



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2012 Maryland General Assembly  
Second Special Session

**August 13, 2012**  
**Schedule 1**

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AUGUST 10, 2012**

### **HB 1     The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**

#### **GAMING EXPANSION – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS AND TABLE GAMES**

Establishing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission and the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency with specified powers and duties; authorizing, subject to a specified contingency, the use and regulation of specified table games in the State, one additional license for a video lottery facility, and additional video lottery terminals; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

**CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

**SG, CJ, and EL, Various Sections - added and amended**

**Assigned to: Ways and Means**

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**HB 2 Delegate Anderson, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH CAUSED BY DOG**

Establishing that the owner of a dog is liable for damages for personal injury or death caused by the dog, regardless of whether the dog has shown any vicious or dangerous propensities or whether the owner knew or should have known of the dog's propensities; establishing exceptions; retaining specified common law as to owners of real property and other persons who have the right to control the presence of a dog on property; stating the intent of the General Assembly to abrogate a specified decision; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

CJ, § 3-1901 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 3 Delegate Kramer****CIVIL ACTION – LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY DOG**

Establishing that, in a civil action for damages for serious personal injury or death caused by a dog, an owner of the dog is liable regardless of specified circumstances; providing that the common law that applied on January 1, 2012, shall be retained under specified circumstances; stating the intent of the General Assembly to abrogate under specified circumstances the holding by the Court of Appeals in a specified case; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

CJ, §§ 3-1901 through 3-1905 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 4 Delegate Kramer****CIVIL ACTION – LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY DOG BITE**

Establishing that, in a civil action for damages caused by a dog bite, the common law that applied on January 1, 2012, to a civil action for damages caused by a dog bite shall be retained; stating the intent of the General Assembly to abrogate the holding by the Court of Appeals in a specified case; applying the Act prospectively; making the Act an emergency measure; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EMERGENCY BILL

CJ, § 3-1901 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 5 Delegate Smigiel****CIVIL ACTIONS – LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY DOG BITE**

Establishing that, in a civil action for damages caused by a dog bite, the common law that applied on a specified date to a civil action for damages caused by a dog bite shall be retained; stating the General Assembly's intent to abrogate the holding by the Court of Appeals in a specified case; applying the Act prospectively; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

CJ, § 3-1901 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 6 Delegate Jameson****VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS AND TABLE GAMES – EXPANSION**

Authorizing and awarding an additional video lottery operation license and up to 1,500 additional video lottery terminals for a video lottery facility in Charles County on a vessel moored to a pier on the Potomac River; authorizing the holder of a video lottery operation license to offer table games in the State; specifying distributions of proceeds of table games; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2012

SG, §§ 9-1A-05(a) and (d), 9-1A-24, 9-1A-27, and 9-1A-36(f), (h), (i)(1), and (q)(1) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 7 Delegate Smigiel****TABLE GAMES – VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES –  
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND**

Providing that the State may authorize the holder of a video lottery operation license to offer table games in the State; specifying the types of table games that may be authorized; authorizing the State Lottery Commission to determine the suitability of table games under specified circumstances; requiring that table game proceeds be paid to license holders and the Transportation Trust Fund; subjecting the approval of table games to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State at the November 2012 general election; etc.

CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 8 Delegate Smigiel****VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE – UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make available for specified vehicles a special registration plate honoring the armed forces of the United States; requiring that fees charged for the plates be used only for specified purposes; requiring a registration plate issued under the Act to contain a specified graphic design and specified words; requiring the Administration to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of the Act; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

TR, § 13-619.3 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 9 Delegate Smigiel****GAMING – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – REPEAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CHANGES TO STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

Repealing Article XIX – Video Lottery Terminals of the Maryland Constitution; submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; specifying in statutory law that the primary purpose of the operation of video lottery terminals is to raise revenue for specified public education goals; and requiring in statutory law that a video lottery facility comply with all applicable planning and zoning laws of the local jurisdiction.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

Maryland Constitution, Art. XIX, § 1 - repealed and SG, §§ 9-1A-02 and 9-1A-11 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 10 Delegate Haynes****BALTIMORE CITY – SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – BLOCK GRANTS**

Requiring the State to provide a specified block grant each year to Baltimore City for public school construction projects; providing for the initial amount, the source of funding, and an annual increase in the amount of an annual block grant for school construction projects in Baltimore City; and authorizing the Baltimore City Board of Education to acquire, construct, reconstruct, equip, maintain, repair, or renovate facilities through another entity acting as its agent and to enter into contracts with entities for such purposes.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

ED, §§ 4-306.1(a) and 5-301(d) through (j) - amended and § 5-301(d) - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 11 Delegate Feldman, et al****END THE GRIDLOCK**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to transportation financing; providing that the General Assembly may authorize a referendum on a transportation investment program; providing that a transportation investment program submitted to referendum may include a specified source of revenue or authorize the issuance of specified bonds; requiring that a transportation investment program submitted to referendum include a list of specified transportation projects; etc.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, §§ 53 and 53A - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 12 Delegate Kramer****MARYLAND CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE ACT**

Establishing that the common law doctrine of contributory negligence, as it existed under its judicially determined meaning on January 1, 2012, shall remain an affirmative defense that may be raised by a party under specified circumstances; providing for the scope of the Act; and making the Act an emergency measure.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

CJ, § 11-2A-01 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 13 Delegate Parrott****TASK FORCE TO STUDY REDISTRICTING IN MARYLAND**

Establishing a Task Force to Study Redistricting in Maryland; specifying the composition, powers, and duties of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations, including suggested constitutional and legislative changes, to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2013; and terminating the Act at the end of May 31, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 14 Delegate Parrott****CITIZENS' CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

Creating the Citizens' Congressional Redistricting Commission; requiring the Commission to divide the State to create congressional districts, as specified; providing for the membership, qualifications, and duties of the Commission; specifying requirements for the adoption of a redistricting plan; requiring the Legislative Auditor to establish and administer an online application process for individuals seeking appointment to the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

EL, § 8-701 - amended and §§ 8-701.1 through 8-701.12 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 15 Delegate Hough, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – FOURTH DEGREE SEXUAL OFFENSE – SCHOOL EMPLOYEES**

Altering the definition of a “person in a position of authority” to provide that the fourth degree sexual offense of a person in a position of authority engaging in a sexual act or sexual contact with a specified minor applies to specified school employees regardless of their employment status; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

CR, § 3-308 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations