



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2007 Maryland General Assembly Session

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Schedule 19B

**SENATE BILLS 496–587 AND SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS 3–4 APPEAR
ON SCHEDULE 19B**

SENATE BILLS 410–495 APPEAR ON SCHEDULE 19A

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *February 2, 2007*

SB 496 **Senator Raskin**

PROCUREMENT – PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES –
PREFERENCE FOR LOCALLY GROWN FOODS

Providing a percentage price preference for locally grown foods under specified circumstances; requiring each county board of education to adopt specified regulations concerning the establishment of a specified percentage price preference; requiring county boards to review specified procurement specifications and, to the extent practicable, require the use of a percentage price preference in their purchase of food; defining terms; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

ED, § 5-112.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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SB 497 **Senator Haines, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – DISPOSAL OF HANDGUNS OWNED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**

Authorizing a law enforcement agency to dispose of a handgun owned by the agency by selling, exchanging, or transferring the handgun to a manufacturer; and defining “manufacturer”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PS, § 3-501 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 498 **Senator Brinkley****SMART GROWTH – PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS – RURAL COUNTIES**

Authorizing the governing body of a rural county to designate specified areas within the county as priority funding areas if the areas meet specified criteria; and defining “rural county”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SF, § 5-7B-01(f) - added and §§ 5-7B-01(f) and (g) and 5-7B-03 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 499 **Senator Brinkley, et al****ENVIRONMENT – WATER APPROPRIATION PERMITS – GROUNDWATER RECHARGE AREA**

Altering requirements for obtaining a permit for the appropriation and use of State groundwater; requiring the Department of the Environment to include specified lands, under specified circumstances, for the lands considered to be under the control of a municipal corporation for purposes of the calculation of a groundwater recharge area for a water appropriation permit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

EN, § 5-502.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 500 **Senator Astle**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BAYHEAD PARK

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Anne Arundel County for the construction and capital equipping of Bayhead Park, located in Annapolis; 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 501 **Senator Astle**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – HOPE HOUSE

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Addiction Recovery, Inc. for the repair, renovation, and capital equipping of Hope House, an alcohol and drug addiction residential treatment facility, located in Crownsville; 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 502 **Senator Astle**

COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – VEHICLE PROTECTION PRODUCTS ACT

Prohibiting a vehicle protection product from being sold or offered for sale in the State unless the seller and the warrantor of the vehicle protection product, and warrantor's administrator, comply with the Act; providing that a seller, warrantor, or administrator that complies with the Act is not subject to specified provisions of law; requiring a specified warrantor to register with the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008

CL, §§ 14-4A-01 through 14-4A-14 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 503 **Senator Forehand, et al**

FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT – HEALTH INSURANCE

Requiring that, in determining a child support obligation, any actual cost of providing health insurance coverage for a child for whom the parents are jointly and severally responsible be added to the basic child support obligation and divided by the parents in proportion to their adjusted actual incomes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

FL, §§ 12-201(c) and 12-204(h), (l), and (m) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 504 **Senator Forehand, et al**

FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES – USE OF ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT – PROHIBITION

Providing for the types of foods that contain artificial trans fat; prohibiting a food service facility from using food containing artificial trans fat for specified purposes; providing for a specified exception to the use of trans fat in a food service facility; requiring a food service facility to maintain on-site the original label for specified food under specified circumstances; authorizing a food service facility to provide specified documentation indicating the contents of a food instead of providing the original label; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HG, §§ 21-353 through 21-356 - added and § 21-1214 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 505 **Senator Forehand, et al**

FAMILY LAW – PROTECTIVE ORDERS – BURDEN OF PERSUASION

Changing the standard of proof, from clear and convincing evidence to a preponderance of the evidence, by which a judge in a protective order hearing must find that abuse occurred before the judge may enter a final protective order.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

FL, § 4-506(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 506 **Senator Forehand, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY –
NONPROFIT VILLAGE CENTER

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 the Nonprofit Village Center, Inc. for the design, construction, reconstruction, renovation, repair, and capital equipping of a facility to house nonprofit organizations; 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 507 **Senator Zirkin**

BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINE TASTING

Repealing in Baltimore County the maximum number of Class BWT beer and wine (on-premises) tasting licenses that are available each year to a holder of a Class A beer and light wine license or a Class A beer, wine and liquor license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

Art. 2B, § 8-404.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 508 **Senator Zirkin**

CIRCUIT COURTS – MEDICAL LIABILITY DIVISION

Stating the intent of the General Assembly that medical liability matters be treated efficiently, equitably, and effectively, that a medical liability division be established in the circuit courts, and that medical liability division judges have special experience or training; authorizing the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals to establish a medical liability division in each circuit court where the creation of a division is feasible; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 509 **Senator Della****BALTIMORE CITY – BINDING ARBITRATION – POLICE OFFICERS**

Requiring binding arbitration between specified employee organizations representing specified Baltimore City police officers and the City of Baltimore under specified circumstances; applying specified procedures governing binding arbitration for firefighters and fire officers to specified police officers; providing for the selection of a specified board of arbitration; requiring a specified board of arbitration to consider specified matters; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

The Charter of Baltimore City, Art. II, § (55) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 510 **Senator Frosh, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – IMAGINATION STAGE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of Imagination Stage for the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, capital equipping, and repair of Imagination Stage; 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 511 **Senator Dyson****REAL PROPERTY – CONSERVATION EASEMENTS – NOTIFICATION OF BUYERS**

Requiring a seller of real property to provide copies of any conservation easements on the property to the buyer within a specified time; requiring a contract for the sale of real property encumbered by a conservation easement to contain a specified notice to be enforceable; requiring the buyer of specified real property to provide notice of the transfer to the owner of a conservation easement; providing for exceptions; defining “conservation easement” and “land trust”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

RP, § 10-705 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 512 **Senator Dyson, et al**

MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – EXCLUSION FOR QUALIFIED CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Altering for purposes of the Maryland estate tax the determination of the amount of a specified exclusion allowed under the federal estate tax for qualified conservation easements; and applying the Act to decedents dying on or after January 1, 2007.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TG, § 7-309(b)(1) and (2) - amended and § 7-309(b)(8) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 513 **Senator Della, 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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 514 **Senator Forehand**

CONSUMER PROTECTION – PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM SECURITY BREACHES

Requiring specified business and State entities that own, license, or maintain specified records that include specified personal information of an individual residing in the State to notify specified persons of a breach of the security of a system under specified circumstances; specifying the time at which notification must be given; authorizing notification to be given in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CL, §§ 14-3501 through 14-3503 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 515 Senator Kramer (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ADMINISTRATION – SIMPLIFICATION

Allowing members of the State Retirement and Pension System to purchase service credit for leaves of absence within 60 days of the expiration of the leave of absence; eliminating pro-rated payments of optional retirement allowances to retirees whose beneficiaries predecease them; providing that appointed and elected officials who are already members of a State or local retirement or pension system are not required to join the Employees' Pension System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SP, Various Sections - amended and §§ 22-212.1 and 23-207 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 516 Senators Gladden and Madaleno

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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 517 Senator Jacobs, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – EMERGENCY AND POLICE VEHICLE AND PERSONNEL PROTECTION ACT

Requiring drivers approaching emergency or police vehicles stopped, standing, or parked on a highway and using any visual signals, except when otherwise directed by a police officer, to vacate the lane closest to the emergency or police vehicle under specified circumstances and to slow to a speed that is sufficient to ensure the safety of police officers or emergency services personnel in the vicinity of the emergency or police vehicle under specified circumstances; establishing a specified penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

TR, § 21-405 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 518 Senator Jacobs, et al

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY – IMMUNITY

Providing that a person is justified in using nondeadly force under specified circumstances; providing that a person is justified in using deadly force under specified circumstances; providing that a person who is justified in using force is immune from criminal prosecution and civil action; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CR, § 2-210 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 519 Senator Peters, et al

JUVENILES – SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND CRIMES COMMITTED DURING SCHOOL HOURS – PENALTIES AND ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TO DRIVE

Requiring the circuit court sitting as a juvenile court, when making a disposition, to consider whether a specified offense committed by a child was committed during school hours; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend the license to drive of a child or delay the issuance of a license, subject to specified hearing requirements, for a specified period of time after receiving a specified notice that the child received 2 truancy violation notices or was unlawfully absent from school 10 times; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CJ, § 3-8A-19(c-1), CR, § 14-104 and TR, § 16-206.2 - added and ED, § 7-302 and TR, § 16-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 520 **Senator Peters, et al**

EVERY VOTE COUNTS ACT

Requiring the State Board of Elections to ensure that training manuals and related materials are distributed to local boards of elections at least 6 months before an election; altering the time period before an election when voter registration is closed; requiring local boards to create precincts under specified conditions; prohibiting the State Board, subject to conditions, from altering a voting system within a specified time period before an election; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

EL, §§ 2-102, 2-303, 3-302, 5-303, 9-101, 9-306, and 16-903 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 521 **Senator Rosapepe**

ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Authorizing a municipal corporation to impose an admissions and amusement tax on the sale of specified food and beverages; altering specified limits and providing specified limits on a county's or municipal corporation's authority to impose an admissions and amusement tax; establishing a maximum tax rate on specified gross receipts that are subject to the admissions and amusement tax; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TG, §§ 4-102(b), 4-103(b), and 4-105 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 522 **Senator Rosapepe**

HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION – APPLICATION

Requiring homeowners to file specified applications to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to qualify for the homestead property tax credit; providing that the homestead property tax credit may not be granted unless an application is filed as required on or before September 1 following the transfer of property for consideration to new ownership or on or before December 31, 2012, for property last transferred for consideration to new ownership on or before December 31, 2007; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

TP, § 9-105(d)(1) - amended and § 9-105(d)(6) and (1) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 523 Senator Brochin

TELEPHONE SOLICITATION – PROHIBITIONS ON AUTOMATED CALLS

Prohibiting a person from using an automated dialing system with a prerecorded message to call a residential telephone number in the State under specified circumstances; and prohibiting a person from using an automated dialing system with a prerecorded message for political campaigns or political messages.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CL, § 14-3201 and PUC, § 8-204 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 524 Senator Brochin

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM/POINT SYSTEM CONFERENCES (DIP/PSC) PILOT PROGRAM

Prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration, unless specifically authorized by law, from offering or authorizing the Driver Improvement Program/Point System Conferences Pilot Program or Program provided over the Internet; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

TR, § 12-121 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 525 Senator Madaleno, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish and administer a grant program for dually enrolled students; requiring a recipient of a dual enrollment grant to be a resident of the State and a dually enrolled student; requiring the Commission to administer funds for the Dual Enrollment Grant Program and to distribute funds to an institution of higher education on behalf of a dual enrollment grant recipient; requiring the Governor to include specified funds in the State budget for the Dual Enrollment Grant Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

ED, § 18-1401 - amended and §§ 18-14A-01 through 18-14A-03 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 526 **Senator Madaleno, et al**

INCOME TAX – EARNED INCOME CREDIT – REFUNDABLE AMOUNT

Increasing from 20% to 25% the percentage of the federal earned income credit used for determining the amount that an individual with one or more dependents may claim as a refundable credit under the Maryland earned income credit; altering the calculation of the optional refundable county earned income credit; applying the Act to tax years beginning after December 31, 2006; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TG, § 10-704 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 527 **Senator Madaleno, et al**

CREATION OF STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MACDONALD KNOLLS CENTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$750,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of CHI Centers, Inc. for the repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the MacDonald Knolls Center used to provide services to developmentally disabled adults and children, located in Silver Spring; 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 528 **Senator Madaleno**

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS – DISCLOSURE OF A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Providing that any person who intentionally discloses a Social Security number as part of the public record of a marriage license application is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

FL, § 2-402 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 529 **Senators Madaleno and Kramer****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE AND MEDICAL EXPENSES**

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the costs of health insurance and other medical expenses incurred by an individual on behalf of another individual; providing that the subtraction may not be claimed for any deductible costs or any pre-tax health insurance premiums or other pre-tax health benefit; providing that the subtraction may not exceed \$5,000 for any taxable year; applying the Act to tax years after December 31, 2006; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TG, § 10-208(q) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 530 **Senator Middleton****MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – ACCIDENT PREVENTION COURSES – DISCOUNT FOR SENIORS**

Requiring an insurer to provide a reduction in rates for motor vehicle personal injury and property damage coverage to an insured who is at least 55 years old and who, within the last two years, has completed a specified course in accident prevention; providing that the Act does not apply to an insured who attends a course in accident prevention under a court order or as required by the Motor Vehicle Administration for a specified violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

IN, §§ 11-215(g) and 11-318(g) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 531 **Senator Dyson****DENTAL HYGIENE – ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL ANESTHESIA**

Altering the definition of dental hygiene to include the administration of local anesthesia under specified circumstances; authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to adopt specified regulations governing the administration of local anesthesia; altering the authority of the Board to adopt specified rules and regulations concerning the administration of local anesthesia by licensed dental hygienists; authorizing licensed dental hygienists to administer local anesthesia under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HO, Various Sections - amended and §§ 4-206.1 and 4-315(a)(32) and (b)(18) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 532 **Senator Dyson****NATURAL RESOURCES – DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN – TAKE AND POSSESSION**

Repealing the requirement that the Department of Natural Resources prepare a fishery management plan for diamondback terrapin; prohibiting the take or possession of diamondback terrapin for commercial purposes; prohibiting the possession of a specified number of diamondback terrapin for noncommercial purposes; repealing the requirement that the Department adopt specified regulations for the catching of terrapin; and requiring the Department to adopt regulations for the conservation of diamondback terrapin.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

NR, §§ 4-215(b), 4-902, 4-903, 8-716(e) and (g), and 8-716.1(k) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 533 **Senator Gladden, et al****DIVORCE AND ANNULMENT – REMOVAL OF RELIGIOUS BARRIERS TO REMARRIAGE**

Requiring a party who files a complaint or countercomplaint for an absolute divorce or annulment to file, under specified circumstances, an affidavit stating that the affiant has taken all steps solely within the affiant's control to remove all religious barriers to remarriage by the other party to the marriage; prohibiting a court, under specified circumstances, from entering a decree for an absolute divorce or annulment until a specified affidavit is filed; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

FL, § 7-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 534 **Senator Klausmeier, et al****SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTERS – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM – MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT**

Increasing from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 the maximum amount the State may grant for a capital improvement project through the Senior Citizen Activities Centers' Capital Improvement Grants Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

HU, § 10-504 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 535 **Senators Klausmeier and Exum**

PUBLIC SAFETY – CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

Requiring the installation of specified carbon monoxide alarms within 15 feet of each sleeping area or, under specified circumstances, within 25 feet of carbon monoxide-producing fixtures and equipment within specified dwellings; providing for specified duties related to the replacement, repair, and maintenance of carbon monoxide alarms; prohibiting a person from rendering a carbon monoxide alarm inoperable with a specified exception; defining terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PS, §§ 12-1101 through 12-1106 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 536 **Senator Klausmeier, et al**

STATE LOTTERY – COMPULSIVE GAMBLING GRANTS

Establishing a special fund to provide grants to address the problem of compulsive gambling in the State; requiring that the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene issue specified grants to address the problem of compulsive gambling in the State; establishing the purpose of a specified pilot project; specifying the use of funds; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

SG, § 9-120 and HG, §§ 19-803 and 19-804 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 537 **Senator Klausmeier, et al**

COMMISSION ON GAMBLING ADDICTION

Establishing a Commission on Gambling Addiction in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for the membership, terms, quorum, and meetings of the Commission; specifying that the purpose of the Commission is to study the effects of individuals who are addicted to gambling, to measure the cost of gambling addiction, and to propose specified solutions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

HG, § 19-805 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 538 Senator Klausmeier

HEALTH INSURANCE – CLEAN CLAIMS

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to mail or transmit in a specified manner payment for specified claims for reimbursement, or to send specified notice of receipt and status of the claim, to the person that filed the claim.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

IN, § 15-1005 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 539 Senator Klausmeier, et al

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – OFFICE OF RETAIL MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Establishing an Office of Retail Market Development in the Public Service Commission; providing for the appointment and term of the Director of the Office; providing for the duties of the Office; requiring the Office to submit a specified annual report to specified persons; providing for the contents of the report; requiring the Office to submit a specified plan to specified persons by a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

PUC, §§ 7-801 through 7-803 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 540 Senators Klausmeier and Middleton

ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS – CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Requiring an electric company, on written request of an electricity supplier, to give to the requesting electricity supplier specified information regarding specified customers; requiring a specified list to contain specified information; requiring the list to be provided in electronic form and to be updated quarterly; authorizing an electric company to request that the Public Service Commission set a specified fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PUC, § 7-506.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 541 **Senators Klausmeier and Stone**

MARYLAND VESSEL GAMING ACT

Authorizing video lottery gaming on specified vessels at dock or underway in State waterways under specified conditions; establishing a State Commission on Vessel Gaming; providing for the membership and chair of the Commission; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Commission; providing for appointment, compensation, powers, and duties of an Executive Director for the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

BR, §§ 20-101 through 20-701 - added and CR, §§ 12-102(a), 12-104(a), and 12-105(b) and (c) and EN, § 9-1605.2(g) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 542 **Senator Jones, et al**

HEALTH INSURANCE – VISITS AFTER DIAGNOSTIC OR SURGICAL PROCEDURE USING ANESTHESIA – COVERAGE

Requiring specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for at least one follow-up visit, and any additional follow-up visits that are medically necessary, to specified health care providers after specified diagnostic or surgical procedures; and defining the term “provider”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HG, § 19-706(jjj) and IN, § 15-842 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 543 **Senator Jones, et al**

2007 DARFUR PROTECTION ACT – DIVESTITURE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF SUDAN

Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to identify and create a list of companies in which the Board of Trustees has direct or indirect holdings and that meet specified criteria; requiring the Board of Trustees to use specified resources to identify companies that meet specified criteria; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SP, §§ 21-1A-01 through 21-1A-08 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 544 **Senator Pinsky**

VEHICLE LAWS – RAILROAD CROSSINGS CAMERAS

Providing for the use of automated railroad grade crossing enforcement systems to determine compliance with specified vehicle laws; requiring a specified recording; establishing specified penalties; requiring a specified notice; establishing the burden of proof for adjudication; providing for specified defenses; providing for the suspension of the vehicle registration in specified cases; identifying specified ways a violation may impact driving records or insurance coverage; delegating to the District Court specified responsibilities; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CJ, § 4-401(13) - amended and TR, § 21-704.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 545 **Senators Pinsky and Harris**

ELECTION LAW – OPEN BALLOT VOTING – NOMINATION BY MULTIPLE POLITICAL PARTIES

Providing that an individual who is not a registered voter of a political party may hold office of that political party or be a nominee of that political party if the constitution and bylaws of that political party expressly so authorize; requiring that a candidate nominated by multiple political parties be listed on the ballot as a nominee of each of the political parties, subject to a specified condition; requiring that the votes received by a candidate who is the nominee of multiple political parties be aggregated; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

EL, §§ 5-203, 9-205, 9-210(g), and 11-308 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 546 Senator Pinsky, et al**ELECTION LAW – PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING ACT FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Establishing a system of public financing of campaigns for candidates for the General Assembly; establishing an Election Financing Commission; creating the Public Election Fund; requiring the Comptroller to distribute specified proceeds to the Public Election Fund; specifying procedures, requirements, and conditions participating candidates must meet to receive a distribution from the Fund; requiring that participating candidates adhere to specified campaign expenditure limits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

CL, § 17-317 and EL, § 13-235(d) - amended and EL, §§ 15.5-101 through 15.5-121 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 547 Senator McFadden, et al**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Expanding eligibility under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to specified parents having incomes at or below specified levels, subject to specified limitations; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide guaranteed eligibility to specified enrollees in managed care organizations in the Maryland Children's Health Program for 6 months under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HG, § 15-103(a) and (b)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 548 Senator Raskin, et al**COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – RESTRICTED MAILING REGISTRY**

Requiring the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General to establish and provide for the operation of a restricted mailing registry; requiring a person that sends specified solicitations to specified consumers to purchase the registry and updates to the registry from the Division; prohibiting a person from sending specified solicitations to specified consumers after a specified period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

CL, § 14-1322 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 549 **Senator Garagiola****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – JURISDICTION OF COMMISSION
PENDING APPEAL – TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY**

Altering the circumstances under which the Workers' Compensation Commission retains jurisdiction of requests for temporary total disability benefits pending an appeal; and altering the circumstances under which the Commission is authorized to pass a supplemental order requiring an employer to provide temporary total disability benefits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

LE, § 9-742 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 550 **Senator Garagiola****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – APPEALS – EVIDENCE**

Authorizing the introduction of specified health care records as evidence in an appeal from a decision of the Workers' Compensation Commission under specified circumstances; requiring a specified notice to be served to all parties within a specified time period; providing for the right to object for good cause under specified conditions; providing for a response to an objection; clarifying that the Act does not otherwise limit the right to introduce new evidence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

LE, § 9-745.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 551 **Senator Garagiola****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – FOR-HIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE –
REVIEW OF DRIVING RECORD OF APPLICANT**

Requiring that the Public Service Commission require a review of the complete Maryland driving record of an applicant for a for-hire driver's license; and requiring a review of specified portions of the driving record of an applicant from each state in which the applicant held a driver's license during a specified time period under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PUC, § 10-104(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 552 Senator Garagiola, et al**EDUCATION – RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS – INDOOR AIR QUALITY STANDARDS**

Requiring the Board of Public Works, in consultation with the Department of General Services, to adopt regulations to establish standards and specifications to enhance the indoor air quality of relocatable classrooms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

ED, § 5-301(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 553 Senator Pipkin, et al**ENVIRONMENT – LANDFILLS – TERMINATION DATE**

Expanding a prohibition against issuing a specified permit to construct or operate a landfill within a specified distance of specified areas; and repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to landfills in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

EN, § 9-204(m) and Chapter 228 of the Acts of 2006, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 554 Senators Pipkin and Stoltzfus**SOMERSET AND QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTIES – AUTHORIZATION TO HARVEST SEAFOOD AND ENGAGE IN THE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY**

Authorizing the governing bodies of Somerset County and Queen Anne’s County to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or regulation or take other action to authorize a person to engage in specified activities related to the seafood industry and to harvest seafood; clarifying that a specified governing body is required to hold a public hearing and obtain the written consent of the Secretary of Natural Resources before adopting a specified ordinance, resolution, or regulation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

Art. 25, § 232 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 555 **Senator Pipkin, et al**

ENVIRONMENT – BONDING REQUIREMENT – LOCAL AUTHORITY

Authorizing a county or municipal corporation to require an applicant for a permit to build a rubble landfill facility to file a surety bond, with specified requirements, with the local governing body in addition to any State bonding requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

EN, § 9-211.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 556 **Senator Astle**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROVIDENCE CENTER

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 Providence Center, Inc. for the renovation and capital equipping of the Providence Center educational facility for the developmentally disabled, located in Arnold; 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 557 **Senator Garagiola**

HEALTH INSURANCE – CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARIES – EXEMPTIONS

Providing that specified carriers are exempt from providing specified information within a specified time frame to a provider under specified circumstances; exempting specified credentialing intermediaries from specified requirements regarding the uniform credentialing form; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

IN, §§ 15-112(a) and (d) and 15-112.1 - amended and § 15-112(o) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 558 Senator Garagiola

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS – IMPACT FEES AND BUILDING EXCISE TAXES – WORKFORCE HOUSING EXEMPTION

Authorizing a county that imposes a development impact fee or building excise tax to grant exemptions from or credits against the development impact fee for developments that include workforce housing, as defined by the governing body of the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

Art. 24, § 9-1501 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

SB 559 Senator Miller

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – POPLAR HILL ON HIS LORDSHIP’S KINDNESS

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$275,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the John M. and Sara R. Walton Foundation, Inc. for the repair, restoration, and reconstruction of the roof and windows of Poplar Hill on His Lordship’s Kindness, located in Clinton; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the grantee to convey an easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 560 Senator Miller

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – HENSON VALLEY MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Henson Valley Montessori School, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of the Henson Valley Montessori School, located in Upper Marlboro; 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 561 **Senator Miller**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY –
HARD BARGAIN FARM ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

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 the Alice Ferguson Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of improvements to the Potomac River Habitat Study Complex at Hard Bargain Farm Environmental Center, located in Accokeek; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 562 **Senator Frosh**ELECTRIC COMPANIES – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND
CONSERVATION MEASURES AND SERVICES

Requiring each electric company to develop and implement specified programs and services to encourage and promote the efficient use and conservation of energy by specified persons as part of the procurement process for standard offer service; requiring the Public Service Commission to require each electric company to procure or provide to specified customers specified energy efficiency and conservation measures and services by a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

PUC, §§ 7-211 and 7-510(c)(4)(ii)2.C. - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 563 **Senator Haines, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – USE OF A FIREARM IN THE COMMISSION OF A
CRIME OF VIOLENCE OR A FELONY

Prohibiting the use of specified firearms in the commission of specified crimes of violence or felonies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CR, § 4-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 564 Senator Haines, et al

VALID MARRIAGES

Adding a new section to the Maryland Constitution to establish that only a marriage between a man and a woman is a valid marriage in the State; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. XV, § 8 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 565 Senator BrinkleyFREDERICK COUNTY – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING –
REPRESENTATIVES FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

Authorizing the representatives of specified full-time correctional officers in the Frederick County Sheriff's Office to collectively bargain with the Sheriff of Frederick County concerning wages and benefits; requiring that any additional funding required as a result of a negotiated agreement be subject to the approval of the County Commissioners of Frederick County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

CJ, § 2-309(1)(6) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 566 Senator Miller, 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: Finance

SB 567 **Senator Miller**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CALVERT COUNTY – PROJECT ECHO HOMELESS SHELTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Calvert County for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of the Project ECHO homeless shelter; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds and matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 568 **Senator Stoltzfus**

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – SUPERVISED PRACTICE – DENTAL HYGIENIST

Altering the requirements for specified dental facilities that employ dental hygienists who are authorized to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HO, § 4-308(h) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 569 **Senator Stoltzfus**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – WORCESTER COUNTY – DELMARVA DISCOVERY CENTER ON THE POCOMOKE RIVER

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 Pocomoke Marketing Partnership, Inc. for the construction, renovation, and capital equipping of a steamboat exhibit at the Delmarva Discovery 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 570 **Senator Stoltzfus**

LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES –
RESERVATION OF ROOMS TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY RESCUE

Requiring lodging establishments with 50 or more rooms for guests to reserve one accessible room for individuals with disabilities until a specified time on the lowest floor of the lodging establishment that has rooms for guests in order to facilitate emergency rescue of individuals with disabilities; requiring specified staff of the lodging establishment to offer specified rooms to individuals with disabilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

BR, § 15-207 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 571 **Senator Della**

BALTIMORE CITY – 46TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT –
LICENSES

Correcting district designations to reflect that a Class B beer, wine and liquor license may be issued in the 46th Alcoholic Beverages District in Baltimore City; authorizing the issuance of a restaurant license in a specified location; increasing to \$500,000 the minimum amount for restaurant facilities required for a specified license; authorizing the Board of Liquor License Commissioners to issue a Class C license for use by a nonprofit organization in a specified location; clarifying a definition and a description; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Art. 2B, §§ 6-201(d)(1)(iii), (iv), (v), (vii), (viii)1., and (ix) and 9-102(b-3A) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 572 Senator Della

STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – USE OF EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

Requiring that specified employee information be delivered to exclusive representatives in electronic form; providing that a specified fee may not exceed a specified amount; requiring the University System of Maryland system institutions, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College to provide specified employee information to exclusive representatives; prohibiting exclusive representatives from requesting or receiving specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SP, §§ 3-208(a) and (f) and 3-2A-08 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 573 Senator Peters

NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST CONSERVATION – NET TRACT AREA

Altering the definition of “net tract area” for forest conservation requirements and forest mitigation bank credits to include specified forested areas of 100–year floodplains or wetlands under specified circumstances; and including in the definition of “net tract area” a nontidal wetland, stream buffer, and the forested area of a 100–year floodplain or wetland, under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

NR, § 5-1601(z) and (aa) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 574 Senator DeGrange, et al

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include correctional laundry officers and specified employees of Maryland Correctional Enterprises; providing that correctional laundry officers and specified employees of Maryland Correctional Enterprises who are members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System may receive a normal service retirement or a deferred vested retirement allowance under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SP, §§ 25-201, 25-401, and 29-302(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 575 Senator Brochin

CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Providing that a specified statute of limitations does not apply during a specified period of time for a specified person; authorizing a specified person to obtain a specified certificate for specified civil actions relating to child sexual abuse filed by a specified victim; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CJ, § 5-117 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 576 Senator Jacobs

MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT

Providing that specified emergency responders and law enforcement officers may be a party to the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact, provided that specified organizations provide written consent to be bound by the Compact to a specified senior elected official, and that the written consent is acknowledged by a resolution of a local governing body; and defining terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PS, §§ 14-801 and 14-802 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 577 Senator Jacobs

HARFORD COUNTY – NUISANCE ABATEMENT AND LOCAL CODE ENFORCEMENT – ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

Authorizing specified community associations, the State's Attorney for Harford County, the County Attorney for Harford County and the city attorneys for the incorporated municipalities of Aberdeen, Havre de Grace, and Bel Air to bring specified actions in the District Court for relief from specified nuisances within Harford County; requiring specified notices to the county code enforcement agency and to specified tenants and property owners before a nuisance abatement action may be brought; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CJ, § 4-401(7) - amended and RP, § 14-125.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 578 **Senator Jacobs, et al**

HEALTH – DONATIONS – OOCYTES

Authorizing an individual to donate oocytes; making the medical history of an individual who donates oocytes available to children conceived using the donated oocytes and the parents or guardians of children conceived using donated oocytes; prohibiting compensation for the donation of oocytes; authorizing the reimbursement for direct expenses incurred as a result of a donation procedure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HG, § 20-1301 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 579 **Senator Jacobs, et al**

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENTS

Requiring the juvenile court to make a specified finding in specified hearings involving a child with a developmental disability or mental illness; authorizing the juvenile court, in making a disposition on a child in need of assistance petition involving a child with a developmental disability or mental disability, to make a specified finding and require a local department of social services to take specified actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CJ, §§ 3-816.1(b) and 3-819(b) and FL, § 5-525(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 580 **Senator Rosapepe**

INCOME TAX EXEMPTION AMOUNTS – BLIND AND ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS

Increasing the amount allowed as a deduction for additional exemptions under the Maryland income tax for individuals who, as of the last day of the taxable year, are blind or are at least 65 years old, from \$1,000 to \$2,400 for tax years 2007 and beyond; repealing obsolete provisions; applying the Act to tax years beginning after December 31, 2006; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TG, § 10-211 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 581 Senator RosapepeMARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING
COMMISSION – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – MUNICIPAL
BUILDING REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing the legislative body of a municipal corporation in Prince George’s County by ordinance or resolution to impose additional or stricter building requirements than are otherwise required by law; requiring the municipal building requirements to be imposed for specified purposes and to regulate the construction, repair, erection, or remodeling of single–family residential buildings in relation only to specified fencing, sign, parking, storage, structural, and lot coverage requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

Art. 28, § 8-115.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 582 Senator RosapepePRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY SCHOOL FACILITIES SURCHARGE –
EXEMPTION

Altering an exemption from the school facilities surcharge in Prince George’s County for specified multi–family housing designated as student housing in specified areas.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

PLL of Prince George’s Co., Art. 17, § 10-192.01(b)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 583 Senator Kramer (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION –
CLARIFICATIONS

Requiring participating governmental units who elect to participate in the alternate contributory pension selection to pay the liabilities associated with the alternate contributory pension selection for specified employees; clarifying that membership in the Employees’ Pension System or the Teachers’ Pension System ends under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SP, §§ 20-101(d-1),(j-1), and (aa-1), 21-307(m), and 37-101(n-1) and (n-2) - added and Various Sections- amended and § 23-309(c) - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 584 **Senator Britt, et al**

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – MARYLAND ATHLETIC TRAINERS ACT

Establishing the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee as a subunit of the State Board of Physicians; establishing specified fees for services provided by the Board to athletic trainers; providing for the composition, appointment, terms, and compensation of the Committee members; establishing the powers and duties of the Committee; requiring individuals to be licensed by the Board as athletic trainers before performing specified work in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

HO, §§ 14-5D-01 through 14-5D-19 and HG, § 8-403(b)(7) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 585 **Senator Britt**

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: Finance

SB 586 **Senator Britt**SECONDARY SCHOOL – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS –
WEIGHTED NUMERICAL ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Requiring the State Board of Education to establish a weighted numerical assessment system to calculate a passing score that students are required to achieve to graduate from a public high school in this State; and requiring the assessment system to include an examinations or assessments category that may not be more than a specified percentage value of the total score required for graduation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

ED, § 7-205 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 587 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (Maryland Judicial Conference)

DISTRICT COURT – CITATIONS

Requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to authorize the use of a single document for issuance of specified multiple, separately numbered, citations; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to specify the means used to execute specified citations by a police officer and by a person to whom a citation is issued; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to authorize specified citations to include a summons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

CJ, CR, and TR, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED *February 2, 2007***SJ 3** Senator Haines, et al

CELEBRATE FREEDOM WEEK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Urging local boards of education in the State to establish Celebrate Freedom Week during the month of September by instituting a specified curriculum; etc.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SJ 4 Senator Garagiola

VETERANS HEALTH CARE BUDGET REFORM

Urging the Maryland Congressional Delegation and members of the United States Congress to support veterans health care budget reform to allow direct funding instead of discretionary funding; etc.

Assigned to: Finance

CORRECTION TO SENATE BILL

SB 404 **Senator Hogan, et al**

TOBACCO TAX – MOIST SNUFF

Altering the tobacco tax rate applicable to moist snuff, from 15% of the wholesale price of the product to 39 cents per ounce of the product; requiring a tobacco tax return to state the net weight of moist snuff sold during the period covered by the return; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

TG, § 12-101(b-1) - added and §§ 12-105(b) and 12-202 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation