



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
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Schedule 20B

HOUSE BILLS 755–925 APPEAR ON SCHEDULE 20A

**HOUSE BILLS 926–1081 AND HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS 2–3 APPEAR ON
SCHEDULE 20B**

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 9, 2007

HB 926 Delegate Rosenberg

JOB SKILLS ADVANCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM

Establishing a Job Skills Advancement Training Program in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; establishing the purposes of the Program; requiring the Department to provide grants to local workforce investment boards to fund specified programs and services; requiring that the Program be funded in a specified manner; requiring the Department to establish and administer the Program and develop specified eligibility criteria; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

LE, § 11-501 - amended and §§ 11-511 through 11-516 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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HB 927 Delegate Rosenberg**PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – ESSENTIAL GOODS AND SERVICES**

Prohibiting a person from selling or offering to sell essential goods or services during a state of emergency for a price of more than 10% above the price charged by that person for those goods or services 14 days prior to the state of emergency; prohibiting a person from selling or offering to sell repair or reconstruction services or services used for emergency cleanup for a price of more than 10% above the price charged by that person for those services immediately prior to the state of emergency; creating an exception; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PS, §§ 14-1101 through 14-1105 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 928 Delegate Morhaim**PROCUREMENT – ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT – REPORT AND PURCHASE**

Requiring each State unit to purchase environmentally preferable products and equipment if they meet or exceed specified performance standards; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt specified regulations by December 31, 2009, and to maintain and make available a specified listing; requiring the Secretary of General Services to review, evaluate, and report by October 1, 2008, regarding specified aspects of the procurement and use of environmentally preferable products and equipment; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SF, §§ 14-402, 14-405, and 14-406 - repealed and § 14-402 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 929 Delegates Costa and Kipke**MOTOR HOMES AND TRAVEL TRAILERS – VEHICLE EXCISE TAX – DEFINITIONS – REPEAL OF SUNSET**

Repealing the June 30, 2007, termination of provisions that alter the definitions of “fair market value” and “total purchase price” for purposes of the motor vehicle excise tax imposed on a motor home or a travel trailer to exclude from the computation of the tax the value of a motor home or travel trailer traded in as part of the consideration for the sale; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Chapter 361 of the Acts of 2001, § 5, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 930 Delegate Shank, et al**JESSICA'S LAW – SEXUAL OFFENSES – PAROLE ELIGIBILITY AND MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES**

Providing that mandatory minimum sentences for specified sexual crimes are nonparolable; prohibiting a person 18 years of age or older from engaging in specified sexual contact with a victim who is a child under the age of 13 years; establishing a mandatory minimum sentence of 2 years' imprisonment for violation of the prohibition against a person 18 years of age or older engaging in specified sexual contact with a victim who is a child under the age of 13 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CR, §§ 3-303 through 3-307 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 931 Delegate Kipke, et al**IDENTITY FRAUD – VICTIM – EXPUNGEMENT OF FALSE CRIMINAL RECORD**

Authorizing a court to order a defendant who pleads guilty or is found guilty of using another person's name or other identification without consent or authorization to make restitution to the victim for costs associated with an expungement proceeding that arose because of the identity fraud; allowing a person to request that the Office of the Attorney General file a petition for expungement of specified records if records resulted from the arrest of another using the person's name or other identification without consent or authorization; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CR, § 8-301(f) and CP, § 10-105(a), (d), and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 932 Delegate Howard, et al

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – DELTA ALUMNAE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Prince George’s County Delta Alumnae Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, and design of a community development center; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 933 Delegate Braveboy, et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – MANDATORY ANGER MANAGEMENT OR BATTERER INTERVENTION

Requiring specified persons charged with or convicted of specified crimes of domestic violence to participate in an anger management program or a batterer intervention program under specified circumstances; authorizing the Maryland Parole Commission to require specified parolees to participate in an anger management program or a batterer intervention program as a condition of parole under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CS, § 7-309 and CP, §§ 5-201(c) and 6-225.1 - added and FL, § 4-506(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 934 Delegate Hubbard

STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – COMMITTEE ON DENTAL HYGIENE – RECOMMENDATIONS

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to implement a recommendation made by a committee on dental hygiene to the Board unless the Board finds that the recommendation has an undue financial impact on the Board or is unsupported by the evidence in the committee record or 10 members of the Board vote to overturn the recommendation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HO, § 4-205 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 935 Delegate Hubbard**HEALTH INSURANCE – DISABLED INDIVIDUALS – ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN**

Requiring that specified disabled individuals who meet specified requirements be eligible for the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; requiring that specified disabled individuals eligible for the Plan be charged a monthly premium equal to or less than the Medicare Part B premium; authorizing specified disabled individuals eligible for the Plan to be charged deductibles and coinsurance equal to or less than the deductible and coinsurance charged under the Medicare program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

IN, § 14-508.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 936 Delegate Elmore**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – SOMERSET COUNTY – TEACKLE MANSION RESTORATION AND EXPANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Friends of Teackle Mansion, Inc. for planning, design, construction, renovation, and restoration of the Teackle Mansion; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the grantee to grant and convey a specified easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 937 Delegate Shank, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES OF VIOLENCE – SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR AND CONTINUING COURSE OF CONDUCT WITH A CHILD**

Adding the crimes of sexual abuse of a child under the age of 14 years and continuing course of conduct with a child to the list of crimes of violence for which specified enhanced penalties are applied to specified offenders.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CR, § 14-101 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 938 Delegate Kach, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEXUAL OFFENDERS – SUPERVISION, NOTIFICATIONS, AND PENALTIES**

Requiring the inclusion of specified additional information in a registration statement for the Offender Registry; requiring a supervising authority to verify specified information for a specified person; altering specified deadlines for a supervising authority to send specified information; expanding the type of child care entities that may be notified by a local law enforcement unit of the filing of a registration statement under specified circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CP, §§ 11-706, 11-708, 11-709, and 11-721 - amended and § 11-721.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 939 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – WATERFRONT ENTERTAINMENT RETAIL COMPLEX PG 312-07**

Establishing in Prince George's County specified alcoholic beverages licenses to be issued for use in a waterfront entertainment retail complex, as defined by the County Executive; establishing a special Class B (convention hotel) (on- and off-sale) beer, wine and liquor license, a special Class B (entertainment venue) (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license, and a Class A (entertainment district) (off-sale) beer, wine and liquor license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Art. 2B, §§ 6-201(r)(4)(iii)2.C. and (5)(iv) and 9-102(a-1) - amended and §§ 6-201(r)(4)(viii) and (5)(vi), 8-217.1, and 9-102(a-2) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 940 Delegate Valderrama, et al

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – NATIONAL PHILIPPINE CULTURAL CENTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the National Philippine Cultural Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of the National Philippine Cultural Center; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 941 Delegate Kach, et al

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS – REGULATION OF AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT – LIMITATIONS

Requiring local zoning authorities to comply with specified federal regulations governing amateur radio service; prohibiting specified homeowners associations from restricting or prohibiting the design, placement, screening, height, or use of specified amateur radio equipment; prohibiting homeowners associations exempted from the Act from amending, on or after October 1, 2007, specified governing documents to further restrict or prohibit amateur radio equipment on the property of lot owners; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

Art. 66B, §§ 1.02, 2.13, and 4.01(b)(1) - amended and § 4.01(b)(3) -added and RP, § 11B-111.5 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 942 Delegate Bronrott, et al

HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS ACT

Requiring specified buildings to be constructed or renovated to be high performance buildings; exempting specified building types from specified high performance building standards; requiring specified buildings rented by the State to be high performance buildings; and providing for the applicability of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SF, § 3-602(d) - amended and § 3-602.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Appropriations

HB 943 Delegate Simmons

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS – CAMPAIGN LOANS DEEMED CONTRIBUTIONS

Clarifying the calculation of time in which a prosecution must be initiated for a criminal or civil violation resulting from an election campaign loan that is deemed to be a contribution.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CJ, § 5-106(h-1) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 944 Delegate Heller

TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE NEEDS AND EXPENDITURES OF STATE PROGRAMS

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Needs and Expenditures of State Programs; establishing the membership and staff of the Task Force; requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to designate the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to examine and make findings and recommendations on specified issues related to the needs and expenditures of State programs; requiring the Task Force to submit specified reports by specified dates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 945 Delegate Jones, et al

HUMAN RELATIONS – SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION – ANTIDISCRIMINATION

Prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity and expression with regard to public accommodations, housing, and employment; prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity and expression in commercial leasing; making specified remedies and procedures regarding discrimination applicable to discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and expression; and defining the term “gender identity and expression”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

Art. 49B, Various Sections and SP, § 2-302 - amended and Art. 49B, §§ 15(k) and 20(k-1) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 946 Delegate Walkup

PUBLIC SAFETY – STATEWIDE DNA DATA BASE SYSTEM –
SAMPLE COLLECTION ON ARREST

Requiring the collection of DNA samples on specified arrests; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PS, §§ 2-501, 2-504, and 2-511 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 947 Delegate Kach, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS –
REIMBURSEMENT BY CARRIERS

Prohibiting specified carriers from requiring specified health care providers that deliver health care services through a group practice or other health care entity to accept the reimbursement fee schedule applicable under the contract between the group practice or other health care entity and the carrier for specified health care services delivered by the health care provider.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

IN, § 15-112(o) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 948 Delegate Carter

ELECTION LAW – TASK FORCE ON INSTANT VOTER
REGISTRATION AND VOTING BY MAIL

Establishing a Task Force on Instant Voter Registration and Voting by Mail; requiring the Task Force to study and assess the feasibility of instant voter registration at the Motor Vehicle Administration and the feasibility of conducting an election exclusively by mail.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 949 Delegate Stein, et al**MILITARY HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL – STAFFING INITIATIVE**

Requiring the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with the Governor's Workforce Investment Board and specified regulatory boards, to identify specified barriers to licensing or certifying individuals who have training and experience in providing health care through military service that is equivalent to the requirements for specified licensure or certification; requiring specified regulatory boards to draft specified regulations and legislation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 950 Delegate Krysiak**HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS – CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Requiring an applicant for a heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration license to apply for a national and State criminal history records check in a specified manner; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide the Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors with a specified criminal history record of an applicant, an update to the criminal history records check, and a specified receipt; requiring an applicant to pay specified fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008

BR, §§ 9A-302(a) and 9A-309(b) - amended and §§ 9A-302.1 and 9A-309.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 951 Delegate Valderrama, et al**HEALTH – GENERAL – FOOD ESTABLISHMENT – LETTER GRADES**

Requiring a representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to post, and requiring a food establishment to display, a specified card in a specified location; authorizing specified regulations that relate to the card; specifying penalties; requiring the Department to conduct specified inspections of food establishments and adopt specified regulations for issuing specified letter grades to food establishments based on specified inspections; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HG, § 21-312.1 - added and § 21-313 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 952 Delegate Montgomery, et al

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Redesignating the Maryland Energy Administration as the Department of Energy; establishing the Department of Energy as a principal department of State government; establishing the Secretary of Energy as the head of the Department of Energy; providing for the appointment, powers, duties, and salary of the Secretary; requiring the Attorney General to assign a specified number of assistant attorneys general to perform specified duties and functions in the Department of Energy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SG, Various Sections - amended and § 9-2002.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 953 Delegate Feldman

MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – PAYMENT OF FEES FOR MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS – REQUIRED

Requiring the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to pay to the Motor Vehicle Administration a specified fee for motor vehicle records provided by the Administration to the Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

IN, § 20-305 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 954 Delegates Carter and Anderson

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; providing for the appointment of specified members of the Board by the Governor and by the Mayor of Baltimore City, subject to the approval of a specified organization; providing for the election of specified members of the Board; providing for a nonvoting member of the Board; providing for the reimbursement of a member's expenses under specified circumstances; specifying qualifications and requirements for members of the Board; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

ED, §§ 3-108.1, 3-114(a), and 4-303 - amended and § 3-114(d) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 955 Delegate Carter**EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM – PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDIT**

Providing that members of the Employees' Pension System may purchase specified service credit at any time prior to retirement on an installment basis; and requiring the Board of Trustees to hold contributions made by members of the Employees' Pension System to purchase specified service credit in trust earning regular interest.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SP, § 23-307 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 956 Delegate Jones, et al**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – SCHOOL FACILITIES – AGING SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

Increasing the amount of the grants the State is required to distribute to county boards of education for the Aging Schools Program beginning in fiscal year 2009.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

ED, § 5-206(f) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 957 Delegate Montgomery, et al**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – INSECT AND FOOD ALLERGIES – GUIDELINES**

Requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations that establish guidelines for providing emergency medical care to students who have an anaphylactic reaction to insect stings or the ingestion of or exposure to specified food items; and providing for the content of the guidelines.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

ED, § 7-426 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 958 Delegate Vaughn, et alDEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT –
MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FINANCING
AUTHORITY – SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Authorizing the Department of Business and Economic Development to contract with two or more private companies to administer the programs of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority; specifying that, if the Department contracts with companies to administer specified programs, the Department is required to contract with at least one company in the Baltimore metropolitan region and at least one company in the Maryland portion of the Washington metropolitan region and must require specified administration; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

Art. 83A, §§ 5-1001 and 5-1009 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 959 Delegate Valderrama

BANKING INSTITUTIONS – DISHONORED CHECKS – FEES

Prohibiting a banking institution from charging a fee to a customer for an overdraft on the customer's checking account that results from the customer's reasonable reliance on a specified representation made by an employee or agent of the banking institution.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

FI, § 5-514 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 960 Delegate Bartlett, et al

SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

Altering the Solar Energy Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to be the Solar and Geothermal Energy Grant Program; providing specified grants to individuals, local governments, and businesses for portions of the costs of acquiring and installing geothermal property; altering the amounts of specified grants awarded under the Program; limiting the amount of specified grants awarded under the Program for geothermal property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SG, § 9-2007 - amended and § 9-2008 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 961 Delegate Vallario

MARYLAND UNIFORM POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to durable powers of attorney; establishing the Maryland Uniform Power of Attorney Act; establishing exceptions to the application of the Act; establishing that a power of attorney created under the Act is durable unless the power of attorney contains a specified provision; requiring a power of attorney to be signed by the principal or a specified other individual; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

ET, §§ 13-601, 13-602, and 13-603 - repealed and §§ 17-101 through 17-404 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 962 Delegate Conway, et al

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES

Increasing the minimum number of specified retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System or Teachers' Pension System that school districts may rehire; and altering the criteria for hiring specified retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System who are exempt from an earnings offset of a retirement allowance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SP, §§ 22-406(c)(8) and 23-407(c)(8) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 963 Delegate Weir, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES – TITLING AND REGISTRATION

Creating an Off-Highway Vehicle Fund in the Department of Natural Resources; defining "off-highway vehicle"; providing for titling and registration with the Motor Vehicle Administration for off-highway vehicles; exempting specified off-highway vehicles from registration requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

NR, §§ 5-209.1 and 5-209.2 - added and TR, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 964 Delegates Conway and Mathias**ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS – DREDGING FOR OYSTERS AND CLAMS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the use of dredging to catch or attempt to catch oysters and clams in the Atlantic Coastal Bays area; prohibiting the use of a hydraulic clam dredge, power dredge, or other mechanical means of clamming and oystering in the Atlantic Coastal Bays.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

NR, §§ 4-215(h), 4-1012(a), 4-1037, 4-1038, and 4-1039 - amended and §§ 4-1002 and 4-1021.1 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 965 Delegate Conway, et al**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – RESPITE BED STUDY – EXTENSION**

Extending the date by which the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide a report on respite beds to specified committees of the General Assembly to January 1, 2012.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2004, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 966 Delegate Davis**OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Authorizing a designee of the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight to conduct a specified investigation and inspection, commence proceedings on a complaint, and review a complaint and attempt to negotiate a settlement of a complaint; requiring the Director to maintain a list of all for-profit and nonreligious– nonprofit cemeteries associated with a registrant or permit holder for each fiscal year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

BR, Various Sections - and SG, § 8-403(b)(11) - amended and BR, §5-601 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 967 Delegate O'Donnell

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST AND HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION

Providing that specified Program Open Space funds available for capital improvements on State land may be appropriated for use by the Maryland Historical Trust for specified purposes or the Historic St. Mary's City Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

NR, § 5-903(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 968 Delegate Ivey, et al

FAMILY LAW – FLEX FUNDS – ADOPTED CHILDREN

Requiring that a child who is eligible for flex funds before adoption remains eligible after adoption; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

FL, § 5-413 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 969 St. Mary's County Delegation

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – FEE SCHEDULE

Requiring the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to impose and collect a connection fee for specified water or sewer connections under specified circumstances; providing for the calculation of a specified connection fee; requiring the Commission to impose and collect capital contribution charges for specified equivalent dwelling units connected to the water and sewerage system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PLL of St. Mary's Co., Art. 19, § 113-9 - repealed, §§ 113-12 and 113-14 - amended, and § 113-29 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 970 Delegate Hubbard, et al

ROSEWOOD TRANSITION PLAN

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop a Rosewood transition plan; requiring the Rosewood transition plan to provide for the transition of all residents to specified services and settings; requiring the Rosewood transition plan to include specified elements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HG, § 7-520 - added and § 24-1105 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 971 Delegate Jones, et al

STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

Requiring specified State institutions of higher education to provide specified employee information to specified exclusive representatives under specified circumstances; requiring the State institutions of higher education to give specified notice to specified employees at a specified time; prohibiting the State institutions of higher education from providing specified employee information to an exclusive representative under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SP, § 3-208 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 972 Delegate Love, et al

NURSING FACILITIES – ELECTRONIC MONITORING

Requiring specified nursing facilities to install and use electronic monitoring devices in residents' rooms to monitor the safety of the residents; requiring the related institution to post a notice containing specified information in a conspicuous location; requiring the area in the related institution that receives the signals from the electronic monitoring devices to meet specified criteria; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HG, § 19-343.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 973 Delegate Proctor, et al**BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS (BOAST) IN MARYLAND TAX CREDIT**

Providing a tax credit against the State income tax for contributions made to an eligible educational scholarship organization or an eligible innovative educational grant organization; requiring the State Department of Education to administer the tax credit; requiring an entity to submit an application to be an eligible educational scholarship organization or an eligible innovative educational grant organization by a specified date each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TG, §§ 10-205(j), 10-306(f), and 10-726 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 974 Delegate Stocksdales, et al**AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION – EASEMENTS – FUTURE DWELLING HOUSE**

Authorizing a landowner that owns a property on which there is no existing dwelling house to reserve the right to construct a future dwelling house under specified circumstances; requiring the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and local governing body to provide specified written notice before a specified date; prohibiting the Foundation from restricting the landowner's right to build a future dwelling house under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

AG, § 2-513(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 975 Delegate Ross**INCOME TAX – COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TAX CREDIT**

Increasing from \$2 million to \$2.5 million the maximum total contributions that may be approved as eligible for Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program tax credit for any fiscal year; and applying the Act to fiscal years beginning after July 1, 2007.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HS, § 6-405(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 976 Delegate Ross

INCOME TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED HOMES

Providing individuals a credit against the State income tax for the purchase of an owner-occupied home in a priority funding area; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TG, § 10-726 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 977 Delegate Costa

TASK FORCE ON A STATEWIDE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND SEDIMENT CONTROL INITIATIVE

Establishing a Task Force on a Statewide Stormwater Management and Sediment Control Initiative; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force; authorizing the Task Force to establish subcommittees; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding specified issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a final report to the Governor and General Assembly regarding the recommendations by July 1, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 978 Delegate Stein, et al

MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – RENEWABLE ENERGY SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM

Establishing the Renewable Energy Small Business Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to provide grants to specified small businesses for the usage of renewable energy resources; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to administer the Program, establish specified procedures, and award grants from the Program in a specified manner; establishing the intent of the General Assembly regarding funding for the Program; and defining specified terms.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SG, § 9-2009 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 979 Delegate Pendergrass, et al

REGIONAL HEALTH DATA EXCHANGE

Altering the uses of the Community Health Resources Commission Fund to provide funding for a regional health data exchange; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to provide funding of at least a specified amount for a regional health data exchange; establishing eligibility requirements for an organization to receive funding; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HG, § 19-2201(e) and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 980 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al

HIV TESTING, EDUCATION, AND TREATMENT FOR INMATES

Requiring inmates in a correctional institution to be tested for the presence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) at specified times; requiring the correctional institution to test the inmates for HIV by a test and test procedure approved by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring inmates to be notified of the HIV test results in a specified manner; requiring the correctional institution to provide specified education and treatment to inmates who test positive for HIV; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HG, § 18-338.1 - added and §§ 18-338.2(b) and 18-338.4(b) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 981 Delegate Walkup, et al

NORTHERN BAY CROSSING

Repealing the authority of the State Roads Commission concerning the construction and financing of a northern crossing of the Chesapeake Bay with a terminus in Kent County; prohibiting the Maryland Department of Transportation and other specified units from including in specified plans and other documents any reference or statement with respect to a crossing of the Chesapeake Bay with a terminus that lies in whole or in part in Kent County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Chapter 608 of the Acts of 1976, § 3.1. and TR, § 4-206 - amended and TR, § 2-112 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 982 Delegates Kach and Boteler**ENERGY – PEAK SHARING – ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FROM STANDBY GENERATORS**

Authorizing standby generators to distribute electricity to the grid during a period of peak demand; requiring electric companies to pay a specified rate to a standby generator that distributes electricity during a period of peak demand; authorizing an electric company to request that a standby generator produce electricity for the grid for a specified time period under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PUC, § 7-212 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 983 Delegate Jones, et al**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCENTIVE ACT**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to submit a Unified Property Tax Exemption and Credit Report on or before a specified date each year; specifying the contents of the property tax report; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to publish the property tax report in both written and electronic formats; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development to submit a Unified Economic Development and Tax Incentive Report on or before a specified date each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TP, §§ 2-301 through 2-307 and Art. 83A, §§ 7-101 through 7-106 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 984 Delegate Conway, et al**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DROP**

Establishing a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for specified members in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; requiring the State Retirement Agency to request specified documentation from the Internal Revenue Service; etc.

CONTINGENT

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SP, § 25-401.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 985 Delegate Conway, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – WICOMICO COUNTY – EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION FACILITY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$325,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Epilepsy Association of the Eastern Shore, Inc. for the construction, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of a building to be used as a facility for the Epilepsy Association of the Eastern Shore; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc. etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 986 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**LEAD SAFE INCOME TAX CREDIT**

Allowing an individual or a corporation to claim a credit against the State income tax for costs incurred for an approved lead hazard reduction project for qualifying property; providing for calculation of the credit; providing for submission of proposals for lead hazard reduction projects to the Department of Housing and Community Development for approval; limiting to \$3,000,000 the total amount of credits that the Department may approve for any fiscal year; applying the Act to tax years beginning after December 31, 2006; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TG, § 10-726 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 987 Delegate Valderrama, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – FOREST HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights for the repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Forest Heights Municipal Building; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 988 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam

STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – RESTRUCTURING AND LICENSEE PROTECTION

Prohibiting health occupation boards from taking or refusing to take specified action as reprisal against specified licensees under specified circumstances; establishing that specified protection only applies if a licensee has a reasonable, good faith belief; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit a specified list to the Governor; requiring that a list of names be compiled by the Department in consultation with specified academies, associations, organizations, or societies; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HO, §§ 1-501 through 1-506, 4-202 through 4-204, and 4-316 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 989 Delegate Harrison, et al

MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY – FINANCING LIMITATIONS

Altering limitations on lending, guarantees, and equity participation financing by the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority in specified transactions; altering the maximum amount of a loan that the Authority may make using the Contract Financing Fund; altering the maximum amount of a loan guarantee that the Authority may make using the Guaranty Fund; altering the scope of contracts for which the Authority may act as a surety or guarantee under the Small Business Surety Bond Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

Art. 83A, §§ 5-1022(a), 5-1024(a), 5-1029(a), 5-1035(a) and (d)(1), and 5-1046 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 990 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – EMPLOYEES’ PENSION SYSTEM –
ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION**

Allowing the employees of Frederick County who are members of the Employees’ Pension System to become subject to the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection that alters the benefits those members receive and requires a specified member contribution; authorizing the purchase of service credit under specified circumstances; requiring Frederick County to pay for additional pension liabilities according to an amortization schedule approved by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System; etc.

CONTINGENT

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SP, §§ 21-307(k), 23-221, and 23-307.2 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 991 Delegate Anderson (Baltimore City Administration), et al**BALTIMORE CITY – HOTEL ROOM TAX – CONVENTION CENTER
PROMOTION**

Extending through the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, provisions requiring that 40% of the proceeds from a hotel room tax imposed by Baltimore City be appropriated specifically for Convention Center marketing and tourism promotion; requiring that the required appropriation be made to the Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association; repealing obsolete language; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

The Charter of Baltimore City, Art. II, § (40)(e) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 992 Delegate Anderson, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – DRUG-RELATED OFFENSES – REPEAL OF MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES**

Repealing specified mandatory minimum sentences for specified drug-related offenses; providing that a person convicted of specified drug-related offenses is not prohibited from participating in a specified drug treatment program; providing that a specified person may grant a hearing and sentence review; repealing a prohibition against a person possessing a regulated firearm if the person was previously convicted of specified drug-related offenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CR, §§ 5-607, 5-608, and 5-609 and PS, § 5-133(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 993 Delegate Walker, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FORT WASHINGTON MEDICAL CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$560,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Fort Washington Medical Center, Inc. for the planning, design, renovation, expansion, repair, construction, and capital equipping of the emergency department at Fort Washington Medical Center; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 994 Delegate Walker, et al**TASK FORCE ON THE POLICY AND FUNDING IMPLICATIONS OF REQUIRING PASSAGE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT FOR GRADUATION**

Establishing the Task Force on the Policy and Funding Implications of Requiring Passage of the High School Assessment for Graduation; requiring the Task Force to review and evaluate the use of the high school assessment as a Maryland diploma requirement and make findings and recommendations; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the State Department of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2007; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 995 Delegate Walker, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – DONATIONS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax in an amount equal to 150% of a monetary donation made by a business entity to a public elementary or secondary school in the State; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TG, § 10-208(q) - added and § 10-308(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 996 Delegate Jameson**PUBLIC SAFETY – STATEWIDE DNA DATA BASE SYSTEM – SEXUAL OFFENSES AND KIDNAPPING – SAMPLE COLLECTION ON ARREST**

Altering a specified provision to require the collection of a DNA sample from an individual under arrest for specified sexual offenses or kidnappings instead of from an individual convicted of a felony or specified burglary offenses; requiring a DNA sample to be collected at the facility where a specified arrest is processed; repealing a specified provision that permits the expungement of a DNA sample; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PS, §§ 2-501, 2-504, and 2-511 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 997 Delegate Valderrama, et al**MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM – EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the income eligibility requirements for the Maryland Children's Health Program; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to determine the amount of a specified family contribution; repealing provisions of law that require the Department to set annual family contributions at specified amounts; requiring the Department to provide a specified report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HG, §§ 15-301 and 15-301.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 998 Delegate Krysiak, et al**MARYLAND TAX PREPARERS ACT**

Creating the State Board of Tax Preparers in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; providing for the composition, appointment, terms, and expenses of the Board; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Board; establishing specified powers and duties of the Board; requiring specified persons to be licensed by the Board as tax preparers; establishing specified experience and education requirements; authorizing the Board to deny or suspend or revoke a license, or impose specified penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

BOP, §§ 19.5-101 through 19.5-502 and BR, § 2-108(a)(23) and SG, § 8-403(b)(66) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 999 Delegate McConkey**REAL PROPERTY – COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITY OMBUDSMAN**

Establishing the office of Common Ownership Community Ombudsman in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; providing for the appointment, service, qualifications, and salary of the Ombudsman; requiring a common ownership community to register with the Ombudsman; requiring the Ombudsman to charge a fee for registration; establishing a Common Ownership Community Ombudsman Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

RP, §§ 11C-101 through 11C-402 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 1000 Delegate Stocksdale**PUBLIC SAFETY – DNA COLLECTION – FROM ARRESTED PERSONS**

Requiring the collection of a DNA sample from an individual under arrest for a felony or specified burglary offenses; altering a specified definition; requiring a DNA sample to be collected at the facility where a specified arrest is processed; requiring an individual who was arrested before a specified date and convicted on or after a specified date to submit a DNA sample; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PS, §§ 2-501, 2-504, and 2-511 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1001 Delegate Vallario**UNCLAIMED RESTITUTION – DISBURSEMENTS AND USE**

Requiring the Comptroller to distribute unclaimed money from judgments of restitution to the State Victims of Crime Fund to be used for specified purposes; requiring the State Board of Victim Services to assure that money obtained from unclaimed restitution is used for grants to provide legal counsel to victims; providing that it is the intent of the General Assembly that if specified federal funding for victims is terminated or reduced below \$500,000, the Governor shall include a specified appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CL, § 17-317 and CP, § 11-919 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1002 Delegate Stocksdale**EDUCATION – SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE**

Establishing a Scholarship Program for Children in Foster Care; authorizing a foster parent or legal guardian of a child in foster care to enroll the child in a noncollegiate educational institution and use scholarship funds to offset specified costs relating to the child's attendance at the noncollegiate educational institution; establishing eligibility to participate in the Program; providing for the administration of funds for the Program; establishing the amount of a scholarship; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

ED, § 4-122(b) - amended and § 4-122.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1003 Delegate Vallario

CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION – CLAIMS BY VICTIMS

Requiring the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board to reduce the amount of an award or deny a claim if the Board finds that the victim contributed to the victim's own injury under specified circumstances; modifying the applicable definition of "crime" to include specified offenses relating to the operation of a vehicle or vessel; modifying the applicable definition of "victim" to include a person who is a victim of trafficking or who was otherwise forced to participate in a crime or delinquent act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CP, §§ 11-801, 11-808(a), 11-810(a) and (d), and 11-811(a)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1004 Delegate Donoghue

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – FAMILY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION – MARYLAND MEDBANK PROGRAM

Transferring the Maryland Medbank Program to the Family Health Administration within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HG, § 13-2501 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1005 Delegate Kach

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – QUALIFYING HOURS – ELIGIBILITY SERVICE

Providing that members of the Teachers' Pension System, the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, or the Local Fire and Police System who have completed a specified number of hours of employment in any fiscal year, may petition the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to receive 1 year of eligibility service; requiring the Board of Trustees to adopt regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SP, §§ 23-302, 26-302, and 28-302 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1006 Delegate Kach**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – BENEFITS – COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT**

Requiring specified employers to provide a specified annual cost of living adjustment for compensation paid for claims arising from events occurring before a specified date; authorizing specified employers to provide a specified annual cost of living adjustment for compensation paid for claims arising from events occurring before a specified date; defining a specified term; and providing for the application of the Act.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

LE, § 9-638 - amended and § 9-638.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1007 Delegate Feldman**BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT TAX CREDITS**

Authorizing specified investors and venture capital firms to claim a specified tax credit against the State premium tax in a specified manner; authorizing specified venture capital firms to allocate specified tax credits to specified persons in a specified manner; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development to issue and send a specified certificate to specified investors or venture capital firms; altering the limits on the maximum tax credit that may be claimed; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

IN, § 6-122 - added and TG, § 10-725 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1008 Delegate Feldman**COMMERCIAL LAW – INTERNET AUCTION SALES ACT**

Prohibiting specified persons from selling or offering to sell, by means of an Internet auction, specified infant formula or baby food subject to specified expiration dating requirements, specified nonprescription drugs, cosmetics, or infant formula or baby food not subject to specified expiration dating requirements, specified value loaded cards, manufacturer or store coupons, and specified products containing pseudoephedrine sold in specified quantities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CL, §§ 11-1501 - 11-1507 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1009 Delegates Hubbard and Hammen**TASK FORCE ON THE STRUCTURAL UNDER-FUNDING OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Establishing the Task Force on the Structural Under-Funding of Community Services for Individuals with Disabilities; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to elect a chair; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide staff for the Task Force; providing for the duties of the Task Force; and prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving compensation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1010 Delegate Love, et al**MILK PRODUCTS – DIRECT SALE TO CONSUMER – EXEMPTION FROM REGULATION**

Exempting from specified regulation the sale of milk and milk products from farmers and milk producers directly to the final consumer; establishing that the exemption does not apply to specified sales of milk and milk products; providing that the prohibition on the sale of raw milk for human consumption is subject to the exemption; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HG, §§ 21-403 and 21-434 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1011 Delegate Kach**CONSUMER PROTECTION – ADVERTISEMENT OF REBATE FOR CONSUMER GOODS**

Prohibiting merchants from advertising rebates for consumer goods by displaying the net price of the consumer goods in the advertisement unless the amount of the rebate is provided to the consumer by the merchant at the time of the purchase of the consumer goods; providing that a merchant need not provide the amount of a rebate for consumer goods to a consumer if the advertisement for the consumer goods states that a rebate is available without displaying the net price of the consumer goods; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CL, § 13-319 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1012 Delegate Proctor**REAL PROPERTY – HOME BUILDERS – DISCLOSURES IN CONTRACTS OF SALE**

Requiring that a home builder that agrees to provide a community amenity to a community development must include in the contract of sale the date by which the community amenity will be available; requiring a home builder to return 10% of the contract price to the purchaser if the home builder fails to include the information in the contract or fails to provide the amenity by the date specified; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

RP, § 10-705 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1013 Delegate James**GOVERNOR'S PENSION PLAN – SURVIVING SPOUSE BENEFITS**

Providing death benefits to surviving spouses of former Governors.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SP, § 22-405 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1014 Delegate Hecht, et al**MARYLAND NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program in the Department of Business and Economic Development; requiring the Program to provide specified training and technical assistance services to nonprofit entities; establishing the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program Fund; requiring the Department to designate a specified number of organizations to implement the Program and providing specified criteria for the designations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

Art. 83A, §§ 6-601 through 6-605 and CA, § 1-203(b)(11) and (e) - added and BR, § 6-407(b) and CA, § 1-203(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1015 Delegate Howard**EMINENT DOMAIN – LIMITATIONS ON THE CONDEMNATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY**

Prohibiting specified governmental units from acquiring private property by condemnation for specified purposes or if the property is intended to be transferred to a private person under specified circumstances; and providing the limitation in the Act does not apply to specified condemnations of private property under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

RP, § 12-101.1 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 1016 Delegate Hecht, et al**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – SOLAR ENERGY**

Altering the Tier 1 renewable energy portfolio standard by requiring that specified portions of electricity in the standard be derived from solar energy; extending the deadlines within the renewable energy portfolio standard for specified requirements; repealing a provision that provided an electricity supplier to receive a double credit toward meeting a renewable energy portfolio standard for energy derived by solar energy sources; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PUC, §§ 7-306, 7-703(b), 7-705, 7-707(f), and 7-711 and TG, § 10-720(a), (b), and (c) - amended and TG, § 7-704(c) - repealed and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1017 Delegate Walker, et al**BALTIMORE CITY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION MATCHING FUND PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Parent-Teacher Association Matching Fund Pilot Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the State to provide a dollar-for-dollar match up to a specified amount for funds raised by parent-teacher associations in public high schools in Baltimore City and Prince George's County; providing for Program funds; defining a specified term; and requiring specified persons to submit a specified report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before a specified date.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

ED, § 7-116 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1018 Delegate Bobo, et al

REAL PROPERTY – PRIORITY OF LIENS – CONDOMINIUM AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

Providing that condominium unit owners or lot owners within homeowners associations are liable for specified fees, assessments, and charges; authorizing a homeowners association to enforce the payment of specified fees, assessments, and charges by imposition of a contract lien under specified circumstances; providing that a specified portion of a condominium or homeowners association lien has priority over a first mortgage or deed of trust under specified circumstances; etc.

CONTINGENT

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

RP, § 11-110(d) - amended and § 11B-115 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 1019 Delegate Vaughn, et al

HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS – EXCEPTION TO LIMIT ON DEPOSITS

Authorizing a person to receive a deposit of more than one-third of a home improvement contract price before or at the time of execution of the home improvement contract if that person provides a specified bond or bond equivalent and includes a specified notice.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

BR, § 8-617 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1020 Delegate Oaks, et al

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT OF 2007

Requiring an applicant for a contractor license to meet a specified accreditation or training requirement under specified circumstances; requiring a licensee applying for a license renewal to submit to the Maryland Home Improvement Commission proof of compliance with specified lead training requirements; prohibiting a licensee from violating specified lead paint abatement accreditation requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

BR, and EN, Various Sections - amended and RP, § 8-215 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 1021 Delegate Taylor, et al

PROPERTY TAX – ASSESSMENT GROWTH LIMIT

Limiting the annual increase in the property tax assessment of real property owned by an individual who has occupied and maintained the property as the owner's principal residence for at least 25 years to the annual percentage increase in a specified Consumer Price Index; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2008; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

TP, § 8-241 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1022 Delegate Ross

SALES AND USE TAX – SERVICES

Altering the definition of “taxable service” under the sales and use tax to impose the tax on a tanning facility or service, tattoo and body piercing, swimming pool or hot tub cleaning, interior decorating, a self-storage facility or service, and home moving services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TG, § 11-101(m) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1023 Delegate Ramirez, et al

EDUCATION – SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Requiring specified individuals to take specified action and provide specified notice regarding school attendance; requiring a county school attendance review board to take specified actions under specified circumstances; requiring each county board of education to establish a school attendance review board; providing for the membership, terms, chair, and staffing of a review board; requiring a review board to develop specified strategies and evaluate and make specified recommendations regarding school attendance; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

ED, § 7-302 - amended and § 7-302.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1024 Delegate Ross

INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT

Allowing a State income tax credit for the costs of using low impact development techniques in construction projects; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations establishing eligibility standards for the tax credit; providing for issuance of initial credit certificates by the Department; limiting to \$9,000,000 the aggregate amount of initial credit certificates that the Department may issue; requiring the Department to establish an Advisory Committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TG, § 10-726 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1025 Delegate Rudolph

MARYLAND RX PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS

Authorizing an individual that satisfies the conditions established by the Department of Budget and Management to be eligible for participation in the Maryland Rx Program; requiring an individual that participates in the Program to be responsible for the cost of drugs purchased by or on behalf of the individual; authorizing the State to recoup any start-up funds from savings achieved for participating individuals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SP, § 2-502.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1026 Delegate Rudolph

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – SUSQUEHANNA RIVER REGION E–Z PASS

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to provide for a Susquehanna River Region E–Z Pass for use at the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge and portions of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway within Cecil County and Harford County; limiting use to two-axle vehicles and requiring registration in person; prohibiting use of this E–Z Pass for vehicles towed or being towed; establishing a maximum fee of \$10; authorizing the Authority to adopt rules and regulations for implementation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TR, § 4-406 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1027 Delegate Gilchrist, et al

REAL PROPERTY – RELEASE OF MORTGAGE, SECURITY INSTRUMENT, OR DEED OF TRUST

Altering the procedures by which a mortgage, security instrument, or deed of trust may be released when the party whose debt is satisfied fails to provide a release; authorizing, under specified conditions, the release of a mortgage, security instrument, or deed of trust when the debt secured by the mortgage or deed of trust is paid fully or satisfied by wire transfer; providing a form for a settlement agent's affidavit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

RP, § 3-105(a) and (d)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 1028 Delegate Rudolph

TASK FORCE ON IMPROVING LOCAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Establishing a Task Force on Improving Local Stormwater Management Practices; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force; authorizing the Task Force to establish subcommittees; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding specified issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly regarding the recommendations by a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 1029 Delegate Taylor, et al

COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – CIVIL COURT CASES – FILING FEES

Establishing specified fee schedules for specified courts; increasing specified filing fees by \$15; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CJ, §§ 7-202 and 7-301(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1030 Delegate Montgomery

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – WHOLESALE DRUG DISTRIBUTION – PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Altering the requirements for obtaining a wholesale distributor's permit to include an inspection and the posting of a bond; requiring a pedigree for prescription drugs or devices distributed in the State; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations regarding pedigree and inspection requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HO, § 12-602 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1031 Delegate Taylor (Unemployment Insurance Oversight Committee)

JOINT COMMITTEE ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OVERSIGHT

Reestablishing the Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight; establishing the membership and staffing of the Committee; requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates to designate cochairs of the Committee; requiring the Committee to examine specified issues; authorizing the Committee to examine specified issues; requiring the Committee to issue a report on December 31 of each year; terminating the Act at the end of December 31, 2010; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

SG, § 2-10A-11 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1032 Delegate Oaks, et al

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – THE MOUNT

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Progressive Horizons, Inc. for the repair and renovation of The Mount; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the grantee to grant and convey an easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1033 Delegate Taylor, et alHEALTH INSURANCE – PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND DEVICES –
COPAYMENT OR COINSURANCE

Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a copayment or coinsurance requirement for a covered prescription drug or device that exceeds the retail price of the prescription drug or device.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

IN, § 15-842 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1034 Delegate Oaks, et al

MARYLAND HEALTHY PLACES ACT

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish an Interagency Working Group to discuss environmental health concerns; providing for the membership, appointments, and duties of the Interagency Working Group; requiring the Secretary to establish a specified pilot program; requiring that a specified pilot program be funded through a specified appropriation; requiring that a specified pilot program provide funding and technical assistance to specified eligible entities to prepare specified health impact assessments; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HG, §§ 13-2501 through 13-2508 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1035 Delegate Rudolph, et alMARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – EMPLOYEE OR OFFICIAL OF THE
MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE–BASED INDUSTRY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Expanding the definition of State personnel under the Maryland Tort Claims Act to include an employee or official of the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation.

EMERGENCY BILL

SG, § 12-101(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1036 Delegate Lee, et al

IDENTITY FRAUD – INDUCING ANOTHER TO PROVIDE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION – PROHIBITED

Prohibiting a person from claiming to be another person without the consent of that person with the intent of soliciting, requesting, persuading, or taking any other action to induce another to provide personal identifying information or a payment device number; providing that a person convicted of this offense is guilty of a misdemeanor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CR, § 8-301 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1037 Delegate Ramirez, et al

MARYLAND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Establishing the Maryland School Attendance Performance Program to reward schools that show substantial improvement in attendance rates; requiring the Program to include specified financial rewards based on specified criteria; requiring the State Board of Education to establish guidelines for the determination of eligibility for and distribution of awards under the Program; requiring a school attendance improvement team of a recipient school to determine how specified awards shall be used, based on specified conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

ED, § 5-219 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1038 Delegate Haynes

CRIMES – VICTIM AND WITNESS INTIMIDATION

Expanding the categories of crimes for which a specified type of evidence is admissible at trial under specified circumstances; and expanding the list of crimes applicable to specified provisions that provide a greater penalty if committed against specified persons.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CJ, § 10-901 and CR, §§ 9-302, 9-303, and 9-305 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1039 Delegate Kach**BALTIMORE COUNTY – VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS**

Authorizing the placement of specified speed monitoring systems on specified highways in Baltimore County; making specified provisions of law concerning the enforcement of speed limit laws with specified speed monitoring systems applicable in Baltimore County; authorizing a person who receives a citation under the Act to pay the civil penalty to the Baltimore County Office of Budget and Finance or elect to stand trial; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

TR, § 21-809 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 1040 Delegate Oaks, et al**MARYLAND COMPASSIONATE USE ACT**

Allowing the medical use of marijuana under specified circumstances; repealing specified criminal provisions that allow the imposition of a specified fine for use or possession of marijuana or use or possession of drug paraphernalia related to marijuana under specified circumstances; establishing a Compassionate Use Registry Program; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to issue registry identification cards to specified qualifying patients under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CR, §§ 5-601(c) and 5-619(c) - amended and HG, §§ 21-1117 through 21-1129 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1041 Delegate Rudolph**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FUND – GRANTS TO COUNTIES**

Authorizing the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to make grants to counties from the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund under specified circumstances; and prohibiting the counties from using the grants except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

AG, § 2-505(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 1042 Delegate Vallario, et al

ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – PERIOD REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing a campaign finance entity to file a specified affidavit instead of filing a campaign finance report covering a specified period; requiring a campaign finance entity to file the affidavit by a specified date; establishing a reporting procedure to be followed if the campaign finance entity raises or expends a specified amount; establishing a penalty for officers of a campaign finance entity violating the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

EL, § 13-305 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1043 Delegates Rosenberg and Sophocleus

REAL PROPERTY – CONDEMNATION – PROCEDURES AND COMPENSATION

Eliminating, in specified condemnation proceedings, monetary limits on payments made to specified displaced residential owners and renters to secure replacement dwellings; establishing the payment of damages in condemnation proceedings for the loss of net income for a specified period of time; eliminating monetary limits for reestablishing specified businesses in new sites; establishing the payment of damages for moving a business or farm operation under specified circumstances and for substitute tangible personal property; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

RP, §§ 12-101, 12-202, 12-204, and 12-205 - amended and § 12-102.1 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 1044 Delegate Lee, et al

CRIMES – IDENTITY FRAUD REPEAT OFFENDER – PENALTY

Providing an enhanced penalty for a person convicted of the crime of identity fraud who has been convicted of identity fraud on a prior occasion not arising from the same incident.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CR, § 8-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1045 Delegate Montgomery, et al

BIODIESEL PRODUCTION CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY AND AMOUNTS

Altering the eligibility of a production credit for specified biodiesel products; altering the maximum amount of a production credit authorized for specified biodiesel products; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

AG, §§ 10-1502 and 10-1505 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 1046 Delegate Mizeur, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – SELF-INJURY BY CUTTING – PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Requiring the State Superintendent of Schools, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to establish and promote in schools in the State a public awareness campaign related to self-injury by cutting; providing for the components of the campaign; and authorizing the State Superintendent to use specified resources to carry out the provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

ED, § 7-426 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1047 Delegate Mizeur, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND TRUTH IN TUITION ACT

Requiring a governing board to develop, on or before July 1, 2008, a long-term tuition plan for a public senior higher education institution; providing that the purpose of the long-term tuition plan is to ensure that specified students enrolling in and specified individuals who apply for admission to public senior higher education institutions are informed of the tuition that will be charged for 4 academic years of enrollment; requiring a governing board or public senior higher education institution to publish specified rates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

ED, § 15-106.6 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1048 Delegates Morhaim and KachDEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE –
CONSOLIDATION AND STREAMLINING ACT OF 2007

Renaming the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to be the Department of Health; renaming the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to be the Secretary of Health; transferring the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to the Department of Health; establishing the Institute in the Office of Preparedness and Response; repealing the State Emergency Medical Services Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

ED, §§ 13-502, 13-505, 13-507, and 13-512 - repealed and §§ 13-501 and 13-502 - amended and TR, § 13-955 and HG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1049 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

TASK FORCE ON THE HPV VACCINE

Establishing a Task Force on the HPV Vaccine; providing for the membership and staffing of the Task Force; providing that the members of the Task Force may not receive compensation but are entitled to a specified reimbursement; providing for the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report specified findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2008; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1050 Delegates Dumais and RosenbergEDUCATION – NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION OF ENROLLEE WITH CRIMINAL RECORD

Expanding the disclosure requirement, under specified circumstances, of a police record and juvenile court record concerning a student to include the principal of a nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled, or the principal's designee and specified superintendents of schools; and requiring the confidentiality of the records obtained by the nonpublic school principal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

ED, § 7-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1051 Delegates Rosenberg and Lee

IDENTITY FRAUD – SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE

Authorizing a State or local law enforcement agency, on process issued by a court of competent jurisdiction, to seize property used or intended for use in connection with violation of specified identity fraud laws; establishing that specified property is contraband and presumed to be forfeitable; placing the burden of rebutting the presumption on the property claimant; authorizing the seizure of property with or without a warrant in specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CP, §§ 13-401 through 13-407 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1052 Delegate Mizeur, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – YOUNG ADULT COVERAGE EXPANSION ACT

Requiring the Maryland Children's Health Program to provide comprehensive medical care and other health care services to specified young adults, subject to specified limitations; providing for the administration of the Maryland Children's Health Program for young adults through the MCHP premium plan; requiring young adults to agree to pay a contribution to enroll and participate in the Maryland Children's Health Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HG, §§ 15-301 and 15-301.1 - amended and § 19-706 (jjj) and IN, § 15-418 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1053 Delegate Hucker, et al

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION FILING FEES – INCOME TAX CREDIT

Increasing from \$300 to \$1,000 the filing fee for annual reports filed by specified corporations; providing a credit against the State income tax for \$500 of the filing fee paid for filing annual reports; applying the Act to fees paid for annual reports filed after December 31, 2007, and taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

CA, § 1-203(b)(3) - amended and TG, § 10-726 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1054 Delegate Kach**HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER CONTRACTS – CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION WITH CARRIERS**

Repealing a prohibition that health insurance carriers may not require a health care provider to serve on a provider panel of another health benefit plan of the carrier under specified circumstances; repealing an exception to the prohibition for a managed care organization; prohibiting a provider contract from containing a provision that requires a provider, as a condition of participation with a carrier, to participate with a different carrier; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

IN, § 15-112(l) - amended and § 15-112.2 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1055 Delegate Oaks, et al**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM FOR LEAD ABATEMENT AND REMOVAL**

Creating a Workforce Development Pilot Program for Lead Abatement and Removal; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to establish a pilot program in consultation with the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning and the Department of the Environment; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to adopt policies to administer the Pilot Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

EN, § 6-1004 - amended and LE, §§ 11-801 through 11-803 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 1056 Delegate Heller, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED STUDENTS – INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Requiring the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to convene an Instructional Materials Access Standards Committee on or before December 1, 2007, in order to coordinate the distribution of instructional materials to blind and other print disabled students; providing for the membership of the Committee; requiring at least two of the members of the Committee to be blind or print disabled; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

ED, §§ 11-901 through 11-905 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1057 Delegate Mizeur

HEALTH INSURANCE – EQUITY IN FAMILY COVERAGE

Requiring health insurance policies or contracts to provide that the same health insurance benefits and eligibility guidelines that apply to covered dependents are available on request to adult members and child members of the household of the insured, subscriber, employee, or member under specified circumstances; authorizing insurers and nonprofit health service plans to require specified proof; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HG, § 19-706(jjj) and IN, § 15-403.2 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1058 Delegate Manno, et al

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MEAL PERIODS

Requiring an employer to provide a one-half hour nonworking or working meal period to an employee; providing that a meal period count towards an employee's work hours; authorizing health care industry employees to waive a meal period; requiring employers to provide a place to eat during a meal period; requiring an employer to pay a specified amount to an employee under specified circumstances; allowing an employee specified remedies; and authorizing a court to award attorney's fees and costs.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

LE, § 3-710 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1059 Delegate Mizeur, et al

FAMILY HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY ACT

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for eligible low to moderate income individuals for health insurance premium contributions, deductibles, co-payments, and coinsurance payments in excess of 5% of federal adjusted gross income, subject to specified maximums; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TG, § 10-218 - amended and § 10-726 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1060 Delegate Mizeur, et al

MEDICAID TRANSPARENCY ACT

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide notification to specified legislative committees regarding a State plan amendment or waiver application; providing the committees a specified period of time to review and comment before the amendment or waiver application is submitted; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HG, § 15-102.1(c) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1061 Delegate Mizeur, et al

ELIMINATING BARRIERS TO ENROLLMENT ACT

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to calculate the income of Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients in a specified manner; requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program to provide guaranteed eligibility to enrollees for 12 months and to provide presumptive eligibility to enrollees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HG, § 15-103(a)(4) - added and § 15-103(b)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1062 Delegate Stein, et al

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY ACCELERATION ACT

Altering the renewable energy portfolio standard by increasing the specified percentages to be met in specified years from renewable energy credits from Tier 1 sources.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PUC, § 7-703(b) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1063 Delegate Taylor, et al**DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – SUBSEQUENT OFFENDER PENALTIES**

Providing that a State's Attorney is not required to serve a specified notice of an alleged prior conviction for specified alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses for the purpose of allowing a court to sentence a defendant as a subsequent offender; and allowing a court to impose specified penalties without specified notice to a defendant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

TR, § 27-101(aa) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1064 Delegate Heller, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – AGRICULTURE ACTIVITY CENTER EXPANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$675,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Montgomery County for the construction, repair, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Agriculture Activity Center at the Agricultural History Farm Park, located in Derwood; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1065 Delegate Haynes, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – CLARENCE H. "DU" BURNS MEMORIAL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Clarence H. "Du" Burns Memorial Fund, Inc. for the construction of a statue of Clarence H. "Du" Burns, located in Baltimore; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1066 Delegate Taylor, et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PAROLE AND PROBATION – ALCOHOL MONITORING DEVICES

Authorizing the Parole Commission or a Commission panel to require as a condition or modification of parole that a person who was convicted of a crime in which alcohol consumption by the person was a factor wear a specified alcohol monitoring device; and authorizing a court to require as a condition of probation before judgment that a defendant wear a specified alcohol monitoring device when the crime for which the judgment is being stayed is one in which alcohol consumption by the defendant was a factor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CS, §§ 7-308 and 7-402(a) and CP, §§ 6-220(c) and 6-221 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1067 Delegate Anderson (Baltimore City Administration), et al

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Requiring local law enforcement agencies to hold personal property that comes into their possession until specified determinations are made; establishing a procedure for local law enforcement agencies to notify the owner of the property and for the owner of the property to secure the release of the property in a specified manner within 30 days; authorizing a local law enforcement agency to sell personal property at public auction after 3 months; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PS, § 3-505 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1068 Delegate Eckardt, et al

CONSUMER HEALTH OPEN INSURANCE COVERAGE ACT OF 2007

Prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from applying for specified waivers or expanding a specified program except under specified circumstances on or after a specified date; establishing the Maryland Health Insurance Exchange in the Maryland Health Care Commission; requiring the Commission to oversee the administration of the Maryland Health Insurance Exchange; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HG, IN, and SP, Various Sections - amended, HG, IN, and TG, Various Sections - added, and HG and IN, Various Sections - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1069 Delegate Taylor, et al**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICE**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations requiring broadband providers to submit specified reports at specified times to the Commission on the deployment of specified broadband services to the public; specifying the required contents of the reports; requiring the Commission to publish the reports on the Commission's website; stating the intent of the General Assembly; and defining specified terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PUC, §§ 5-107 and 5-108 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1070 Delegate Eckardt, et al**HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – REPEAL OF COMMISSION AND STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE FINANCING OF UNCOMPENSATED AND UNDERCOMPENSATED CARE**

Repealing provisions of law relating to the Health Services Cost Review Commission and its powers and duties; altering provisions of law relating to the Health Services Cost Review Commission; repealing a requirement that specified health facilities submit specified discharge information; repealing specified requirements regarding reimbursement rates set by the Health Services Cost Review Commission; requiring nonprofit hospitals to submit a specified report to the Maryland Health Care Commission; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG and IN, Various Sections - amended and repealed, and ED, § 11-405 and SF, § 7-403(b) - amended, and Art. 43C, § 16A - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1071 Delegate Anderson, et al**CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAMS – ACCESS AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

Requiring that a local team be immediately provided access to information and records maintained by a health care provider regarding a child convicted of a crime that caused a death or fatality being investigated by the team; and prohibiting the identification of a child convicted of a crime that caused the death or fatality of another child during specified public meetings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HG, §§ 5-707 and 5-708 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1072 Delegate McHale, et al

PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES – GENERATING STATIONS – WIND

Exempting a specified person from having to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a generating station that produces electricity from wind; and requiring a person to obtain approval from the Public Service Commission prior to any construction of a generating station that produces electricity from wind.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

PUC, § 7-207.1 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1073 Delegate Manno, et al

MEDICARE PART D “DONUT HOLE” TAX ASSISTANCE ACT

Providing for a Maryland income tax subtraction modification for qualified prescription drug expenses of an individual eligible for prescription drug coverage under Part D of the Medicare Program; limiting the subtraction to 7.5% of an individual’s federal adjusted gross income if the individual itemizes deductions; applying the Act to tax years after 2006; etc

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TG, § 10-208(q) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1074 Delegate Eckardt, et al

REPEAL OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENTS – HEALTH CARE FACILITIES OTHER THAN HOME HEALTH AGENCIES AND HOSPICES

Altering requirements that specified health facilities obtain a certificate of need in order to build a new facility or expand a facility; repealing specified provisions relating to certificates of need for specified facilities; altering specified definitions; repealing specified definitions; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to develop a specified comprehensive plan for emergency medical services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HG, §§ 19-121 through 19-125 and 19-129 - repealed and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1075 Delegate Bartlett, et al

STUDY TO EVALUATE STRATEGIES TO REDUCE DEER-VEHICLE COLLISIONS

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of State Police to jointly conduct a study to evaluate strategies to reduce deer-vehicle collisions; requiring the study to include specified reviews, evaluations, and examinations; and requiring the Departments to jointly submit a report to the General Assembly on or before a specified date.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 1076 Delegate Eckardt, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – LOW-INCOME HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM SUPPORT FUND

Establishing the Low-Income Health Insurance Premium Support Fund; providing for the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to administer the Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing Fund; providing that specified interest and other income from the Fund shall be accounted for and credited in a specified manner; providing for the makeup of the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HG, § 19-214 - repealed and §§ 19-112 and 19-214 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1077 Delegate O'Donnell

CALVERT COUNTY – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES – SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS

Clarifying that no provision of law may be construed as prohibiting Calvert County from accepting an easement for public travel on a highway in a special taxing district, including in the county's inventory of county roads any highway in a special taxing district in the county, or distributing a portion of the county's highway user revenues to a special taxing district in the county; clarifying that, for purposes of specified provisions of this Act, a specified highway includes a gravel road; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1078 Delegate Conway

PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION –
USES OF APPROPRIATION

Altering the purposes for which the Maryland State Firemen’s Association may use money appropriated in the State budget.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

PS, § 8-205 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1079 Delegate Howard, et al

EDUCATION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – PUBLIC SCHOOL
LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Establishing a Public School Labor Relations Board; specifying the manner of appointment, membership, duties, and responsibilities of the Board; providing for staffing of the Board; authorizing the Board to adopt and enforce certain regulations, guidelines, and policies; permitting the Board to petition a circuit court to seek enforcement of an order of the Board; and providing that a hearing and determination under the Act is a contested case.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

ED, §§ 2-205(e), 6-401, 6-405(f), 6-408, 6-501, 6-506(f), and 6-510 - amended and §§ 6-801 through 6-807 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1080 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

EDUCATION – CREATION OF THE MARYLAND EDUCATION FUND

Establishing the Maryland Education Fund; providing that after a specified time, the balance remaining on a gift certificate shall be presumed abandoned; requiring a person that sells or issues a gift certificate in the State to remit to the Comptroller the remaining balance on certain gift certificates on or before a specified date each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CL, § 14-1319 - amended and ED, § 5-201.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

HB 1081 Delegate Valderrama, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY RISK MANAGEMENT AND LOSS CONTROL**

Creating the Task Force to Study Risk Management and Loss Control; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Department of Legislative Services and the Office of Legislative Audits to provide staff to the Task Force; providing specified duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make specified reports to the Governor and General Assembly on or before specified dates; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

Assigned to: Appropriations

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 9, 2007**HJ 2 Delegate Cardin****HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS' INSURANCE CLAIMS**

Urging the U.S. Congress to pass legislation requiring collection of Holocaust-era insurance information and provide a legal footing for specified individuals to seek redress against insurers through the courts; urging the U.S. Department of State to view a just resolution of survivors' claims as a human rights precedent and moral priority; resolving that certain funds obtained for, or on behalf of, Holocaust survivors be promptly disbursed; and resolving that funds be disbursed to Holocaust survivors according to a specified proportion.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HJ 3 Delegate Heller, et al**REAL ID ACT OF 2007 – PROTEST AND REPEAL**

Protesting the implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005; requesting the United States Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act; etc.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations