HB 1312  Delegate Minnick, et al

BALTIMORE COUNTY – LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FACILITIES – DREDGING, CONSTRUCTION, AND PERMITTING

Altering the restrictions on dredging projects in the Baltimore Harbor and waters of Baltimore County under specified circumstances; prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving licenses for dredging projects in a specified area under specified circumstances; requiring the Governor to designate the Public Service Commission as the agency to consult with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

PUC, § 11-101 - amended and EN, § 16-202(f) - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations
HB 1313 Delegate Hubbard (By Request)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – INFORMATION FROM AND LIABILITY OF HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS

Requiring specified health insurance carriers to provide specified information in a specified manner to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, at the request of the Department, about individuals who are eligible for benefits under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or are Program recipients; requiring specified health insurance carriers to accept the Program’s right of recovery and the assignment of specified rights under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007
HG, §§ 15-144 and 19-706(jjj) - added
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1314 Delegates Braveboy and Griffith

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ERNEST EVERETT JUST MONUMENT

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 Ernest Everett Just Foundation, Inc. for the planning, design, and construction of a statue commemorating Ernest Everett Just; 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: House Rules and Executive Nominations
HB 1315  Harford County Delegation

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HARFORD COUNTY – HARFORD COUNTY 4–H CLUB CAMP

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Harford County 4–H Clubs, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of a multipurpose building at the Harford County 4–H Club Camp located in Forest Hill; providing for the disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1316  Delegate Glenn, et al

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS – PARTIALLY ELECTED BOARD – STRAW BALLOT

Requiring that a question be placed on the ballot in Baltimore City at the November general election of 2007 to determine the sense of the voters of Baltimore City on the issue of whether the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners should be changed from a system of members appointed jointly by specified individuals to a mixed system composed of some members who are appointed by specified individuals and some members who are elected by the voters of Baltimore City; providing for the carrying out of the straw ballot; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations
HB 1317 Delegate Anderson, et al

MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES – BURGLARY AND DAYTIME HOUSEBREAKING – RETROACTIVE EFFECT

Allowing a person who is serving a mandatory minimum sentence of confinement imposed under former Article 27, § 643B of the Code before October 1, 1994, where burglary or daytime housebreaking was a predicate offense for the imposition of the mandatory minimum sentence, to apply for and receive a review of the mandatory minimum sentence; authorizing a review panel to strike the restriction against parole, but not reduce the length of the sentence; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 28, 2007

HB 1318 Delegate Davis

MARYLAND PARTNERSHIP FOR INNOVATION AND QUALITY IN FAMILY CHILD CARE ACT

Authorizing family child care providers to designate which provider organizations, if any, shall be the joint negotiating representative of all Purchase of Child Care Subsidy program (POC) providers; establishing specified procedures for petitioning of a provider organization for recognition as representative of POC providers; establishing specified procedures for the election of provider organizations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008
ED, §§ 27-101 through 27-112 - added
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations
HB 1319  Delegate Burns, et al

MARYLAND CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Establishing the Maryland Civil Rights Commission; providing for the purpose of the Commission; providing for the membership, terms, and chair and vice chair of the Commission; prohibiting members from receiving compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for specified expenses in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations in the State budget; providing for the powers of the Commission; authorizing the Commission to apply for and receive specified gifts, grants, and donations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007
ED, §§ 24-601 through 24-607 - added
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1320  Delegates Davis and Rudolph

JOINT COMMITTEE ON BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE

Creating the Joint Committee on Base Realignment and Closure; establishing the membership and duties of the Committee; designating the cochairs of the Committee; and requiring the Department of Legislative Services to provide staff assistance to the Committee.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007
SG, § 2-10A-11 - added
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1321  Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

LICENSED COSMETOLOGISTS – PRACTICE ALLOWED IN SPECIFIED PLACES

Allowing licensed estheticians and nail technicians to provide services outside a beauty salon under specified circumstances; allowing licensed cosmetologists, estheticians, and nail technicians to practice and provide services in specified medical services facilities under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007
BOP, § 5-605 - amended
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations
HB 1322  Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY – BOILER SAFETY

Allowing authorized insurers, owners who employ special inspectors, and the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to contract with authorized inspection agencies for specified boiler and pressure vessel inspections; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007
PS, §§ 12-901, 12-907, 12-909, and 12-910 - amended
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1323  Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – TAXABLE WAGE BASE

Clarifying the calculation of the taxable wage base for purposes of the unemployment insurance law.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007
LE, § 8-607 - amended
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1324  Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

COLLECTION AGENCIES – LICENSING

Requiring specified additional persons to be licensed by the State Collection Agency Licensing Board; establishing specified qualifications for a collection agency license; altering the conditions under which the Board may reprimand a licensee or suspend or revoke a license; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007
BR, §§ 7-101, 7-303, and 7-308 - amended
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations
HB 1325 Delegate Conway, et al

JUVENILE LAW – TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAMS

Authorizing the establishment of a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in Harford County and Prince George’s County; making provisions relating to Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs in specified counties applicable to Harford County and Prince George’s County; authorizing the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals to accept a gift or grant for specified purposes under specified circumstances; authorizing the juvenile court to condition marking a specified criminal charge stat on participation of the defendant in a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

CJ, Various Sections - added and amended and ED, § 7-301(e-1) and Chapter 551 of the Acts of 2004, §§ 2, 3, and 4 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1326 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS AND HOME INSPECTORS – SUPERVISING APPRAISERS

Altering the definition of the term “supervising appraiser” so that it means a certified residential real estate appraiser or a certified general real estate appraiser who has specified responsibilities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

BOP, § 16-101 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1327 Delegate McComas, et al

CHILDREN – JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY AND EQUAL PARENTING TIME – PREFERENCE

Requiring a court in specified child custody proceedings to first consider an award of joint legal custody and physical custody for approximately equal periods of time for each parent; authorizing a court that does not find that award appropriate to order a disposition it finds appropriate for the circumstances; requiring a court to make a specified written finding or specific finding on the record if the court does not award joint legal custody and physical custody for approximately equal periods of time for each parent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

FL, § 9-107 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations
HB 1328 Delegates McComas and Shewell

REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUM REGIMES – LIABILITY FOR DEFECT OF COMMON ELEMENT

Establishing the liability of a council of unit owners to a unit owner for a defect of a common element that renders an owner’s unit uninhabitable and remains unabated for 30 days; establishing that the amount of damages shall be treble the greater of the total condominium fee assessment per diem or treble the equivalent of the fair market rent; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007
RP, § 11-108.1 - amended
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1329 Delegate McComas, et al

INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR MOTORIZED SHOPPING CARTS

Providing for a credit against the State income tax for the purchase of motorized shopping carts for use by individuals with disabilities under specified conditions; providing for limitations of the number of credits that may be claimed for each business location during the taxable year; providing that the credit may not exceed the lesser of $1,000 or the State income tax for that taxable year and that any unused credit may be carried over to another taxable year; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007
TG, § 10-726 - added
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1330 Delegate Haddaway, et al

BAY RESTORATION FUND – EASTERN SHORE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Authorizing the use of specified Bay Restoration funds for specified demonstration projects in specified counties for the extension of sewer from a publicly owned wastewater facility under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007
EN, § 9-1605.2(h) - amended
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations
HB 1331 Delegate Cane, et al

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – REMOVAL OF DISTRICTS

Altering the requirements relating to the purchase of easements by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation; removing the requirement for the establishment of agricultural districts on a specified date; eliminating districts from the Foundation by a specified date subject to specified exceptions; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007
AG, §§ 2-509 and 2-510(a) - amended
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1332 Delegates Dumais and Rosenberg

EDUCATION – SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE BY EMPLOYEE OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR INVOLVING STUDENTS IN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – DISCLOSURE

Providing that specified provisions pertaining to the disclosure of a report or record of suspected child abuse to public schools be made applicable to private schools; designating which individuals, in cases involving students in nonpublic schools, are authorized to receive specified reports or records; providing for the effective date of specified provisions of the Act; providing for the termination of specified provisions of the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007
Art. 88A, § 6(b)(2)(vii) and HU, § 1-202(c)(1)(vii) - amended
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1333 Delegate George, et al

MARYLAND PUBLIC INVESTMENTS PROTECTION ACT

Prohibiting the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System from conducting investment transactions with specified companies; requiring specified companies to certify information to the Board of Trustees and the State Treasurer by specified dates; authorizing the Board of Trustees to void investment transactions under specified circumstances; and defining terms.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007
SP, §§ 21-1A-01 through 21-1A-03 - added
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations
**HB 1334** Delegate Sossi, et al  
**INCOME TAX CREDIT – VISUAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS**  
Providing a credit against the State income tax for costs associated with the purchase and installation of specified visual alarm systems in specified qualifying structures; defining the terms “visual alarm systems” and “qualifying structures”; specifying standards to qualify for the credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007  
TG, § 10-726 - added  
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1335** Delegate Davis, et al  
**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – MISSION OF LOVE**  
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 Mission of Love, Inc. for the acquisition, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation, and capital equipping of land and an addition to a warehouse; 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: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1336** Delegate Branch, et al  
**2007 DARFUR PROTECTION ACT – DIVESTITURE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF SUDAN**  
Requiring the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to review specified investment holdings; requiring the Board of Trustees to encourage companies to take specified actions; authorizing the Board of Trustees to take divestment action with regard to specified investments; requiring the Board of Trustees to take specified issues into account prior to divesting from companies; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007  
SP, § 21-112 - amended and § 21-123.1 - added  
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations
HB 1337  Delegate Minnick

ETHICS – PUBLIC OFFICIAL – MEMBERSHIP ON BOARD OR EXECUTIVE UNIT WITH ADVISORY CAPACITY

Providing that specified prohibitions under the conflicts of interest provisions of the public ethics law do not apply to a public official who is appointed to a board or executive unit that has authority to act only in an advisory capacity and who also is appointed in accordance with a specified statutory requirement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007
SG, § 15-502 - amended
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations