



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
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## HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 14, 2007

### **HB 1104 Delegate Donoghue**

#### MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS – HOSPITAL ANCILLARY SERVICES

Requiring a managed care organization participating in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to separately and independently determine the medical necessity of ancillary services provided during a hospitalization from the medical necessity of the hospitalization or part of the hospitalization; and prohibiting managed care organizations from basing the denial of payments for ancillary services provided during a hospitalization on a determination of the medical necessity of all or part of the hospitalization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HG, § 15-103(b)(22) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

### **HB 1105 Delegate Feldman**

#### MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – AUTHORITY OF COMMISSIONER TO IMPOSE PENALTIES AND RESTITUTION

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to impose a specified penalty on the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund for a violation of the Insurance Article; and authorizing the Commissioner to require the Fund to make restitution to a person who has suffered financial injury because of the violation of the Insurance Article.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

IN, §§ 4-113(d) and 20-201 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

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**HB 1106 Delegate Feldman****HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – INSURANCE PRODUCERS – NOTICE OF COVERAGE FOR FLOOD LOSS – STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL COVERAGE**

Repealing a requirement for an insurance producer at a specified time and in a specified manner to provide an applicant for homeowner's insurance with a specified notice about homeowner's insurance coverage for losses from flood; repealing provisions that deem an insurance producer to be in compliance with the notice requirement under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

IN, §§ 19-206 and 19-207 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1107 Delegate Feldman, et al****CREDIT REGULATION – MORTGAGE BROKERS – FINDER'S FEE**

Clarifying that specified limitations on a mortgage broker's ability to charge and collect a finder's fee for obtaining more than one loan secured by the same property within 24 months applies only if the second loan is obtained from the same borrower as under the initial loan and is obtained for a specified purpose or is a specified covered loan; and defining "covered loan".

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CL, § 12-804 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1108 Delegate Sophocleus****CRIMINAL APPEALS – RIGHT TO JURY TRIAL**

Limiting a defendant's right to a jury trial in a criminal appeal that is tried de novo to circumstances in which the defendant was charged with an offense that entitled the defendant in the District Court to request a jury trial and the defendant has not previously, in the District Court or a circuit court, waived the defendant's right to a jury trial for that offense.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CJ, § 12-401(g) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 15, 2007****HB 1109 Delegate Ramirez, et al**

DISTRICT COURT – CIVIL JURISDICTION – AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY

Increasing from \$25,000 to \$30,000 the amount in controversy that determines the civil jurisdiction of the District Court in specified cases; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CJ, § 4-401(1) and (3) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1110 Delegate Sossi, et al**

LANDLORD AND TENANT – COMMERCIAL RETAIL PROPERTY – COMMON AREA MAINTENANCE

Limiting the amount of money a commercial retail property landlord may charge a tenant for common area maintenance to a specified allocation of the actual expenses incurred by the landlord; requiring the landlord to make available, in specified circumstances, documentation for common area maintenance expenses to a tenant; requiring a tenant to give not less than 15 days notice of a request to inspect specified documents; and establishing specified penalties for failure to comply with the Act, including the payment of attorney fees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

RP, § 8-119 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1111 Delegate Sossi, et al**

TOWN OF SUDLERSVILLE (QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY) – URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR SLUM CLEARANCE – REPEAL

Repealing provisions of law that authorize the Town of Sudlersville, Queen Anne's County, to undertake and carry out urban renewal projects for slum clearance and redevelopment; repealing provisions that prohibit specified land or property from being taken for specified purposes without just compensation being first paid to the party entitled to the compensation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PLL - Compilation of Municipal Charters, Ch. 137 (Sudlersville), §§ A1-101 through A1-114 - repealed

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1112 Allegany County Delegation**

ALLEGANY COUNTY – CIVIL INFRACTIONS – APPEARANCE IN COURT

Providing that, in Allegany County, the presence of the State's Attorney is not required at a trial for a civil infraction if a specified official who issued the citation for the civil infraction is present on behalf of the county.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

Art. 25B, § 13C(o) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1113 Washington County Delegation**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – WASHINGTON COUNTY – C & O CANAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park for the planning, design, and repair to the towpath along the canal; 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; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1114 Delegate Love**

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Requiring the Governor to appoint a member of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education from a list of nominees submitted by the School Board Nominating Commission of Anne Arundel County; requiring the Commission to hold specified public hearings before recommending to the Governor nominees for appointment to the County Board; providing for the establishment, purpose, membership, terms of office, and chair of the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

ED, §§ 3-108(a) and (c) and 3-110 - amended and EL, § 5-301(h) - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 14, 2007****HB 486 Delegate McIntosh, et al****MARYLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND**

Establishing the Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund and the Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund Board; requiring the Board to use the Fund in specified ways to support, foster, and promote affordable housing; specifying the source of moneys of the Fund; requiring that the Board annually allocate money from the Fund to specified local governments and to the Department of Housing and Community Development in a specified manner; imposing an annual State tax on specified property at a specified rate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HS, § 2-201 - amended, § 4-208 - repealed and added, and § 4-506 - added and SF, § 8-134(a) and TP, § 6-301 - amended

Reassigned to: Environmental Matters and Ways and Means