

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE

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HB1253 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

**CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA
PROTECTION PROGRAM – ADMINISTRATIVE AND
ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS**

Authorizing the Maryland Home Improvement Commission to deny, reprimand, suspend, or revoke home improvement licenses for failure to comply with specified requirements in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area; authorizing the Home Builder Registration Unit to deny, reprimand, suspend, or revoke a homebuilder's registration or impose a civil penalty on a registrant for failure to comply with critical area legal terms and requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0213 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

**CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST
FUND AND NONPOINT SOURCE FUND**

Altering the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund and its purposes; stating the intent of the General Assembly; providing for the uses of the Fund; establishing in statute the BayStat Program and BayStat Subcabinet; requiring the Program to distribute funds from the Trust Fund to the BayStat Subcabinet agencies; requiring the BayStat Subcabinet agencies to administer the funds; authorizing the BayStat Subcabinet agencies to distribute to an administrative cost account an amount to administer grant programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0369 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND AND NONPOINT SOURCE FUND**

Altering the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund and its purposes; stating the intent of the General Assembly; providing for the uses of the Fund; establishing in statute the BayStat Program and BayStat Subcabinet; requiring the Program to distribute funds from the Trust Fund to the BayStat Subcabinet agencies; requiring the BayStat Subcabinet agencies to administer the funds; authorizing the BayStat Subcabinet agencies to distribute to an administrative cost account an amount to administer grant programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0204 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**

Establishing that specified transit-oriented development of specified property located near transit stations is a transportation purpose that is essential for the attainment of specified objectives; providing for the construction of provisions of the Act; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly for local governments to coordinate with the Maryland Transit Administration on specified land-use planning, financing, and other critical design elements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0373 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**

Establishing that the realization of specified transit-oriented development of specified property located near transit stations is a transportation purpose that is essential for the attainment of specified objectives; providing for the construction of specified provisions of the Act; declaring the intent of the General Assembly for local governments to coordinate with the Maryland Transit Administration on land-use planning elements and other critical design elements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0208 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS ACT**

Requiring specified buildings constructed or renovated solely with State funds to be high performance buildings under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of General Services to establish jointly a waiver process; requiring specified new schools that receive State public school construction funds to be constructed to be high performance buildings; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0209 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD PERCENTAGE REQUIREMENTS – ACCELERATION**

Altering the renewable energy portfolio standard by increasing the percentages of electricity sales that must be met in specified years through the accumulation of renewable energy credits from specified sources, subject to a specified limitation; redefining a specified renewable energy credit; increasing the maximum allowable alternative compliance payment, subject to a specified limitation; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB0375 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD PERCENTAGE REQUIREMENTS – ACCELERATION**

Altering the renewable energy portfolio standard by increasing the percentages of electricity sales that must be met in specified years through the accumulation of renewable energy credits from specified sources, subject to a specified limitation; redefining a specified renewable energy credit; increasing the maximum allowable alternative compliance payment, subject to a specified limitation; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

- SB0268 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE – MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT PROGRAM
- Repealing the Maryland Renewable Energy Fund and establishing the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program in the Maryland Energy Administration; establishing the purpose of the Program; establishing the duties of the Administration under the Program; establishing the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund not subject to a specified law; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008
- HB0368 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE – MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT PROGRAM
- Repealing the Maryland Renewable Energy Fund and establishing the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program in the Maryland Energy Administration; establishing the purpose of the Program; establishing the duties of the Administration under the Program; establishing the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund not subject to a specified law; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008
- SB0417 Senator Edwards, et al**
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES – CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION AND REPORT
- Requiring electric companies and gas companies to notify affected customers of energy efficiency and conservation charges and benefits at least annually on the company’s website or included with billing information; requiring the Public Service Commission to report to the General Assembly on the status of energy efficiency and conservation programs by February 1, 2009, and every 2 years thereafter; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

HB0608 Delegate Kelly, et al**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES – CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION AND REPORT**

Requiring electric companies and gas companies at least annually to provide affected customers with notice of specified energy efficiency and conservation charges and benefits by publication on the company's website and by inclusion with billing information; requiring the Public Service Commission to report to the General Assembly by February 1, 2009, and every 2 years thereafter on the status of programs and services to encourage and promote energy efficiency and conservation; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB0374 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**EMPOWER MARYLAND ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2008**

Establishing the State goal of achieving a 15% reduction in per capita electricity consumption and peak demand by the end of 2015; requiring the Public Service Commission to calculate per capita electricity consumption and peak demand each year and report the calculations to the General Assembly as part of its annual report; requiring specified municipal electric utilities and specified rural electric cooperatives to include energy efficiency and conservation measures as part of their service; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB0377 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL TAX INCENTIVE AND GRANT PROGRAM**

Altering the grant amounts awarded under the Solar Energy Grant Program and the Geothermal Heat Pump Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration; authorizing the Administration to adjust the grant amounts under the programs under specified circumstances; exempting from the sales and use tax a sale of specified geothermal equipment and solar energy equipment; exempting from the State and local property tax specified solar energy property; requiring that geothermal property be assessed at a specified value; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB1013 Senator Middleton**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING, ELECTRIC INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING, AND ACQUISITION AND FINANCING APPROVALS**

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to exercise authority as set forth in provisions of federal law under specified circumstances; providing for the construction of provisions of the Act; granting the circuit court jurisdiction to enforce provisions of law; authorizing the Commission to authorize the taking, holding, or acquiring of specified capital stock of a gas and electric company by a stock corporation or public utility under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB0203 The President (By Request – Administration)**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION – CONSOLIDATION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONS – TRANSFER OF ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY SERVICES AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

Consolidating workforce development functions by transferring adult education and literacy services and education and training programs for correctional facilities that are administered by the State Department of Education to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; creating and renaming units within the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; establishing the Workforce Creation and Adult Education Transition Council; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0348 Senator Middleton**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – TIER 1 RENEWABLE SOURCE – POULTRY LITTER**

Expanding the definition of a Tier 1 renewable source to include poultry litter-to-energy; altering the definition of a Tier 2 renewable source to exclude the incineration of poultry litter; providing that poultry litter-to-energy is eligible for inclusion in meeting the Tier 1 renewable energy portfolio standard only if the source is connected with the electric distribution grid serving Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1166 Delegate Davis, et al**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – TIER 1
RENEWABLE SOURCE – POULTRY LITTER**

Expanding the definition of a Tier 1 renewable source to include poultry litter-to-energy; altering the definition of a Tier 2 renewable source to exclude the incineration of poultry litter; providing that poultry litter-to-energy is eligible for inclusion in meeting the Tier 1 renewable energy portfolio standard only if the source is connected with the electric distribution grid serving Maryland; and repealing a specified requirement to determine whether sufficient poultry litter is available.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1337 Delegate Stein, et al**MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY CENTER**

Establishing a Maryland Clean Energy Center; providing for the powers, purposes, and duties of the Center; establishing a Board of Directors of the Center, with specified membership, powers, duties, and officers; providing for the staffing of the Center; providing for the application of specified laws to the Center; authorizing the Center to exercise specified powers; requiring the Center to act as a clearinghouse of information regarding clean energy for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0117 Delegate Hecht, et al**REAL PROPERTY – SOLAR COLLECTOR SYSTEMS –
RESTRICTION ON USE AND SOLAR EASEMENT**

Providing that a restriction on use regarding land use may not impose unreasonable limitations on the installation of a solar collector system; authorizing a property owner who has installed or intends to install a solar collector system to negotiate to obtain a solar easement in writing; exempting a restriction on use on specified historic properties from applicability of the Act; defining “restriction on use”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0140 Delegate Ross, et al**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR CELLULOSIC ETHANOL TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

Allowing a credit against the Maryland income tax for specified cellulosic ethanol technology research and development expenses paid or incurred by an individual or corporation; providing for applications to the Department of Business and Economic Development for approval of the credit and certification by the Department to taxpayers of approved credit amounts; limiting the total amount of credits that the Department may approve for any calendar year to \$250,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0565 Senator Garagiola, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – BIO-HEATING OIL**

Allowing an individual or corporation to claim a credit against the State income tax for heating oil with a blend of at least 5% biodiesel that is purchased for space or water heating; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to adopt specified regulations, to provide the Comptroller with specified information, and to conduct a specified public relations campaign; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0442 Senator Frosh, et al**ENVIRONMENT – CLEAN AIR PERMIT FEES**

Altering the circumstances under which specified moneys in the Maryland Clean Air Fund must be deposited in the General Fund; increasing the maximum amount of a specified fee; increasing the cap on a specified fee for 2008 and 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1056 Delegate George, et al**ENVIRONMENT – WATER MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION – WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS PROGRAM FEES**

Establishing specified application fees for applications related to activities in wetlands and waterways; making specified permits subject to a specified application fee refund process; exempting specified persons and activities from the application fees; establishing the Wetlands and Waterways Program Fund; clarifying specified provisions of the Tidal Wetlands Compensation Fund; requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct reviews and submit reports and a plan; defining terms; altering definitions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0823 Carroll County Senators**CARROLL COUNTY – GREEN BUILDING TAX CREDIT**

Authorizing the governing body of Carroll County to grant, by law, a green building tax credit against the county property tax imposes on specified nonresidential properties on which a person installs specified environmentally friendly technologies; requiring the governing body to establish specified eligibility criteria for the tax credit; requiring the governing body to establish the amount of the tax credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0101 Senator Gladden**REAL PROPERTY – HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – AMENDMENT OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS**

Authorizing the governing documents of homeowners associations created before January 1, 1960, to be amended once every 5 years, or more frequently if allowed by the governing document, by the affirmative vote of lot owners having at least two-thirds of the votes in the development, or by a lower percentage if required in the governing document; and defining “governing document”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1129 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**REAL PROPERTY – HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – AMENDMENT OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS**

Authorizing the governing documents of homeowners associations created before January 1, 1960, to be amended once every 5 years, or more frequently if allowed by the governing document, by the affirmative vote of lot owners having at least two-thirds of the votes in the development, or by a lower percentage if required in the governing document; defining “governing document”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0117 Senator Stone, et al**BALTIMORE COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – SALARY**

Establishing that the salary of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore County, beginning with the term of the State’s Attorney elected in 2010, is \$194,276; providing that for the year beginning January 1, 2012, and each year thereafter until January 1, 2023, the salary be increased by 1%; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0123 Delegate Bromwell**BALTIMORE COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – SALARY**

Establishing that the salary of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore County, beginning with the term of the State’s Attorney elected in 2010, is \$194,276; providing that for the year beginning January 1, 2012, and each year thereafter until January 1, 2023, the salary be increased by 1%; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0121 Senator Astle**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – LICENSE FEES FOR FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS**

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Council to provide for a license fee schedule based on anticipated costs of licensing, inspecting, and regulating food establishments; and adding Anne Arundel County to the list of counties that are exempt from limitations on the amount a county may charge for specified fees for obtaining a license to operate a food establishment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0131 Senator King, et al**MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS – HOTEL RENTAL TAX**

Authorizing a municipal corporation to impose a tax on charges for sleeping accommodations paid to hotels in the municipal corporation, subject to specified limitations; authorizing a municipal corporation to set the tax rate, not to exceed 2%; authorizing a municipal corporation to provide for the administration and collection of the tax, to provide for additional exemptions from the tax, and to impose penalties for failure to collect, report, or pay the tax; requiring a specified municipal corporation to make a specified distribution; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0132 Senator Simonaire, et al**REAL ESTATE SALESPERSONS – QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Including remote access satellite, closed-circuit video, computer (including transmission over the Internet and the World Wide Web), home study, or any other delivery system approved by the State Real Estate Commission as satisfying the education requirements for licensure as a real estate salesperson; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0566 Delegate McConkey, et al**REAL ESTATE SALESPERSONS – QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Including remote access satellite, closed-circuit video, computer (including transmission over the Internet and the World Wide Web), home study, or any other delivery system approved by the State Real Estate Commission as satisfying the education requirements for licensure as a real estate salesperson; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

- SB0141 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**
MARYLAND GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – QUALIFICATIONS
Expanding eligibility under the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program to include students attending an institution of higher education offering a first professional degree in pharmacy.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- SB0180 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery)**
STATE LOTTERY – PURCHASING, SELLING, OR CASHING LOTTERY TICKETS OR PRIZES
Prohibiting the purchasing, selling, or cashing of lottery tickets or prizes validated for payment by the State Lottery Agency under specified circumstances; and prohibiting a licensed agent of the State Lottery Agency from paying a prize winner less than the lawful amount or seeking a specified payment, reimbursement, or cashing fee under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- SB0181 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE – GROUNDS
Authorizing the State Real Estate Commission to suspend summarily a license if the licensee has been convicted of a felony or fails within 10 days after the conviction or within 10 days following release from incarceration, whichever is later, to disclose that the licensee has been convicted of a felony; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB0183 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW
Repealing specified uncodified provisions relating to a comprehensive review of the Prince George’s County Board of Education by a consultant.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0184 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**

FAMILY LAW – CHILD CARE CENTERS – EMERGENCY SUSPENSIONS

Requiring the licensee or holder of a letter of compliance to cease operation of a child care center immediately upon delivery of an emergency suspension notice; repealing a provision requiring a stay of an emergency suspension under specified circumstances; authorizing the licensee or letter holder to request a hearing before the State Superintendent of Schools; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0187 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION – CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

Authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to require an application fee from institutions of postsecondary education seeking certification to operate in the State.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0193 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**

FAMILY LAW – SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION – DEFINITION

Expanding the definition of “Administration” for purposes of provisions of law relating to foster care and child care to include any other units within the State Department of Human Resources to which the Secretary of Human Resources has delegated in writing specified responsibilities.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0194 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES – NEW HIRES REGISTRY
QUARTERLY REPORT – REPEAL

Repealing a provision requiring the Department of Human Resources to establish a task force to evaluate the burden on employers resulting from the development of a new hire registry, to report on its findings to the General Assembly by a specified date, and to report quarterly to the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0196 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS AND HOME
INSPECTORS – HOME INSPECTORS – LICENSING, DISCLOSURE,
AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Altering specified licensing requirements for a home inspector licensed by the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors; requiring home inspectors to maintain specified amounts of general liability insurance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0197 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

HARNESS RACING – MARYLAND STANDARDBRED RACE FUND

Repealing the requirement that the State Racing Commission cancel a Maryland Standardbred Fund race if there are fewer than two separate qualified entries in the race.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0198 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)

FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION FEE

Increasing the amount of child support payments that a family is required to receive before the Child Support Enforcement Administration is authorized to deduct a specified collection fee; altering the termination date of a provision that authorizes the Child Support Enforcement Administration to deduct an annual collection fee from child support payments in specified cases; and requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to notify the Department of Legislative Services if a specified federal requirement is repealed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0259 Senators Middleton and Edwards (Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space/Agricultural Land Preservation), et al

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – ATTAINMENT OF ACQUISITION GOALS – INCREASED ALLOCATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Altering the amount a local government can spend on development projects after it has attained its acquisition goals under Program Open Space; and terminating the Act at the end of May 31, 2010.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB0287 Senator Stoltzfus, et al

STATE DESIGNATIONS – SMITH ISLAND CAKE – STATE DESSERT

Designating Smith Island cake as the State dessert.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0315 Delegate Elmore, et al

STATE DESIGNATIONS – SMITH ISLAND CAKE – STATE DESSERT

Designating Smith Island cake as the State dessert.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0294 Senator Garagiola, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES AGAINST A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – DEFINITION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Altering the definition of a law enforcement officer to include an officer employed by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for specified crimes against law enforcement officers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

- HB0348 Delegates Waldstreicher and Feldman**
CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES AGAINST A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – DEFINITION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
Altering the definition of a law enforcement officer for specified crimes against law enforcement officers.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- SB0304 Senator Middleton**
STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON IMMUNIZATIONS – INFLUENZA VACCINES – STUDY
Requiring the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations to study the current availability and anticipated future availability of single-dose influenza vaccines for use in the State and evaluate the cost differential between single-dose and multi-dose influenza vaccines; and requiring the Commission to report its findings to committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2008.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008
- HB0586 Delegates Kullen and Kipke**
STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON IMMUNIZATIONS – INFLUENZA VACCINES – STUDY
Requiring the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations to study the current availability and anticipated future availability of single-dose influenza vaccines for use in the State and evaluate the cost differential between single-dose and multi-dose influenza vaccines; and requiring the Commission to report its findings to committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2008.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008
- SB0308 Senator Pinsky**
TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS EMPLOYEES – PARTICIPATION IN THE EMPLOYEES’ PENSION SYSTEM
Requiring specified employees of the Town of Berwyn Heights to participate in the Employees’ Pension System of the State of Maryland as of the date that the Town begins participating in the System; providing that membership in the System is optional for specified employees; providing for specified employees of the Town to receive service credit for specified prior service; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0986 Delegate Gaines, et al**TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS EMPLOYEES – PARTICIPATION IN THE EMPLOYEES’ PENSION SYSTEM**

Requiring specified employees of the Town of Berwyn Heights to participate in the Employees’ Pension System of the State of Maryland on or after the date that the Town of Berwyn Heights begins participating in the System; providing that membership in the System is optional for specified employees; providing for specified employees of the Town of Berwyn Heights to receive service credit for specified prior service; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0326 Senator Miller**CALVERT COUNTY – SHERIFF – PENSIONS**

Permitting an individual who has served as Sheriff of Calvert County to participate in the Calvert County Employees’ Savings Plan.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0419 Senator Glassman**AGRICULTURE – WILD POLLINATORS PROGRAM**

Establishing, subject to funding in the State budget, the Maryland Wild Pollinators Program for the purpose of increasing awareness of wild pollinators and the availability of noninvasive plants that are pollinator friendly; requiring the Department of Agriculture to increase awareness among nurseries and land managers of noninvasive plants that are pollinator friendly and to provide specified grants under the Program; and providing for the termination of the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0208 Delegate Riley, et al**AGRICULTURE – WILD POLLINATORS PROGRAM**

Establishing, subject to funding in the State budget, the Maryland Wild Pollinators Program for the purpose of increasing awareness of wild pollinators and the availability of noninvasive plants that are pollinator friendly; requiring the Department of Agriculture to provide grants under the Program to increase the availability of seed and nursery stock for noninvasive plants that are pollinator friendly; and providing for termination of the Act at the end of September 30, 2010.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0428 Senator Pinsky, et al**EDUCATION – MILITARY RECRUITERS – STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION – OPPORTUNITY TO OPT OUT**

Requiring public schools to provide notice to specified students or the parents or guardians of the students about the right not to release student contact information to military recruiters; requiring public schools to include the notice in a specified format, size, and type on the card requesting emergency contact information for the student; requesting the student or the parent or guardian of the student to indicate if the student's contact information is not to be released to military recruiters; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0431 Senator Pinsky, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY A NO NET LOSS OF FOREST POLICY**

Requesting that the Governor establish a Task Force to Study a No Net Loss of Forest Policy; requiring the Task Force to develop a plan and draft legislation; requiring the Task Force to submit the plan and the draft legislation to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB0444 Senator King, et al**CORPORATE INCOME TAX – REPORTING AND STUDY**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Business Tax Reform Commission; limiting to specified taxable years a requirement for specified corporations engaged in manufacturing to submit specified reports as part of their income tax returns; altering a definition and repealing definitions; altering reporting requirements and limiting reporting requirements to taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011; repealing penalty provisions and authorizing the Comptroller to develop and implement a penalty system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0664 Delegate Barve, et al**CORPORATE INCOME TAX – REPORTING AND STUDY**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Business Tax Reform Commission; limiting to specified taxable years a requirement for specified corporations engaged in manufacturing to submit specified reports as part of their income tax returns; altering a definition and repealing definitions; altering reporting requirements and limiting reporting requirements to taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011; repealing penalty provisions and authorizing the Comptroller to develop and implement a penalty system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0456 Senator Astle**SALES AND USE TAX – ENERGY STAR PRODUCT EXEMPTIONS – BOILERS**

Altering the definition of “Energy Star product” for the purpose of specified tax-free periods to include boilers under a sales and use tax exemption for specified appliances that meet or exceed specified applicable energy efficiency guidelines.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0985 Delegate V. Clagett, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – ENERGY STAR PRODUCT EXEMPTIONS – BOILERS**

Altering the definition of “Energy Star product” for the purpose of specified tax-free periods to include boilers under a sales and use tax exemption for specified appliances that meet or exceed specified applicable energy efficiency guidelines.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0458 Senator Astle, et al**TOURISM PROMOTION ACT OF 2008**

Requiring the Maryland Tourism Development Board to provide grants to the destination marketing organizations and financial assistance to the Office of Tourism Development; requiring the Comptroller, on or before August 1 each year, to make a specified calculation regarding specified annual sales and use tax revenues collected on the retail sale of tourist-oriented goods and services under specified codes after consultation with the Department of Business and Economic Development; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB0459 Senator Middleton, et al**TASK FORCE TO REVIEW PHYSICIAN SHORTAGES IN RURAL AREAS**

Creating a Task Force to Review Physician Shortages in Rural Areas; requiring the Task Force to study recruitment and retention of primary care physicians in rural areas, funding of programs to encourage physician practice in rural areas, federal and State programs relating to physician geographic distribution, and financial and tax incentives for specified physicians, and to make recommendations; requiring the University of Maryland School of Medicine to develop a Rural Residency Track Pilot Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB0492 Senator Frosh, et al**VEHICULAR CROSSINGS – USE BY PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the use of specified vehicular crossings under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority by pedestrians and bicycles when authorized by the Chairman of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0496 Senator Della**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – RESTAURANTS IN BUSINESS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT**

Authorizing the Board of Liquor License Commissioners of Baltimore City to issue up to three Class B beer, wine and liquor restaurant licenses in a business planned unit development in ward 24, precinct 5 of the 46th alcoholic beverages district; and requiring the restaurants to have a minimum capital investment of \$700,000, a seating capacity for 75 to 150 persons, and average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 65% of the total daily receipts of the restaurant.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0511 Senators Middleton and Conway**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS – EXCEPTION FROM LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN APPROVED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Providing that a specified licensure requirement does not apply to specified students of dental hygiene while engaged in specified approved educational programs in dental hygiene.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0533 Senator Muse, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOW TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL LITERACY IN THE STATE**

Creating a Task Force to Study How to Improve Financial Literacy in the State; requiring the Task Force to study the ability of consumers to understand basic financial concepts and the problems created by a lack of financial literacy or knowledge; requiring the Task Force to make recommendations regarding how to address specified problems and the utility of requiring financial literacy education as part of primary and secondary education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB1242 Delegate Stein, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOW TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL LITERACY IN THE STATE**

Creating a Task Force to Study How to Improve Financial Literacy in the State; requiring the Task Force to study the ability of consumers to understand basic financial concepts and the problems created by a lack of financial literacy or knowledge; requiring the Task Force to make recommendations regarding how to address specified problems and the benefits and drawbacks of requiring financial literacy education as part of primary and secondary education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0546 Senators Forehand and Miller**STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – MARYLAND CHARTER DAY AND ANNAPOLIS CHARTER DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim June 20 as Maryland Charter Day; and requiring the Governor annually to proclaim December 17 as Annapolis Charter Day.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB0957 Delegate V. Clagett**STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – MARYLAND CHARTER DAY AND ANNAPOLIS CHARTER DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim June 20 as Maryland Charter Day; and requiring the Governor annually to proclaim December 17 as Annapolis Charter Day.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB0551 Senator Gladden**CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – CUSTODY DETERMINATIONS – PROHIBITION AGAINST CONSIDERATION OF DISABILITIES**

Prohibiting a court, in determining whether to grant custody and guardianship of a child in need of assistance to a relative or a nonrelative, from considering a disability of the relative or nonrelative, unless the court finds that the disability causes a condition that is detrimental to the best interests of the child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0556 Senator Gladden**CORPORATIONS – OBJECTING STOCKHOLDERS – RIGHT TO FAIR VALUE OF STOCK**

Altering the circumstances under which a stockholder of a Maryland corporation who objects to specified transactions may demand and receive the fair value of the stockholder's stock; authorizing a stockholder to demand the fair value of stock listed on a national securities exchange under specified circumstances; altering the definition of "beneficial owner" under the Maryland Business Combination Act to exclude, under specified circumstances, a person that holds a revocable proxy from a stockholder; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB0571 Senator Astle**SURETY INSURERS – FAILURE TO PAY BAIL BOND JUDGMENT – PENALTIES**

Providing that a surety insurer that is precluded or removed from a specified list by a circuit court due to failure to timely resolve or satisfy specified bail bond forfeitures shall be subject to specified penalties; and requiring a clerk of a circuit court to notify the Maryland Insurance Commissioner of the names of specified surety insurers and specified bond forfeitures at a specified time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0590 Senator Pinsky, et al**ENVIRONMENT – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

Altering the statute of limitations for prosecution of and suits for violations of specified laws relating to the environment; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1193 Delegates McIntosh and Hucker**ENVIRONMENT – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

Altering the statute of limitations for prosecution of and suits for violations of specified laws relating to the environment; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0602 Senator Pinsky**DIRECT BILLING OF ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES**

Requiring specified clinical laboratories, physicians, or group practices that provide anatomic pathology services to specified patients to present or cause to be presented claims, bills, or demands for payment to specified individuals and entities, subject to limitations; prohibiting specified health care practitioners from directly or indirectly charging, billing, or otherwise soliciting payment for anatomic pathology services unless specified requirements are met; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1089 Delegate Donoghue**DIRECT BILLING OF ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES**

Requiring specified clinical laboratories, physicians, or group practices that provide anatomic pathology services to specified patients to present or cause to be presented claims, bills, or demands for payment to specified individuals and entities, subject to limitations; prohibiting specified health care practitioners from directly or indirectly charging, billing, or otherwise soliciting payment for anatomic pathology services unless specified requirements are met; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0674 Senator Brinkley**WATER RESOURCES – GROUNDWATER APPROPRIATION OR USE
– PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS**

Authorizing the Maryland Department of the Environment, when appropriating groundwater of the State in Carroll, Fredrick, or Washington counties, to give priority to a public water system that provides water to a municipal corporation under specified circumstances or to a priority funding area established on or before January 1, 2000, under § 5-7B-02(7) of the State Finance and Procurement Article; authorizing the Department to adopt regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1423 Delegate Hecht, et al**WATER RESOURCES – GROUNDWATER APPROPRIATION OR USE
– PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS**

Authorizing the Maryland Department of the Environment, when appropriating groundwater of the State in Carroll, Frederick, or Washington counties, to give priority to a public water system that provides water to a municipal corporation under specified circumstances or to a priority funding area established on or before January 1, 2000, under § 5-7B-02(7) of the State Finance and Procurement Article; authorizing the Department to adopt regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0677 Senator Garagiola, et al**NURSING FACILITIES – ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES – PAY-
FOR-PERFORMANCE**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop a plan for accountability measures to use in a pay-for-performance program; delaying a requirement that revenues be distributed to nursing facilities; requiring that a plan for accountability measures to use in a pay-for-performance program include specified items; and requiring the Department to submit a plan to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0809 Delegate James, et al**NURSING FACILITIES – ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES – PAY-
FOR-PERFORMANCE**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop a plan for accountability measures to use in a pay-for-performance program; delaying a requirement that revenues be distributed to nursing facilities; requiring that a plan for accountability measures to use in a pay-for-performance program include specified items; and requiring the Department to submit a plan to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0722 Senator Klausmeier, et al**PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – REGISTRATION**

Requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to register with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner before providing pharmacy benefits management services in the State; requiring an applicant for registration to file an application on a specified form and pay to the Commissioner a specified fee; requiring the Commissioner to register each pharmacy benefits manager that meets the specified requirements; providing for the expiration and renewal of a registration; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from taking specified actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0419 Delegate Elliott, et al**PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – REGISTRATION**

Requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to register with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner before providing pharmacy benefits management services in the State; requiring an applicant for registration to file an application on a specified form and pay to the Commissioner a specified fee; requiring the Commissioner to register each pharmacy benefits manager that meets the specified requirements; providing for the expiration and renewal of a registration; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from taking specified actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0723 Senator Klausmeier, et al**PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – THERAPEUTIC INTERCHANGES**

Prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager or its agent from requesting a therapeutic interchange unless specified conditions are met; defining “therapeutic interchange” as “any change from one prescription drug to another”; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager or its agent to obtain authorization to make a therapeutic interchange and to make disclosures to a prescriber; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager or its agent to disclose information to a beneficiary with the prescription drug dispensed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0343 Delegate Kipke, et al**PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – THERAPEUTIC INTERCHANGES**

Prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager or its agent from requesting a therapeutic interchange unless specified conditions are met; defining “therapeutic interchange” as “any change from one prescription drug to another”; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager or its agent to obtain authorization to make a therapeutic interchange and to make disclosures to a prescriber; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager or its agent to disclose information to a beneficiary with the prescription drug dispensed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0724 Senators Klausmeier and Della**PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – DISCLOSURES**

Requiring a pharmacy benefits manager, before entering into a contract with a purchaser, to provide a potential purchaser with information regarding manufacturer payments and to offer to provide the purchaser with a report of manufacturer payments earned by the pharmacy benefits manager; providing that the Act does not diminish the authority of the Office of the Attorney General or the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to obtain information relating to a pharmacy benefits manager and use the information in any proceeding; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0120 Delegate Bromwell, et al**PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – DISCLOSURES**

Requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to provide a potential purchaser with information regarding manufacturer payments and to offer to provide the purchaser with a report of manufacturer payments earned by the pharmacy benefits manager; providing that the Act does not diminish the authority of the Office of the Attorney General or the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to obtain and use specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

- SB0742 Senator Zirkin**
HUMAN SERVICES – RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM – BILL OF RIGHTS
Providing that a contract awarded or renewed between a specified agency and a provider of a residential child care program shall require the provider to conspicuously post a “Residents’ Bill of Rights” in the facility of the provider that includes specified rights; requiring a provider of a residential child care program to develop and, on placement, provide to residents and their parents or legal guardians a handbook of the policies of the provider and the contracting agency as they relate to specified issues; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- SB0745 Senator Colburn, et al**
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DEFINITIONS – BEER
Altering the definition of beer as used in Article 2B of the Code and Title 5 of the Tax – General Article.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- SB0757 Senator Colburn**
WETLANDS – CONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURE ON PIER – EXCEPTION
Authorizing the Board of Public Works to issue a license for construction of a dwelling unit or other non–water dependent structure on a pier located on State wetlands under specified circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of the Environment to issue a permit for the construction of a dwelling unit or other non–water dependent structure on a pier located on private wetlands under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008
- HB1266 Delegate Cane, et al**
WETLANDS – CONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURE ON PIER – EXCEPTION
Authorizing the Board of Public Works to issue a license for construction of a dwelling unit or other non–water dependent structure on a pier located on State wetlands under specified circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of the Environment to issue a permit for the construction of a dwelling unit or other non–water dependent structure on a pier located on private wetlands under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB0760 Senator Stone**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – RESIDENCE OF HOMEOWNER’S FAMILY MEMBER**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on family assistance dwellings; authorizing the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit and specified other provisions to carry out the credit; defining “family assistance dwelling”; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB0764 Senator Conway**STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS NOMINATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES – TASK FORCE ON THE DISCIPLINE OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND IMPROVED PATIENT CARE**

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to conduct a solicitation and balloting process and submit to the Governor specified lists of nominees for membership on the Board; requiring that the Board develop guidelines that to the extent possible will result in a specified Board composition reflecting the diversity of the State; establishing a Task Force on the Discipline of Health Care Professionals and Improved Patient Care; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0811 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al**STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS NOMINATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES – TASK FORCE ON THE DISCIPLINE OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND IMPROVED PATIENT CARE**

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to conduct a solicitation and balloting process and submit to the Governor specified lists of nominees for membership on the Board; requiring that the Board develop guidelines that to the extent possible will result in a specified Board composition reflecting the diversity of the State; requiring the Board to adopt specified regulations; establishing the Task Force on the Discipline of Health Care Professionals and Improved Patient Care; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0766 Senator Conway**MARYLAND ANATOMICAL GIFT DONOR REGISTRY**

Establishing that a donor may make a gift by authorizing that a statement or symbol be included on a donor registry; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to contract with and provide compensation to a specified nonprofit entity for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a donor registry; defining “donor” as an individual whose body or part is the subject of an anatomical gift; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0906 Delegate Morhaim, et al**MARYLAND ANATOMICAL GIFT DONOR REGISTRY**

Establishing that a donor may make a gift by authorizing that a statement or symbol be included on a donor registry; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to contract with and provide compensation to a specified nonprofit entity for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a donor registry; defining “donor” as an individual whose body or part is the subject of an anatomical gift; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0767 Senator Conway**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – BOARD OF PHARMACY – REMOTE AUTOMATED MEDICATION SYSTEMS**

Requiring the Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations to authorize pharmacists to dispense medication from a remote location for the benefit of a health care facility that uses a remote automated medication system; requiring a pharmacist to be responsible for the accountability of medications in the system; requiring a pharmacist who is not physically present where the remote automated medication system is located to have access to the system by electronic and visual means for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB1387 Delegate Mizeur, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – BOARD OF PHARMACY – REMOTE AUTOMATED MEDICATION SYSTEMS**

Requiring the Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations to authorize pharmacists to dispense medication from a remote location for the benefit of a health care facility that uses a remote automated medication system; requiring a pharmacist to be responsible for the accountability of medications in the system; requiring a pharmacist who is not physically present where the remote automated medication system is located to have access to the system by electronic and visual means for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB0780 Carroll County Senators**CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$120,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; prohibiting the County from financing specified costs associated with a Criminal Justice Building, subject to a contingency; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB0783 Senator Zirkin**RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS**

Renaming the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Administrators to be the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals; altering the membership of the Board; requiring an individual to be certified before the individual may perform specified responsibilities as a residential child and youth care practitioner in residential child care programs; specifying the qualifications of certificates; specifying applications procedures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0795 Senator DeGrange**PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS OF STATE DEBT TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS – ALTERATIONS**

Amending specified prior Acts of the General Assembly that authorized creation of State Debt through the issuance, sale, and delivery of general obligation bonds, the proceeds of which were designated for funding specified capital projects; requiring specified loan proceeds to be encumbered by the Board of Public Works or expended for specified purposes by a specified date; altering the grantees under specified projects; altering and expanding the authorized uses of specified grants; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB0797 Senators Astle and Kittleman**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WAGE PAYMENT ON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT – ACCRUED LEAVE**

Requiring that employers give notice of accrued leave benefits to employees; specifying that an employer with a specified written policy is not required to pay accrued leave to an employee on termination of employment under specified circumstances; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB0822 Carroll County Senators**CARROLL COUNTY – DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS – PROHIBITION AND PENALTIES**

Prohibiting specified distributions of specified tobacco products, cigarette rolling papers, and tobacco-related coupons to minors in Carroll County; authorizing specified defenses to a violation of the Act; and establishing specified civil penalties.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0826 Senators Conway and Harrington**HIV TESTING – INFORMED CONSENT AND TREATMENT**

Altering requirements for health care providers to obtain informed consent for HIV testing; establishing procedures for referral for treatment and supportive services for individuals who test positive; requiring specified health care providers to notify pregnant women that they will be tested for HIV infection as part of routine tests; requiring specified health care providers to advise pregnant women that they have the right to refuse the test for HIV infection without penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0991 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**HIV TESTING – INFORMED CONSENT AND TREATMENT**

Altering requirements for health care providers to obtain informed consent for HIV testing; establishing procedures for referral for treatment and supportive services for individuals who test positive; requiring specified health care providers to notify pregnant women that they will be tested for HIV infection as part of routine tests; requiring specified health care providers to advise pregnant women that they have the right to refuse the test for HIV infection without penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0828 Senator Conway**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – BIRTH DEFECTS RESEARCH – MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to appoint epidemiologists and parents or guardians of children with birth defects to a committee that makes specified reports to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene concerning children born with birth defects; requiring hospitals to submit specified reports to the Department within 1 month after the date of release of the child's mother from the hospital; allowing guardians of children with birth defects to be appointed to a specified committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0831 Senator Colburn**ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES OF FUND**

Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to award grants or loans for specified costs related to specified community sewerage systems; defining “community sewerage system” as a publicly or privately owned sewerage system that serves at least two lots; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0581 Delegate Costa, et al**ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES OF FUND**

Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to award grants or loans for specified costs related to specified community sewerage systems; defining “community sewerage system” as a publicly or privately owned sewerage system that serves at least two lots; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0848 Senator Conway**STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – MEMBERSHIP – QUALIFICATIONS**

Increasing to 12 the number of members on the State Board of Social Work Examiners; requiring one member of the Board to be primarily engaged in social worker education at a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and to be nominated from a list of names submitted by the deans and directors of the Maryland social work education programs, subject to an exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0859 Senator Kasemeyer**BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO STUDY RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUNDING OPTIONS – EXTENSION OF REPORTING AND TERMINATION DATES**

Requiring the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Retiree Health Care Funding Options to issue an interim report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2008; extending the date to December 31, 2009, by which the Commission is required to submit a final report; and extending the termination date of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Retiree Health Care Funding Options to the end of June 30, 2010.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB1233 Delegate Griffith, et al**BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO STUDY RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUNDING OPTIONS – EXTENSION OF REPORTING AND TERMINATION DATES**

Requiring the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Retiree Health Care Funding Options to issue an interim report of its findings by December 31, 2008, and a final report on findings and recommendations by December 31, 2009; and extending the termination date of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Retiree Health Care Funding Options from July 1, 2009, to July 1, 2010.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB0860 Senator Glassman**FOREST AND PARK WARDENS – RESPONSIBILITIES**

Repealing a requirement that a forest or park warden take specified actions on learning of a forest fire; requiring a forest or park warden who sees a forest fire or who receives a request by a fire company to assist with a fire plow or provide incident command expertise at the scene; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1473 Delegate Malone**FOREST AND PARK WARDENS – RESPONSIBILITIES**

Repealing a requirement that a forest or park warden take specified actions on learning of a forest fire; requiring a forest or park warden who sees a forest fire or who receives a request by a fire company to assist with a fire plow or provide incident command expertise at the scene; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0889 Senator Dyson**NURSE PRACTITIONERS – AUTHORITY TO CERTIFY**

Authorizing a nurse practitioner to certify that a specified minor is pregnant or has given birth under specified circumstances; authorizing a nurse practitioner or a nurse midwife to provide specified information about the birth of a child for purposes of filing a birth certificate; authorizing a nurse practitioner to complete and sign a specified death certificate under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1140 Delegate Kullen, et al**NURSE PRACTITIONERS – AUTHORITY TO CERTIFY**

Authorizing a nurse practitioner to certify that a specified minor is pregnant or has given birth under specified circumstances; authorizing a nurse practitioner or a nurse midwife to provide specified information about the birth of a child for purposes of filing a birth certificate; authorizing a nurse practitioner to complete and sign a specified death certificate under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0900 Senator Klausmeier**EXHIBITORS – LICENSURE – NATIONAL CONVENTION EXEMPTION**

Specifying that the exemption from the trader's license requirement imposed on exhibitors applies to exhibitors that provide the promoter with an affidavit stating that the exhibitor has not participated in more than three shows, not including participation in a specified national show, in addition to the current annual income requirements.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB1386 Delegate Rudolph**EXHIBITORS – LICENSURE – NATIONAL CONVENTION EXEMPTION**

Specifying that the exemption from the trader's license requirement imposed on exhibitors applies to exhibitors that provide the promoter with an affidavit stating that the exhibitor has not participated in more than three shows, not including participation in a specified national show, in addition to the current annual income requirements.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

- SB0903 Senator Kelley**
TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD – SUNSET – REPEAL
Repealing the termination date of the Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008
- SB0909 Senator Middleton**
MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – YOUNG FARMER
Expanding the membership of the board of trustees of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to include a member appointed by the Governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the Young Farmers Advisory Board; requiring nominees submitted by the Young Farmers Advisory Board to meet specified requirements; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008
- SB0916 Senator Middleton**
MARYLAND TRAUMA PHYSICIAN SERVICES FUND – REIMBURSEMENT AND GRANTS
Requiring specified costs incurred by specified trauma centers to maintain specified surgeons on-call to be reimbursed from the Maryland Trauma Physicians Services Fund at a specified rate under specified circumstances; specifying the maximum number of hours that specified trauma centers are eligible per year for reimbursement; increasing a cap on reimbursement from the Fund to specified physicians; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008
- SB0920 Senator Brinkley, et al**
TASK FORCE TO STUDY STATEWIDE GYPSY MOTH INFESTATION
Establishing a Task Force to Study Statewide Gypsy Moth Infestation; providing for the membership of the Task Force; providing that the Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; providing for the duties of the Task Force; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before August 31, 2009.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0941 Senator Stoltzfus**NATURAL RESOURCES – SOMERS COVE MARINA COMMISSION**

Establishing the Somers Cove Marina Commission; providing that the Commission is a body politic and corporate and an instrumentality of the State; authorizing the Commission to take specified actions under specified circumstances; providing for the membership and terms of members of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving compensation; authorizing a member to receive specified reimbursement; requiring the Commission, on November 1, 2013, to report findings and recommendations to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2008

HB1463 Delegate Conway, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – SOMERS COVE MARINA COMMISSION**

Establishing the Somers Cove Marina Commission; providing that the Commission is a body politic and corporate and an instrumentality of the State; authorizing the Commission to take specified actions under specified circumstances; providing for the membership and terms of members of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving compensation; requiring the Department of Natural Resources and the Commission, on November 1, 2013, to report findings and recommendations to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2008

SB0960 Senator Klausmeier**STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – LICENSURE OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS**

Renaming the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners to be the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners; providing for the licensure of massage therapists by the Board; increasing the number of the members of the Board; adding a specified number of licensed chiropractor members and licensed massage therapist members to the Board; requiring the Governor to appoint massage therapist members with the advice and consent of the Senate from a specified list submitted by a specified association; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1563 Delegate Hubbard**STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – LICENSURE OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS**

Renaming the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners to be the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners; providing for the licensure of massage therapists by the Board; increasing the number of the members of the Board; adding a specified number of licensed chiropractor members and licensed massage therapist members to the Board; requiring the Governor to appoint massage therapist members with the advice and consent of the Senate from a specified list submitted by a specified association; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0974 Senator Middleton**HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – AVERTED UNCOMPENSATED CARE – ASSESSMENT**

Requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to assess an amount in hospital rates to reflect a reduction in hospital uncompensated care and to operate and administer the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; requiring, for the portion of the assessment related to an expansion of health care coverage, the Commission to ensure that the assessment amount not exceed specified savings and requiring each hospital to remit its assessment amount to the Health Care Coverage Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB1587 Delegate Hammen, et al**HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – AVERTED UNCOMPENSATED CARE – ASSESSMENT**

Requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to assess an amount in hospital rates to reflect a reduction in hospital uncompensated care and to operate and administer the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; requiring, for the portion of the assessment related to an expansion of health care coverage, the Commission to ensure that the assessment amount not exceed specified savings and requiring each hospital to remit its assessment amount to the Health Care Coverage Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

- SB0987 Senator Haines**
CARROLL COUNTY – SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL – LICENSE FEE
Reducing the fee for a special beer festival license in Carroll County to \$50.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008
- SB1000 Senator Harrington**
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – COMMUNITY PARKS
AND PLAYGROUNDS PROGRAM
Declaring the intent of the General Assembly that it is State policy to both
restore existing park and green space systems and create new park and
green space systems in the municipal corporations and Baltimore City;
establishing a Community Parks and Playgrounds Program; authorizing the
Program to provide grants; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to
adopt regulations; providing that funding may be provided from the General
Fund and from the sale of State general obligation bonds; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- HB1604 Delegate Carr, et al**
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – COMMUNITY PARKS
AND PLAYGROUNDS PROGRAM
Declaring the intent of the General Assembly that it is State public policy to
both restore existing park and green space systems and create new park and
green space systems in the municipal corporations and Baltimore City;
establishing a Community Parks and Playgrounds Program; authorizing the
Program to provide specified grants; providing for the administration of the
Program; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt regulations
to carry out the Program; providing for specified funding; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- HB0005 Kent County Delegation**
KENT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A LIGHT
WINE LICENSES
Adding Kent County to the list of counties in which a Class A light wine
license may be issued to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer’s license or a
Class 4 manufacturer’s license.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0036 Delegate Bohanan**JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – EMPLOYMENT ON FACULTY OF PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Establishing that a specified limitation on earnings and reduction of retirement allowance for retired judges does not apply to a retiree who is employed as a member of the faculty of a public institution of higher education in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0115 Delegate Tarrant, et al**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM – STATEMENTS ON STATE-ISSUED CHECK STUBS**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to collaborate with the Office of the Comptroller or the Office of the State Treasurer to form a statement advising individuals who cannot afford health insurance that they may be eligible to enroll in specified medical assistance programs or the Maryland Children's Health Program and print the statement on specified State-issued check stubs; requiring that the statement include specified contact information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0139 Delegate Stukes, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO STUDENTS SUBJECT TO MULTIPLE SUSPENSIONS**

Establishing a Task Force to Study Issues Related to Students Subject to Multiple Suspensions; establishing the membership, duties, and designation of the chair of the Task Force; requiring that the Task Force study and report on the feasibility and the fiscal impact of mandating that local school systems throughout the State establish student services teams to provide case management to students who incur one or more suspensions in a school year that result in the student's absence for 10 or more school days; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB0142 Delegate Morhaim**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – REVIEW OF REPORTS AND COMMISSIONS**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to review specified reports as well as boards, commissions, councils and committees operated by the Department and to present findings to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2008; providing that the review does not include health occupations boards under the Department's jurisdiction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0148 Delegate Beitzel**GARRETT COUNTY – TOBACCO PRODUCTS – DISTRIBUTION TO MINORS**

Prohibiting a person from distributing specified tobacco-containing and tobacco-related products to a minor in Garrett County; and establishing a civil infraction and a civil penalty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0190 Howard County Delegation**ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT – FILING DATE**

Altering the date by which a county, municipal corporation, or taxing district must file its annual financial audit with the Department of Legislative Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0216 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**HEREDITARY AND CONGENITAL DISORDERS – NEWBORN SCREENING**

Establishing in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene a specified system for screening newborn infants for hereditary and congenital disorders; establishing the Department's public health laboratory as the sole laboratory authorized to perform the screening tests; requiring the Department to establish protocols for obtaining specimens for testing; requiring the Department to determine screening tests to be performed; requiring the Department to conduct a study and submit a report by December 1, 2008; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

- HB0217 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**
VITAL RECORDS – COPIES TO COUNTY REGISTRARS OF VITAL RECORDS
Authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide a copy of an original birth certificate to the registrar of vital records of the county or Baltimore City where the birth took place; requiring the Secretary, under specified circumstances, to provide original specified vital records to the registrar of vital records of the county in which the subjects of the records reside or resided; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- HB0230 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**
VEHICLE LAWS – SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS – AUTHORITY TO DIRECT TRAFFIC
Authorizing a school crossing guard who meets specified qualifications to stop or otherwise direct vehicles and pedestrians on a highway or on school grounds under specified circumstances; requiring drivers to obey the directions of a school crossing guard exercising authority under the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- HB0238 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**
MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN – STATUS, OPERATION, AND REGULATION
Transferring the Maryland Health Insurance Plan from the Maryland Insurance Administration and establishing the Plan as an independent unit of the State government; altering the composition of the Board of Directors of the Plan; requiring the Board to develop a specified certificate of coverage; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to regulate the Plan; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0239 Anne Arundel County Delegation**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AND CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATORS – QUALIFICATIONS**

Altering the definition of “Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis fire and explosive investigator” to include additional qualifications.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0256 Cecil County Delegation**CECIL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Cecil County to borrow not more than \$5,000,000 in order to finance the cost of the construction and improvement of specified public facilities in Cecil County and to effect that borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB0257 Delegate Kullen, et al**PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – CONTRACTS WITH PHARMACIES AND PHARMACISTS**

Requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to disclose specified information to a pharmacy or pharmacist at the time of entering into a contract with the pharmacy or pharmacist and also at a specified time before a contract change; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to establish a process for review of a failure to pay the contractual reimbursement amount of specified claims; making provisions of law applicable to health maintenance organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0265 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)

FAMILY LAW – EMERGENCY PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS

Authorizing the local department of social services to request a federal name-based criminal history records check on specified individuals if a child is placed in an emergency out-of-home placement; requiring a local department of social services to submit a complete set of fingerprints for specified individuals to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services when the placement of a child is denied as a result of a name-based criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0272 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)

MEDICAL STOP-LOSS INSURANCE

Authorizing medical stop-loss insurance to be sold, issued, or delivered in the State only by specified carriers that hold specified certificates of authority; prohibiting medical stop-loss insurers from issuing, delivering, or offering policies of medical stop-loss insurance if the policies have specified attachment points below specified amounts; making medical stop-loss insurers subject to specified sanctions under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB0289 Delegate Pendergrass

TASK FORCE ON HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND REIMBURSEMENT – EXTENSION

Extending the date on which the Task Force on Health Care Access and Reimbursement is required to submit its final report and recommendations; and extending the termination date of the Task Force.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

- HB0312 Delegate Morhaim, et al**
PROCUREMENT – SECURITY REQUIREMENTS – EXTENSION OF SUNSET PROVISION
Altering the format of specified affidavits required to be attached to specified bid security; altering a reporting requirement included in a specified Act relating to security requirements for procurement; and altering the termination provision of a specified Act relating to security requirements for procurement.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- HB0335 Cecil County Delegation**
CECIL COUNTY – WASTE DISPOSAL – NORTHEAST MARYLAND WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY
Authorizing Cecil County to become a participating county in the Northeast Waste Disposal Authority by the Board of County Commissioners filing a resolution of participation with the Secretary of State and the Department of Legislative Services.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- HB0353 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**
CRIMINAL LAW – DESTRUCTION OF FUNERARY OBJECTS – RESTITUTION
Requiring a person who violates the prohibition against destroying funerary objects to pay for the restoration of any damaged or defaced real or personal property in a cemetery to the owner of the property or the owner of the cemetery.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- HB0382 Cecil County Delegation**
CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RESTAURANTS – PERCENTAGE OF RECEIPTS FROM FOOD SALES
Reducing to 25% the minimum percentage of annual receipts from the sale of food required of a restaurant licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in Cecil County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0393 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES OR CONDITIONS – REPORTING

Requiring a physician with reason to suspect that a patient has a condition or a disease, with specified exceptions, that endangers public health and that has been designated by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene as reportable, to submit a report to a specified county health officer; authorizing the Secretary to disseminate nonindividually identifiable information under specified circumstances; repealing the list of the diseases or conditions that are reportable by a medical laboratory director; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0404 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)

INSURANCE FRAUD – REQUIRED DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Requiring insurers to disclose specified information regarding insurance fraud in a specified manner on specified applications for insurance and specified claim forms; providing that the lack of a specified statement does not constitute a defense in specified proceedings; providing exceptions to a specified disclosure requirement; defining “claim form”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0409 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION – HOME IMPROVEMENT GUARANTY FUND – CLAIMS

Raising the maximum amount of money that the Maryland Home Improvement Commission may award from the Home improvement Guaranty Fund to 1 claimant for acts or omissions of 1 contractor from \$15,000 to be \$20,000; raising the maximum amount of a specified total claim for which the Commission may issue specified orders from \$2,500 to be \$5,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0415 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION – OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING DESIGN BOARDS – FEE-SETTING AUTHORITY

Altering termination provisions relating to the State Occupational and Professional Licensing Design Boards' Fund; repealing specified provisions related to fees that are no longer applicable; and generally relating to the authority of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, the State Board of Architects, the State Board of Certified Interior Designers, the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects, the State Board for Professional Engineers, and the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors to set fees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0458 Delegate G. Clagett

STATE PERSONNEL – EXECUTIVE PAY PLANS – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Altering a requirement that the Secretary of Budget and Management provide a report to the Department of Legislative Services on Executive Pay Plan employees; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to provide a report to the Department of Legislative Services on Executive Pay Plan employees under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0478 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee and Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – COMMERCIAL DRIVERS' LICENSES

Prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from expunging specified driving records under specified circumstances; expanding the circumstances under which an individual is subject to disqualification from holding a commercial driver's license; providing that, on termination of a disqualification period of less than 1 year for holding a driver's license, the holder of the license may apply for reinstatement; altering the definition of "commercial motor vehicle"; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0525 Delegate Kullen, et al**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING – STUDY**

Establishing an Advisory Council on Prescription Drug Monitoring in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Council to study the establishment of a prescription drug monitoring program; requiring the Council to make recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for establishing a prescription drug monitoring program that electronically collects and stores data concerning monitored prescription drugs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB0543 Delegate Stull, et al**AGRICULTURE – MARYLAND DAIRY FARMER EMERGENCY TRUST FUND**

Establishing the Maryland Dairy Farmer Emergency Trust Fund; establishing the purpose and uses of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to administer the Fund; requiring that unspent or unencumbered funds in excess of \$15,000,000 revert to the General Fund; and authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation for the Fund each fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0576 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES – LOCAL COORDINATING COUNCILS – MEMBERSHIP**

Removing the local office of the division of rehabilitation services from the required membership of local coordinating councils for services to children with special needs; and adding a nonvoting representative of the local office of the division of rehabilitative services to represent individuals who are 16 years old or older.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0580 Delegate Oaks, et al**PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEES**

Establishing requirements for a pharmacy and therapeutics committee of a pharmacy benefits manager; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to ensure that its pharmacy and therapeutics committee has specified policies and procedures; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations; making specified provisions of law applicable to health maintenance organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0591 Delegate Elmore**SOMERSET COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR ASSESSMENT INCREASES**

Authorizing the governing body of Somerset County or the governing body of a municipal corporation in Somerset County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on qualifying real property; and authorizing the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount of the credit and other provisions to carry out the credit.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB0612 Delegate Kullen, et al**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – COMMERCIAL WATERFRONT PROPERTY**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on specified commercial waterfront property; authorizing the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit and other provisions to carry out the credit; defining “commercial waterfront property”; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

- HB0626 **Delegate Niemann**
BUSINESS REGULATION – MARYLAND REAL ESTATE BROKERS
ACT – VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES
Increasing the maximum penalties that may be imposed for specified
violations of the Maryland Real Estate Brokers Act; adding provisions of
the Maryland Real Estate Brokers Act for which a violation is subject to
specified criminal penalties; and providing that a person who violates the
Maryland Real Estate Brokers Act is subject to specified provisions about
statute of limitations and in banc review.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- HB0629 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental
– Transportation)**
STATE ETHICS LAW – ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING
SERVICES – PROCUREMENT
Repealing the termination date on provisions that authorize persons who do
not have design responsibilities and are not involved in the construction
phase of architectural and engineering procurements on behalf of the State
to be part of teams bidding on specified construction projects.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008
- HB0630 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental
– Natural Resources)**
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – NONNATIVE
NUISANCE ORGANISMS – REGULATORY MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY
Authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt regulations to
manage nonnative nuisance organisms in the State, subject to specified
exceptions; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0638 Allegany County Delegation**WESTERN MARYLAND CODE COUNTIES – JUNKYARD ABATEMENT – LIENS ON PROPERTY**

Providing that, in a county in the Western Maryland class that has adopted code home rule, any unpaid charges imposed on an owner of property as a result of the county abating a violation of specified rules or regulations relating to junkyards shall be a lien against the real property where the violation occurred; requiring a specified lien to be recorded in the office of the clerk for the county where a specified violation occurred; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0645 Delegate Beidle, et al**MARYLAND CONTRACT LIEN ACT – FORECLOSURE OF LIENS – TIME PERIOD**

Altering the period within which an action to foreclose a lien created under the Maryland Contract Lien Act shall be brought from 3 to 12 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0648 Delegate Riley, et al**BUSINESS REGULATION – BOAT SALES**

Requiring a boat broker to place specified moneys received in anticipation of a boat purchase into a boat broker trust account until the moneys are disbursed or returned to specified persons; requiring a boat broker trust account to be separate from a boat broker's operating account; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0651 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS – PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATIVE INSTITUTIONS – REPEAL**

Repealing the requirement for private residential rehabilitative institutions to develop and implement a specified educational program; repealing the requirement for a specified educational program to be approved by the State Department of Education before the program is implemented; repealing the operating requirements of a private residential rehabilitative institution; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

- HB0652 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**
EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES – CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS
Prohibiting a county board of education from knowingly hiring or retaining any individual who has been convicted of specified crimes.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- HB0680 **Delegate Ross, et al**
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS – TAX BENEFITS – JEWELRY AND CLOTHING DESIGNERS
Extending the definition of artistic work to include the creation or design of original jewelry or clothing for the purpose of specified tax benefits available in specified arts and entertainment districts; providing for the effective date of specified provisions of the Act; and providing for the termination of specified provisions of the Act.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008
- HB0706 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – YOUTH WELFARE FUNDS
Establishing youth welfare funds in Department of Juvenile Services facilities; providing for the contents and uses of youth welfare funds under the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008
- HB0743 **Delegate Feldman**
MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW – ALTERING AND UPDATING CORPORATE PROCEDURES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
Repealing a provision of law requiring a corporation to give specified written notice of the amount, time, and place of payment on subscriptions for stock to each subscriber; repealing a specified provision of law requiring that a call by the board of directors for payment on subscriptions be uniform as to all stock of the same class; clarifying that stockholders of a corporation formed on or after October 1, 1995, do not have specified preemptive rights unless the charter expressly grants the rights; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB0752 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – REGULATION, FEES, AND ASSESSMENTS

Establishing the Banking Institution and Credit Union Regulation Fund as a continuing, nonlapsing special fund; specifying the contents and purposes of the Fund; repealing, altering, and establishing specified fees; altering the annual assessment paid by specified banking institutions; altering the date by which the assessment must be paid; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0763 Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – TESTING AND INSPECTION OF WELL WATER FOR BACTERIA HO. CO. 10–08

Requiring the Howard County Board of Education to test and inspect the well water for bacteria at each public school in the county that uses well water; and requiring the County Board to post the results of each well water test and inspection on its website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0823 Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERFORMING ARTS FACILITY MC 806–08

Decreasing to 1,500 the minimum capacity requirement to be met by a performing arts facility in Montgomery County before a special Class B–BWL alcoholic beverages license may be issued.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0824 Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATOR – QUALIFICATIONS MC 805–08

Repealing the requirement that an individual must have attained the rank of fire rescue lieutenant or higher to become a fire and explosive investigator in Montgomery County; altering the definition of “Montgomery County fire and explosive investigator” to include specified additional qualifications; and correcting specified language.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0864 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – LOANS – PURCHASE OF NEW EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT**

Altering the percentage of the purchase price of specified new fire fighting, rescue, and emergency medical services machinery and equipment that St. Mary's County may loan to specified persons under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0878 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – REGULATION OF ELECTRICIANS AND THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES**

Providing that the compensation of each member of the Board of Electrical Examiners and Supervisors shall be in an amount approved by the County Commissioners of Washington County; requiring the Board to adopt specified rules and regulations for the examining and licensing of master electricians, restricted electricians, and apprentice and journeyman electricians in Washington County and for the conduct of specified hearings by the Board under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0883 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – ELIGIBILITY FOR PAROLE – MEDICAL PAROLE**

Establishing medical parole as a form of release from incarceration for inmates who, as a result of a medical or mental health condition, disease, or syndrome, pose no danger to public safety; establishing procedures for requesting medical parole; requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider specified information before granting medical parole; providing for the return to custody of a medical parolee under specified circumstances; providing for victim notification and participation in medical parole proceedings; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

- HB0910 Delegate Reznik, et al**
HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL RECORDS – CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE PROCEEDINGS
Authorizing health care providers to disclose specified medical records without the authorization of persons in interest in accordance with compulsory process in Children in Need of Assistance proceedings under specified circumstances; altering the content of a specified notice; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- HB0923 Delegate Elmore, et al**
STATE BOARD OF NURSING – TEMPORARY LICENSES AND TEMPORARY PRACTICE LETTERS – EXTENSIONS
Providing that temporary licenses and temporary practice letters issued by the State Board of Nursing may be extended for specified periods of time under specified circumstances.
EMERGENCY BILL
- HB0928 Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PEOPLE’S ZONING COUNSEL – APPEALS PG/MC 118–08
Authorizing the People’s Zoning Counsel in Prince George’s County to appeal final actions on an application for a subdivision of land, special exception, variance, or site plan on behalf of a citizens’ association if the People’s Zoning Counsel reasonably believes that the final action was arbitrary or capricious.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008
- HB0930 Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**
MARYLAND–WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT – BOUNDARIES – CITY OF LAUREL PG/MC 124–08
Altering a provision of law so as to provide that the boundaries of the Maryland–Washington Regional District include all of Prince George’s County except the City of Laurel as its boundaries are defined as of July 1, 2008.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB0973 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

WATER MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION – LIVING SHORELINE PROTECTION ACT OF 2008

Requiring specified erosion protection projects to include specified nonstructural shoreline stabilization measures, with specified exceptions; requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources, to adopt regulations; and requiring regulations to include a waiver process.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB0974 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – REQUIRED SECURITY – SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION FOR VIOLATION

Altering the condition under which the Motor Vehicle Administration will suspend the registration of a vehicle for a lapse of required security; and specifying when the suspension may take effect.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1050 **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Adding a new article to the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be designated and known as the “Economic Development Article”, to revise, restate, and recodify the laws of the State relating to the Department of Business and Economic Development and its component parts and programs; revising, restating, and recodifying the laws of the State relating to specified independent economic development units and programs; revising, restating, and recodifying the laws of the State relating to specified economic development financing programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1051 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CROSS-REFERENCES, CORRECTIONS, AND MODIFICATIONS

Correcting specified cross-references to the Economic Development Article in the Annotated Code of Maryland; correcting specified cross-references, errors, and omissions in and relating to the Economic Development Article; clarifying the application of specified provisions; repealing obsolete and redundant provisions, including provisions related to specified industrial development bonds, the dissolution of specified units, and compliance with requirements; altering reporting dates; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1083 Washington County Delegation

WASHINGTON COUNTY – MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS

Clarifying the powers of the Washington County Board of County Commissioners with regard to the maintenance of sidewalks in Washington County; and authorizing the County Commissioners to adopt regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1139 Delegate Kullen

CALVERT COUNTY – REGULATION AND PROTECTION OF ANIMALS

Repealing a requirement that a dog warden and his deputies enforce specified laws relating to the regulation of animals in Calvert County; authorizing, in Calvert County, the sheriff or any deputy authorized by the sheriff or an animal control officer appointed by the County Commissioners of Calvert County or the County Commissioners' designee to enforce specified laws relating to the regulation of animals; authorizing the creation of an Animal Matters Hearing Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1151 Delegates Mathias and Conway**WORCESTER COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT –
HISTORICALLY OPERATED AMUSEMENT PARK**

Authorizing the governing body of Worcester County or a municipal corporation in Worcester County to grant, by law, a property tax credit for real property used for a historically operated amusement park; authorizing the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit and for provisions necessary to carry out the credit; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB1171 Delegate Eckardt, et al**CRIMES – ALTERING RESULTS OF DRUG OR ALCOHOL
SCREENING TEST – SYNTHETIC URINE**

Altering the definition of “bodily fluid adulterant” for purposes of the prohibition against altering the results of a drug or alcohol screening test to include synthetic urine.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1210 Delegate Krebs, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – CREDIT CARDS – STUDENT APPLICANTS**

Requiring institutions of higher education to develop specified policies regarding credit card marketing activities and merchandising conducted on the campus of an institution of higher education by credit card issuers; providing for specified exemptions from requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1214 Delegate Hecht, et al**MARYLAND NOT-FOR-PROFIT DEVELOPMENT CENTER
PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Not-For-Profit Development Center Program in the Department of Business and Economic Development; requiring the Program to provide specified training and technical assistance services to specified not-for-profit entities; establishing the Maryland Not-For-Profit 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, 2008

HB1258 Delegate Carter, et al**BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
– VOTER EDUCATION**

Declaring the intent of the General Assembly that teachers of Baltimore City public high school students inform students about the federal, State, and Baltimore City election processes and the importance of exercising the right to vote and registering to vote.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1265 Delegates Frush and Vallario**CRIMINAL LAW – UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL OF PROPERTY –
ELEMENTS OF CRIME**

Repealing the requirement that a person enter or be on the premises of another for a conviction of the crime of taking and carrying away from the premises or out of the custody of another or use of the other, or the other's agent, or a governmental unit, any property without the permission of the owner of the property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1280 Delegate V. Turner, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL HYGIENE ACT**

Altering the authorization of a general license to practice dental hygiene to include the application of sealants or fluoride agents under general supervision in specified facilities; providing that a specified waiver is not required to practice dental hygiene under general supervision in accordance with specified provisions of law; increasing the types of facilities a general license to practice dental hygiene authorizes a dental hygienist to practice in under general supervision; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1287 Delegate Haynes, et al**WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS – PUBLIC SERVANTS – PARREN J. MITCHELL PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP**

Establishing the Parren J. Mitchell Public Service Scholarship in the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grants program; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to select and offer grants to students who plan to pursue a career in workforce shortage fields, including students who plan to become school teachers, nurses, child care providers, physical and occupational therapists, and service providers in the field of mental health, developmental disabilities, child welfare, and juvenile justice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1338 Delegate Beitzel**GARRETT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Garrett County to borrow not more than \$21,000,000 to finance specified projects in Garrett County and to issue general obligation bonds to finance the projects; empowering the County to levy taxes to pay for the bonds; authorizing the County to enter into specified agreements; allowing the County to issue bonds on which the interest or income may be taxable; providing an exemption from taxation for specified bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB1407 Delegate Mizeur, et al**BIRTH OPTIONS PRESERVATION STUDY**

Requiring the State Board of Nursing and the State Board of Physicians to conduct a joint study on a requirement for a specified agreement between a certified nurse–midwife and a licensed physician; requiring that the Boards collaborate with specified entities; requiring that the study include a review of specified standards and specified recommendations; and requiring the Boards to report findings to committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2009.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB1433 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Stadium Authority)

MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – BALTIMORE CONVENTION CENTER

Extending the date by which the Maryland Stadium Authority and Baltimore City are obligated to contribute to pay a specified percentage of the operating deficits of the Baltimore Convention Center and to pay a specified amount to a specified capital improvement reserve fund for a specified period; extending the date after which Baltimore City is to be solely responsible for all operating deficits and capital improvements for the Baltimore Convention Center; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB1436 Delegate Weir, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING RESTRICTIONS – POT AND NET SETTING

Prohibiting a person from setting a fish pot, fyke net, or connected line of fyke nets within 500 feet in any direction of any other net or connected line of nets; limiting to 1,500 feet the length of a fyke net or a line of fyke nets; limiting the application of a specified distance restriction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1464 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)

STATE PERSONNEL – BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION – TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL

Transferring contractual employees of the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, Legal Services Division, to the Department of Human Resources; requiring that a Position Identification Number be created for each transferred employee; providing for the classification of transferred employees in the State Personnel Management System; and adding an attorney employed by the State to those attorneys required to represent a local department of social services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB1482 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – SUNDAYS**

Removing Harford County from the list of counties in which deer hunting on private property on the first Sunday of the bow hunting season in November and the first Sunday of the deer firearms season is prohibited; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1493 Delegate Kullen**CALVERT COUNTY – AUTHORIZATION TO HARVEST SEAFOOD AND ENGAGE IN THE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY**

Authorizing the governing body of Calvert 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 the governing body of Calvert County 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, 2008

HB1504 Delegate Eckardt, et al**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – SHELL DREDGING – PERMIT APPLICATION**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to apply for a permit to dredge buried oyster shells; and requiring the Department to apply for permits to dredge buried oyster shells on or before December 1, 2008, if the Oyster Advisory Committee recommends the application based on its work, including a review of the findings of the draft Environmental Impact Statement concerning evaluation of oyster restoration alternatives for the Chesapeake Bay.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1506 Delegate Walker, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THOROUGHBRED HORSE RACING AT ROSECROFT RACEWAY**

Establishing a Task Force to Study Thoroughbred Horse Racing at Rosecroft Raceway; providing for the membership, appointment of members, chair, and staff of the Task Force; providing for reimbursement of expenses for members of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study the feasibility of conducting thoroughbred horse racing at Rosecroft Raceway, submit a report, and make specified recommendations by December 31, 2008; and terminating the Task Force on December 31, 2008. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB1514 Delegate Hucker**STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – BOARD OF REVIEW – REPEAL**

Repealing provisions of law relating to the Board of Review of the State Department of Transportation; and abolishing the Board of Review of the State Department of Transportation. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1517 Delegate Donoghue**RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS, RADIATION THERAPISTS, RADIOGRAPHERS, NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGISTS, AND RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS – VARIOUS CHANGES**

Repealing the authority of the State Board of Physicians to place respiratory care practitioners on inactive status and issue temporary licenses to respiratory care practitioners; altering qualifications for consumer members on specified committees; altering licensure, renewal, and reinstatement requirements for respiratory care practitioners, radiation therapists, radiographers, and nuclear medicine technologists; requiring that radiologist assistants be licensed by the Board; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB1522 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE PROVIDER RATE STABILIZATION FUND – ALLOCATIONS TO AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Altering the allocation by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner of specified revenue in the Maryland Health Care Provider Rate Stabilization Fund to the Medical Assistance Program Account; requiring the Commissioner to allocate up to \$300,000 in the Fund to the Office of the Comptroller in specified years for a specified purpose; providing that specified revenue in the Fund after fiscal year 2011 shall accrue to the Medical Assistance Program Account; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB1572 Delegates Mathias and Conway

WORCESTER COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – AMUSEMENT PARKS

Authorizing the governing body of a municipal corporation in Worcester County to grant, by law, a property tax credit for specified real property known as the Ocean City Amusement and Fishing Pier; authorizing the governing body of Worcester County or of a municipal corporation in Worcester County to grant, by law, a property tax credit for specified real property used for the operation of an amusement park; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB1589 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)

INSURANCE PRODUCERS – LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to waive specified requirements for an insurance producer license for applicants who have been conferred specified professional designations; altering the number of hours of continuing education that an insurance producer is required to receive in a renewal period; requiring an insurance producer to receive a specified number of hours of continuing education in ethics for each renewal period; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB1624 Delegate Cane, et al**MILK PRODUCTS – FARMSTEAD CHEESE PRODUCTION**

Providing an exception to a specified prohibition on the imposition of specified fees by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for specified services; establishing a Laboratory Testing Fund for farmstead cheese laboratory testing purposes; authorizing the Secretary to establish a 5-year pilot farmstead cheese program under specified circumstances; authorizing the Secretary to issue up to five milk processor–farmstead cheese producer permits under the pilot program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB0854 Senator Jones, et al**TAX SALES – MINIMUM TAX DUE – REDEMPTION PAYMENTS – REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES ON REDEMPTION**

Altering from \$100 to \$250 the minimum amount of total annual taxes due on a property which a collector may withhold from a tax sale; requiring a collector to send a notice to a specified person within 60 days after a property is sold at a tax sale; altering the manner by which a person redeeming a property shall pay the collector specified expenses and fees; providing that specified sums expended to conserve or stabilize a property become part of the redemption amount; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB1211 Delegate Oaks, et al**TAX SALES – MINIMUM TAX DUE – REDEMPTION PAYMENTS – REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES ON REDEMPTION**

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