Department to request State and national criminal history records checks for taxi driver applicants in Ocean City from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository; requiring the Ocean City Police Department to submit sets of fingerprints of taxi driver applicants and pay specified fees to the Central Repository as part of the application for a records check; requiring the Central Repository to forward specified information to specified persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 379 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL**

Correcting errors and omissions in the Annotated Code, in specified local laws, and specified uncodified laws; clarifying language; correcting obsolete references; reorganizing specified sections of the Annotated Code; ratifying specified corrections made by the publishers of the Annotated Code; providing that the Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; providing for the correction of specified errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 380 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL**

Curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 396 Senator Forehand**MARYLAND UNIFORM TRANSFERS TO MINORS ACT – ORPHANS' COURT**

Altering the definition of the term “court” to include an orphans’ court or a court exercising the jurisdiction of an orphans’ court for the purposes of the Maryland Uniform Transfers to Minors Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 822**Delegate Waldstreicher****MARYLAND UNIFORM TRANSFERS TO MINORS ACT – ORPHANS’ COURT**

Altering the definition of the term “court” to include an orphans’ court or a court exercising the jurisdiction of an orphans’ court for the purposes of the Maryland Uniform Transfers to Minors Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 409**Senator Jones–Rodwell (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al****BALTIMORE CITY – POLICE DEPARTMENT – APPOINTMENTS**

Altering, from Captain to Lieutenant, the rank above which the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City may make an appointment without an examination in the Police Department of Baltimore City.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 448**Senator Colburn****TALBOT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINERIES**

Repealing specified provisions of law that limit the wine sampling privileges of licensed wineries in Talbot County; and clarifying that the statewide wine sampling privileges of licensed wineries apply in Talbot County by repealing a specified inconsistent provision relating to Talbot County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 449**Senator Middleton****ELECTRIC SERVICE QUALITY AND RELIABILITY STANDARDS – DEADLINES**

Altering the dates by which the Public Service Commission is required to determine whether specified electric companies have met specified service quality and reliability standards under specified circumstances; and altering the date by which specified electric companies are required to submit to the Commission a specified annual performance report.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 280 Delegate Feldman**ELECTRIC SERVICE QUALITY AND RELIABILITY STANDARDS
– DEADLINES**

Altering the dates by which the Public Service Commission is required to determine whether specified electric companies have met specified service quality and reliability standards under specified circumstances; and altering the date by which specified electric companies are required to submit to the Commission a specified annual performance report.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 484 Senator Kelley, et al**MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS – MEDICAL LOSS RATIO
INFORMATION – PUBLICATION**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to publish in a specified manner specified medical loss ratio information for managed care organizations participating in the Medical Assistance Program on the Web site of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 286 Delegate Hubbard, et al**MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS – MEDICAL LOSS RATIO
INFORMATION – PUBLICATION**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to publish in a specified manner specified medical loss ratio information for managed care organizations participating in the medical assistance program on the Web site of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 487 Senators Raskin and Reilly**VEHICLE LAWS – SALVAGE – DEFECTIVE, LOST, OR
DESTROYED CERTIFICATES OF TITLE**

Authorizing an application for a salvage certificate submitted by an insurance company to be accompanied by a specified affidavit of ownership and evidence of final payment instead of a certificate of title if the certificate of title is defective, lost, or destroyed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 435**Delegate Beidle****VEHICLE LAWS – SALVAGE – DEFECTIVE, LOST, OR DESTROYED CERTIFICATES OF TITLE**

Authorizing an application for a salvage certificate submitted by an insurance company to be accompanied by a specified affidavit of ownership and evidence of final payment instead of a certificate of title if the certificate of title is defective, lost, or destroyed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 545**Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)****MONEY TRANSMITTERS – LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND PARTICIPATION IN NATIONWIDE LICENSING SYSTEM**

Authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to participate in the establishment and implementation of a national licensing system for money transmitters; requiring specified license applicants to apply for an initial license or license renewal through a specified nationwide licensing system; requiring specified licensees and license applicants to obtain a unique identifier number; altering the documents and information that an applicant must provide with a license application; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 566**Senator King, et al****HOME VISITING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2012**

Requiring the State to fund only evidence-based and promising home visiting programs for improving parent and child outcomes, as provided in the State budget; requiring specified home visiting programs to submit regular reports; requiring the development of reporting and monitoring procedures for specified home visiting programs by the Governor's Office for Children and the agencies of the Children's Cabinet; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 699**Delegate Hixson, et al****HOME VISITING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2012**

Requiring the State to fund only evidence-based and promising home visiting programs for improving parent and child outcomes, as provided in the State budget; requiring specified home visiting programs to submit regular reports; requiring the development of reporting and monitoring procedures for specified home visiting programs by the Governor's Office for Children and the agencies of the Children's Cabinet; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 585**Senator Edwards****GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL CLASS C BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE**

Authorizing in Garrett County the holder of a special Class C beer, wine and liquor license to purchase beer and light wine from a wholesale dealer.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 656**Senator Manno, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – TUITION WAIVER FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS**

Altering a requirement for obtaining an exemption from the payment of tuition at community colleges for specified disabled individuals who are enrolled in classes for continuing education instruction designed to lead to employment, including life skills instruction.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 53**Delegate Luedtke, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – TUITION WAIVER FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS**

Altering a requirement for obtaining an exemption from the payment of tuition at community colleges for specified disabled individuals who are enrolled in classes for continuing education instruction designed to lead to employment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 711**Senator Forehand****MARYLAND GENERAL AND LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT**

Clarifying the form of document that may be used to create a specified statutory form power of attorney; providing that a document substantially in the form of a specified statutory form in effect on the date the document is executed shall continue to have a specified meaning and effect notwithstanding enactment of specified legislation; requiring specified coagents to act together unanimously unless otherwise provided in a power of attorney; providing for the designation of specified coagents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 774**Delegate Waldstreicher****MARYLAND GENERAL AND LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT**

Clarifying the form of document that may be used to create a specified statutory form power of attorney; providing that a document substantially in the form of a specified statutory form in effect on a specified date shall continue to have a specified meaning and effect notwithstanding enactment of specified legislation; requiring specified coagents to act together unanimously unless otherwise provided; providing for the designation of coagents in statutory forms for a power of attorney; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 755**Senator Young, et al****CONSUMING WINE NOT BOUGHT ON PREMISES – RESTAURANTS, CLUBS, AND HOTELS**

Allowing an individual in a restaurant, club, or hotel for which a specified alcoholic beverages license is issued the privilege of consuming wine not purchased from or provided by the license holder; requiring, for an individual to exercise the privilege, that the wine be consumed under specified circumstances; requiring a local licensing board to issue a specified permit at no cost to specified license holders; authorizing a license holder to determine and charge an individual a fee for the privilege; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 228 Delegate Feldman, et al**CONSUMING WINE NOT BOUGHT ON PREMISES – RESTAURANTS, CLUBS, AND HOTELS**

Allowing an individual in a restaurant, club, or hotel for which a specified alcoholic beverages license is issued the privilege of consuming wine not purchased from or provided by the license holder; requiring, for an individual to exercise the privilege, that the wine be consumed under specified circumstances; requiring a local licensing board to issue a specified permit at no cost to specified license holders; authorizing a license holder to determine and charge an individual a fee for the privilege; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 763 Senator Benson**ELECTION LAW – PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS AND MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS – ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR**

Requiring an employer that collects voluntary contributions from employees through payroll deduction to a campaign finance entity selected by the employer to record the address of each contributor and transfer that information to the campaign finance entity; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 694 Delegate Cardin, et al**ELECTION LAW – PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS AND MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS – ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR**

Requiring an employer that collects voluntary contributions from employees through payroll deduction to a campaign finance entity selected by the employer to record the address of each contributor and transfer that information to the campaign finance entity; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 769**Senator Edwards****GARRETT COUNTY – ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE – ENABLING AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Garrett County to adopt an animal control ordinance; authorizing a specified animal control officer to deliver a citation to a person believed to be committing a violation of an animal control ordinance adopted by the county commissioners; establishing the contents of the citation; establishing a maximum penalty; authorizing the county commissioners to establish specified fines and procedures; authorizing a person who receives a specified citation to elect to stand trial; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 816**Harford County Senators****HARFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBER**

Providing that the student member of the Harford County Board of Education has specified rights and privileges; prohibiting the student member from voting on or participating in specified matters; specifying that provisions of law relating to payment of expenses for members of the Board do not apply to the student member; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 401**Delegate McHale, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE CONTAINERS**

Authorizing a Class B license to include an off-sale privilege under specified circumstances; creating in Baltimore City a refillable container license; authorizing the Board of Liquor License Commissioners to issue the license to a holder of any class of alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board except a Class C license and a Class M-G license; specifying that a holder of the license may sell draft beer for consumption off the license premises in a specified refillable container to specified individuals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 874 **Senator Ferguson****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE CONTAINERS**

Authorizing specified Class B licenses to include an off-sale privilege under specified circumstances, notwithstanding specified provisions; creating in Baltimore City a refillable container license; authorizing the Board of Liquor License Commissioners to issue the license to a holder of any class of alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board except a Class C license and a Class M–G license; permitting a holder of the license to sell draft beer for consumption off the licensed premises in a specified refillable container; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 883 **Senator Jones–Rodwell (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY AND VIDEO LOTTERY CONCESSIONAIRE LICENSES**

Creating in Baltimore City a Class BWL–VLF (video lottery facility) license and a Class BWL–VLC (concessionaire) license; specifying requirements for license applicants; authorizing the licensees to sell beer, wine and liquor by the drink and by the bottle, for consumption on the premises of a video lottery facility or on grounds controlled by the video lottery facility licensee, as defined in the video lottery facility license; specifying license fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 962 **Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY AND VIDEO LOTTERY CONCESSIONAIRE LICENSES**

Creating in Baltimore City a Class BWL–VLF (video lottery facility) license and a Class BWL–VLC (concessionaire) license; specifying requirements for license applicants; authorizing the licensees to sell beer, wine, and liquor by the drink and by the bottle, for consumption on the premises of a video lottery facility or on grounds controlled by the video lottery facility licensee, as defined in the video lottery facility license; specifying license fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 58**Delegate Eckardt, et al****DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM –
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION**

Prohibiting the use of a certificate of completion of a specified alcohol awareness program by specified employees or employers at more than one licensed establishment in Dorchester County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 61**Delegate Eckardt, et al****DORCHESTER COUNTY – BAY RESTORATION FUND –
COLLECTION OF RESTORATION FEE**

Authorizing the Dorchester County Council to collect the Bay Restoration Fee on behalf of the Dorchester County Sanitary District.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 63**Wicomico County Delegation****WICOMICO COUNTY – EMPLOYEES – CRIMINAL HISTORY
RECORDS CHECKS**

Authorizing the Director of Administration of Wicomico County to request State and national criminal history records checks from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository for prospective or current employees; requiring the Director of Administration to submit specified items to the Central Repository; requiring the Central Repository to forward to the prospective or current employee and the Director of Administration the employee's criminal history record information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 92**Delegates Simmons and Dumais****PEACE AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – SHIELDING – COMPLETE
REMOVAL OF INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC WEB SITE**

Clarifying the definition of “shielding” in provisions relating to the removal from the public Web site maintained by the Maryland Judiciary of specified court records relating to peace order or protective order proceedings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 110 Delegate Barkley, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS – PROCEDURES**

Establishing uniform procedures for specified criminal history records checks requested from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository by specified local licensing boards; requiring the Central Repository to provide local licensing boards with a revised printed criminal record statement of a license applicant or a license holder if information is reported to the Central Repository after the initial criminal history records check is completed; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 126 Delegate Beidle, et al**MARYLAND CONDOMINIUM ACT – RIGHT OF ENTRY TO INVESTIGATE DAMAGE AND MAKE REPAIRS**

Authorizing the council of unit owners of a condominium or its authorized designee to enter units to investigate damage under specified circumstances; requiring a council of unit owners to make a reasonable effort to give notice to the owner of a unit to be entered for the purpose of investigation except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 135 Carroll County Delegation**CARROLL COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP**

Increasing the number of regular members and eliminating substitute members on the Carroll County Board of Elections; requiring the members of the board to be of specified political parties; requiring that a vacancy on the board be filled in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 143 Delegate Beitzel**GARRETT COUNTY – SALARY STUDY COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Salary Study Commission in Garrett County to substitute a member of the League of Women Voters of Garrett County with a member of the Garrett County Mayors Association.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 150 Allegany County Delegation**ALLEGANY COUNTY – SOLICITATION OF MONEY OR DONATIONS FROM OCCUPANTS OF VEHICLES – PROHIBITIONS AND PERMIT PROGRAM**

Prohibiting, in Allegany County, a person from standing, or causing, encouraging, allowing, or petitioning another to stand, in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle, subject to a specified exception; authorizing the governing body of the county or of a municipal corporation in the county to enact a specified permit program to allow specified individuals to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 171 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND DORCHESTER COUNTY – WINERY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS – FARMERS' MARKETS**

Authorizing the Office of the Comptroller to issue winery special event permits to Class 4 Maryland limited wineries in St. Mary's County and Dorchester County for unlimited use 1 day each week at farmers' markets in St. Mary's County and Dorchester County that are listed on the Farmers' Market Directory of the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 173 Delegates Cardin and George**ELECTION LAW – VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES – ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES**

Authorizing an applicant registering to vote at a voter registration agency to consent to the use of an electronic copy of the applicant's signature that is on file with the voter registration agency as the applicant's signature for the application being submitted; and requiring a voter registration agency to transmit an electronic copy of the signature of specified applicants for voter registration to the State Board within 5 days.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 197 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – REPRESENTATION ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COUNCILS

Altering the membership representing the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services on the Correctional Training Commission, the Sexual Offender Advisory Board, and the State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 198 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DELEGATION OF THE SECRETARY'S AUTHORITY

Authorizing the Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to exercise specified authority with the approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and prohibiting the Deputy Secretary from exercising specified authority.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 205 **Harford County Delegation, et al**

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINE FESTIVAL LICENSE

Removing the requirement that wine festivals in Harford County be held one weekend annually, during the months of June, July, August, or September, and not conflict with other specified wine festivals.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 210 **St. Mary's County Delegation**

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – SCHOOL BUSES – LENGTH OF OPERATION

Extending to 15 years the period of time that a school vehicle may be operated in St. Mary's County, subject to specified requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 214 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE –
AUTHORITY TO INCUR DEBT**

Authorizing the Harford Community College Board of Trustees to borrow money for specified purposes and secure debt in a specified manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 216 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – DISTRIBUTION OF AMOUNTS TO
TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT – PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF
PROPERTY TAXES ON ELECTRICITY GENERATION
FACILITIES**

Altering the requirement that Washington County distribute to the Town of Williamsport 35% of any amount received under specified payments in lieu of property taxes from an electricity generation facility under specified circumstances; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 222 Delegate Beitzel**GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – NUDITY AND
SEXUAL DISPLAYS – LICENSE REVOCATION**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners in Garrett County to determine whether to revoke the alcoholic beverages license of a licensee if any of specified activities regarding nudity or sexual displays are found to have occurred on the premises or location for which the license was issued.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 248 Harford County Delegation, et al**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
CLASS C-3 CLUB LICENSE**

Removing the requirement in Harford County for a country club to maintain a specified number of tennis courts to be eligible for a Class C-3 club alcoholic beverages license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 258 Delegate Haddaway–Riccio**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – SALE OR TRANSFER OF SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS – MINIMUM REQUIRED TERM**

Providing that a specified minimum required term for specified contracts between an electricity supplier and a renewable on–site generator involving the sale or transfer of solar renewable energy credits applies only to contracts with an on–site generator that exceeds a specified capacity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 264 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**STATE COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

Transferring the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect from the Office for Children, Youth, and Families to the Department of Human Resources; repealing a provision relating to the term of a person who is a member of the Governor’s Council on Child Abuse and Neglect on a specified date; repealing specified committees of the State Council; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 271 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – DISASTER RELIEF HOUSING PROGRAM**

Clarifying the purposes of the Disaster Relief Housing Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; and authorizing the Department to continue to provide specified financial assistance after the expiration of a state of emergency.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 288**Delegate Hubbard****BABY BOOMER INITIATIVE COUNCIL**

Reestablishing the Baby Boomer Initiative Council; providing for the membership of the Council; requiring the Governor to appoint the chair of the Council; providing for the staffing of the Council; establishing the duties of the Council; requiring the Council to make recommendations regarding public policy initiatives for utilizing the baby boomer population as a source of social capital and as a way to address community needs; requiring the Council to provide specified reports to the Governor and General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 293**Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Uninsured Employers’ Fund)****WORKER’S COMPENSATION – UNINSURED EMPLOYERS’ FUND**

Requiring the Uninsured Employers’ Fund Board to review the administration of the Uninsured Employers’ Fund by the Director of the Fund; specifying that the Director shall have immediate supervision and direction over the administration of the Fund; authorizing the Director to employ staff in accordance with the State budget; establishing the Director as the appointing authority for all staff of the Fund; authorizing an employee to appeal a disciplinary action taken by the Director to the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 301**Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)****INSURANCE FRAUD – APPLICATIONS FOR INSURANCE AND CLAIM FORMS – REQUIRED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Altering a statement required to be contained in specified applications for insurance and claim forms; and making the Act effective January 1, 2013.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 353 Delegates Holmes and Glenn**JURY SERVICE – EMPLOYERS – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting an employer from requiring an individual to work during a specified time period on a day in which the individual is expected to perform jury service or acts related to jury service, or on a day after the individual performs jury service or acts related to jury service; and prohibiting an employer from depriving an individual of employment or coercing, intimidating, or threatening to discharge an individual for exercising a specified right to refrain from work for performing jury service or acts relating to jury service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 368 Delegate Norman, et al**BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – STATE BOARD OF PLUMBING – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the State Board of Plumbing to require that one member be from the area that consists of Carroll and Howard counties and one member be from the area that consists of Cecil and Harford counties; and providing for a delayed effective date.

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2013

HB 404 Delegate Kaiser, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – EDWARD T. CONROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program to include the surviving spouse of a specified disabled veteran.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 431 Delegate Hogan**VEHICLE LAWS – USE OF SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS**

Altering the requirements for a recorded image taken by a school bus monitoring camera by expanding the types of license plates that the image may include; altering the defined term “recorded image” by repealing the requirement that an image may show only the rear of a motor vehicle; and authorizing specified persons in specified counties to place school bus monitoring cameras on all school buses in the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 504**Delegate Beitzel****GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B BEER LICENSES**

Establishing in Garrett County a Class B beer license for specified hotels, motels, inns, and restaurants; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license with or without a catering option; specifying the privileges of a license with and without the catering option; requiring that to exercise the catering option, a holder of a license meet specified requirements; specifying license fees; and authorizing the Board to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 544**Delegate Malone****VEHICLE LAWS – MOTOR CARRIERS – APPLICATION OF FEDERAL SAFETY REGULATIONS**

Requiring that motor carrier safety regulations adopted jointly by the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Department of State Police duplicate or be consistent with specified federal regulations; and clarifying the scope of specified State motor carrier safety regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 590**Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)****HORSE RACING – MARYLAND STANDARDBRED RACE FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE – REGISTRATION OF HORSES**

Altering one of the optional methods by which a horse may be registered with the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund Advisory Committee to enable the horse to start in a race of the Foaled Stakes Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 592 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Business and Economic Development)**

TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT CREATE NEW JOBS – ENHANCED CREDIT – EXTENSION

Extending the duration of the enhanced tax credit for businesses that create new jobs for specified business entities that construct or expand specified business premises and meet specified obligations for an additional 12-year period; declaring a specified intent of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 594 **Delegate McIntosh, et al**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – PAMELA J. KELLY TREE–MENDOUS MARYLAND PROGRAM

Declaring the intent of the General Assembly; establishing the Pamela J. Kelly Tree–Mendous Maryland Program in the Department of Natural Resources for a specified purpose; providing for the administration of the Program; authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations; providing for the funding of the Program; and authorizing the Department to seek, accept, and expend specified funds under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 597 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

HORSE RACING – MILE THOROUGHBRED RACETRACKS – PAYMENT OF TAXES AND IMPACT AID AND ARABIAN BREED RACING AUTHORIZATION

Altering from 7 to 10 days the time in which a mile thoroughbred racetrack licensee shall pay to the State Racing Commission the State tax imposed on the gross amount, less refunds, of money bet at the track for each racing day; authorizing a licensee at Pimlico Race Course to conduct live racing of Arabian breed horses under specified circumstances; altering from 3 to 10 days the time in which a mile thoroughbred racetrack licensee that operates a sending track shall pay money to the Commission; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 618**Delegate Simmons, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY ACCESS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS TO REGULATED FIREARMS**

Establishing a Task Force to Study Access of Individuals with Mental Illness to Regulated Firearms; providing for the membership, staffing, and duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2012, on whether existing law adequately protects the public, as well as the civil rights of individuals with mental illness, and make recommendations as appropriate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 687**Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE – ROCK SPRING CENTRE MC 2–12**

Authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners by unanimous vote to approve an application for an alcoholic beverages license for an establishment in a specified mixed use center in Montgomery County under specified circumstances; and specifying that the license authorizes the license holder to keep for sale and sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises only.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 690**Montgomery County Delegation****DAMASCUS – CLASS H BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSES – REPEAL OF PROHIBITION MC 6–12**

Repealing the prohibition in Montgomery County on the issuance of Class H beer and light wine licenses in Damascus (12th election district); and submitting the Act to a referendum of the voters of the 12th election district.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 691 **Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL ART GALLERY BEER AND WINE LICENSE MC 18–12**

Authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special art gallery beer and wine license to nonprofit and for-profit retail businesses that display and sell original artwork by an individual or a group of artists; prohibiting a business that sells commercially prepared or mass-produced art from being issued the license; specifying that a holder of the license may sell or serve beer and wine at retail for on-premises consumption when snacks are served during specified hours; specifying a license fee; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 726 **Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – BENEFIT CORPORATIONS AND BENEFIT LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES MC 13–12**

Authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to grant a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified property owned or leased by benefit corporations or benefit limited liability companies; authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to provide for eligibility and certification criteria for the credit, the amount and duration of the credit, regulations and procedures for the credit, and other provisions necessary to carry out the credit; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 813 **Prince George's County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – HYATTSVILLE – ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT – LICENSED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ESTABLISHMENTS – DISTANCE FROM PLACES OF WORSHIP PG 308–12**

Allowing in the part of the Gateway Arts and Entertainment District in the City of Hyattsville the use of the front door or main entrance in an establishment for which a specified alcoholic beverages license is issued if the door or entrance is at least 500 feet from a place of worship.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 817**Prince George's County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT – EXEMPTIONS AND REVISIONS
PG 307–12

Exempting specified alcoholic beverages license holders in Prince George's County from the requirement of obtaining an entertainment permit before providing entertainment on their licensed premises; clarifying that a holder of an entertainment permit in Prince George's County must comply with zoning and use and occupancy laws and regulations; requiring an applicant for an entertainment permit to submit evidence to the satisfaction of the Board of License Commissioners regarding specified taxes due; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 858**Delegate Gilchrist**

LAND USE – LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSIONS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS – ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Authorizing a local jurisdiction that creates a historic district commission or historic preservation commission to designate one alternate member to sit on the commission when any other member of the commission is absent; authorizing the local jurisdiction to designate a temporary alternate when the alternate member is absent; providing for the effective date of specified provisions of the Act; and providing for the termination of specified provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 889**Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – HUMAN RESOURCES PG/MC 103–12

Repealing a requirement that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission submit changes of specified regulations to the Secretary of Budget and Management; repealing a provision stating that failure of the Secretary to act within a specified time period on receipt of a specified regulation constitutes approval; repealing a requirement that the Commission file a specified list of positions and salaries with the Secretary; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 890 Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION –
PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION – CONTRACTS PG/MC 104–12

Expanding the definition of a “facilities construction contract” to include the construction of a pipeline in order to authorize the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to enter into a specified design/build contract for pipeline construction; and repealing a prohibition on the Commission from entering into a design/build contract for a pipeline.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 923 Delegate Lafferty, et al

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION
ACT OF 2012

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 property tax imposed on owner-occupied residential real property located in specified neighborhood conservation areas; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt regulations that establish application procedures for the designation of specified neighborhood conservation areas; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1160 Charles County Delegation

FAMILY LAW – INTERIM AND TEMPORARY PEACE AND
PROTECTIVE ORDERS – DURATION

Extending the duration of an interim or temporary peace or protective order under specified circumstances; and requiring a court to hold a temporary or final peace or protective order hearing by a specified time under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1268 Delegate Barnes, et al**BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – PLUMBERS – LEAD-FREE MATERIALS**

Altering the definition of “lead-free” to include a specified standard for individual plumbing fittings and fixtures; allowing for a stricter federal standard for lead-free plumbing fittings and fixtures and pipes and pipe fittings; and clarifying which pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures are considered when calculating weighted average lead content.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1391 Delegate Conway, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM – MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND**

Establishing that the Maryland School for the Blind shall be eligible for school construction funding for specified fiscal years, notwithstanding a specified provision of law and subject to specified regulations; and requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1431 Delegate O’Donnell, et al**CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. MARY’S COUNTIES – TURKEY HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – SUNDAYS**

Authorizing a person to hunt turkey on private property on Sundays during the spring turkey hunting season in Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary’s County; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL