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Public Health – Repeal of AIDS Education Program for Persons Convicted of Drug– or Sex–Related Crimes – Repealing a specified educational program on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) for persons who plead guilty or nolo contendere to or are found guilty of specified drug– or sex–related crimes.

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Baltimore City – Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals – Appeals Authority – Limiting the authority of the Baltimore City Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals to hear and decide appeals to instances when the Board is authorized to hear and decide the appeals by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City by local law or the Charter of Baltimore City; stating that the Act does not prohibit an administrative official or unit from making a specified decision under specified circumstances; and establishing that the Act does not alter or impair the right to appeal provided under specified provisions of law.

Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program – Account Clarifications – Clarifying that a specified amount may be contributed in each calendar year to an account for a disabled individual under the Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program; providing that contributions to an ABLE account may not exceed a specified maximum amount; and requiring the Maryland 529 Board to adopt specified procedures to ensure that specified contributions to ABLE accounts do not exceed a specified maximum limit.
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455 – Criminal Law – Animal Cruelty – Applicability – Clarifying that a person who has charge or custody of an animal and who unnecessarily fails to provide the animal with proper air, proper space, proper shelter, or proper protection from the weather is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against abuse or neglect of an animal; and clarifying that a person who intentionally mutilates, intentionally tortures, intentionally cruelly beats, or intentionally cruelly kills an animal is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against aggravated cruelty to animals............................................................ 340

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456 – Children With Disabilities and Child Care Providers – Dispute Resolution Process – Requiring the State Board of Education to develop a dispute resolution process to be used by families of children with disabilities and child care providers for resolving complaints of discrimination based on a child’s disability; requiring the Department, in developing the dispute resolution process, to convene a workgroup that includes representatives of specified entities; requiring the Department to submit to the General Assembly, by October 1, 2017, a report outlining the process and its implementation; etc. ............................................. 340

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457 – Charles County – State’s Attorney’s Office and Child Support Enforcement Administration – Transfer of Personnel – Transferring the Child Support Unit of the Office of the State’s Attorney for Charles County to the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources; requiring that the employees be transferred in accordance with specified provisions of law; requiring that specified transferred employees be given credit with the State for years of county employment for the purposes of determining specified retirement eligibility and also be subject to specified benefit selections in the Employees’ Pension System; etc.................................................................................. 341

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458 – Visual Impairments – Requirements for Teacher Training, Student Screening, and Maryland Medical Assistance Program Coverage – Requiring, on or before July 1, 2018, the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to require a certificate holder applying for renewal of a certificate as a teacher to complete a course on understanding and recognizing the symptoms of visual impairments; requiring the Board to approve a course that meets specified criteria; requiring the Board to adopt specified regulations; etc............................................................... 342

459 – Higher Education – Adult Correctional Institutions – Job Training and Education – Requiring, under specified circumstances and subject to specified funding recommendations,
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461 – Education – Accountability Program – Assessments (More Learning, Less Testing Act of 2017) – Requiring the State Board of Education to develop, in collaboration with specified entities and individuals, a specified middle school level social studies assessment for implementation in the 2019–2020 school year; requiring the State Board, in collaboration with specified entities and individuals, to redesign the high school level social studies assessment for implementation in the 2018–2019 school year; requiring specified county boards to establish on or before specified dates a District Committee on Assessments; etc. .................................................. 345

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462 – Higher Education – Tuition Waivers for Foster Care Recipients and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth – Alterations – Altering the definition of “foster care recipient” for specified tuition waivers to include an individual who resided in an out-of-home placement at the time the individual graduated from high school or successfully completed a GED; and clarifying that the definition of “tuition” includes fees for credit-bearing and noncredit courses ........................................................................................................ 346

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464 – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Exhibition Permit – Altering the national family beer and wine exhibition
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1538, 1760 (385), 3006

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Boating, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of facilities, docks, and boats for the Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating project, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc. .............................. 367

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508 – Child Custody – Legal Decision Making and Parenting Time – Repealing references to the terms “child custody” and “visitation” and substituting the terms “legal decision making” and “parenting time” in specified instances; requiring the court, in determining the appropriate allocation of legal decision making or parenting time between the parties, to consider specified factors; authorizing the court to award joint legal decision making to both parties under specified circumstances; etc. 382

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517 – Presidential Candidate Tax Transparency Act – Requiring specified candidates for President or Vice President of the United States to file copies of specified federal income tax returns and written consent for the disclosure of those federal income tax returns with the State Board of Elections no later than 65 days before a presidential general election; requiring the State Board to make federal income tax returns filed by candidates for President or Vice President of the United States publicly available on the State Board’s Web site; etc................................................................. 388

518 – Public Health – Prenatal HIV Testing – Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with stakeholders, to adopt regulations establishing requirements for prenatal HIV testing; requiring providers of prenatal medical care to follow the Department’s requirements for prenatal HIV testing; requiring the Department to provide the requirements established for prenatal HIV testing to hospitals that offer obstetric services and specified organizations; etc................................................................. 389

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679 – St. Mary’s County – Metropolitan Commission – Personnel – Altering the type of position of specified personnel in the St. Mary’s County Metropolitan Commission; establishing specified personnel positions in the Commission as contractual positions; and establishing that the Director of the Commission is the immediate supervisor of the General Counsel, Treasurer or Chief Financial Officer, Chief Engineer, and any other department director. ............... 501

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680 – Maryland Longitudinal Data System – Student and Workforce Data Linkage – Extension of Time Limit – Extending from 5 years to 20 years the length of time that student data and workforce data used by the Maryland Longitudinal Data System is limited to being linked beyond the date of latest attendance in any educational institution in the State; prohibiting the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center from selling specified protected information; and prohibiting the Center from charging specified fees................................................................. 501

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681 – Allegany County – Property Tax Credit – Frostburg Museum Association – Requiring Allegany County and a municipal corporation in Allegany County to grant a property tax credit against the county and municipal corporation property tax imposed on property owned by the Frostburg Museum Association; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act. ......................... 502

682 – St. Mary’s County – Sheriff, County Treasurer, and State’s Attorney – Salaries – Altering the salary of the Sheriff of St. Mary’s County, the County Treasurer of St. Mary’s County, and the State’s Attorney for St. Mary’s County; and providing for the application of the Act. ................................................................. 502

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Housing and Community Development – Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program Tax Credit – Maximum Contributions – Increasing from $3,500,000 to $6,000,000 the maximum sum of contributions for specified projects under the Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program that are eligible for the Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program tax credit.

Corporations and Associations – Annual Reports – Filing Fees (Filing Fee Fairness Act of 2017) – Altering the fee that specified business entities must pay for filing an annual report with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; and applying the Act prospectively.

Education – School Emergency Air–Conditioning Fund – Established – Establishing the School Emergency Air–Conditioning Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund is to provide grants to public primary and secondary schools in the State to install air conditioning; requiring the Interagency Committee on School Construction to administer the Fund; requiring that in each of fiscal years 2019 through 2022, the Governor shall appropriate at least $7,500,000 to the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; etc.

State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors – Investigations and Subpoenas – Revisions – Altering the circumstances under which a body of a decedent may be transported for preparation or storage to a facility that is not within the jurisdiction of the State, licensed by the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors, or permitted by the Office of Cemetery Oversight; requiring the Board to develop specified checklists and to post the templates for specified checklists on the Board’s Web site; etc.

Higher Education – Admissions Process – Criminal History (Maryland Fair Access to Education Act of 2017) – Prohibiting
specified institutions of higher education from using information about the criminal history of applicants on specified admissions applications; allowing an institution of higher education to use a third–party admissions application that contains questions about the criminal history of the applicant under specified conditions; prohibiting an institution of higher education from automatically or unreasonably restricting a student’s admission based on that student’s criminal history; etc. .................................................. 510
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695 – Anne Arundel County – Property Tax – Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements – Economic Development Projects – Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County, on or before June 30, 2010, to enter into an agreement with the owner of a specified economic development project that provides a specified economic benefit for a payment in lieu of the county real and personal property tax; authorizing the owner of the economic development project and the county to modify the payment in lieu of taxes agreement entered into on or before June 30, 2020, under specified circumstances; etc. .......................................................... 511
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696 – Nonpublic Elementary and Secondary Schools – Discrimination – Prohibition – Prohibiting a nonpublic elementary or secondary school that receives State funds from refusing enrollment of, expelling, withholding privileges from, or otherwise discriminating against any student or prospective student because of specified factors; making specified provisions of law prohibiting discrimination in employment applicable to nonpublic elementary and secondary schools that receive State funds; making specified remedies and procedures regarding discrimination applicable to specified discriminatory acts; etc. .......... 511

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698 – Public Information Act – Records Relating to Alleged Job–Related Misconduct by Law Enforcement Officers – Providing that a record of an investigation or adjudication of alleged job–related misconduct by a law enforcement officer is not a personnel record for purposes of the Public Information Act;
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707 – **Election Law – Political Party – Retention of Status** – Altering to 10,000 the number of registered voters in the State that must be affiliated with a political party as of December 31 each year in order for the political party to retain its status. ................................................................. 527

708 – **State Department of Education – Lacrosse Opportunities Program – Youth Lacrosse Nonprofit Organizations** – Authorizing a youth lacrosse nonprofit organization to submit an application for a grant under the Lacrosse Opportunities Program; requiring the State Superintendent of Schools or the State Superintendent’s designee to provide grants to eligible youth lacrosse nonprofit organizations with programs that will increase opportunities for minority students to participate in lacrosse; etc. ...... 527

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709 – **Creation of a State Debt – Charles County – Farming 4 Hunger Community Agricultural Facility** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Farming 4 Hunger, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping
of a community agricultural facility at the Thomas L. Hance Life Share Building, located in Charles County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc. .............................. 528

710 – **Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alcohol Awareness Certification** – Requiring in Charles County an alcoholic beverages license holder or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity to be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and to be present on the licensed premises at all times when alcoholic beverages may be sold; providing a penalty of $100 for a first violation of the Act; and providing, for each subsequent offense, a fine not to exceed $500 or a suspension or revocation of the license or both. ............................. 528

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711 – **Creation of a State Debt – Washington County – Williamsport American Legion Post 202 World War II Monument** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $65,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Potomac Post No. 202, The American Legion, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a World War II monument for the Williamsport American Legion Post 202, located in Washington County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc. ................................................................. 529

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716 – **Anne Arundel County – Board of Education** – Requiring that, beginning with the 2018 general election, specified members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education be elected by councilmanic districts; altering the membership, purpose, and duties of the renamed School Board Appointment Commission of Anne Arundel County; repealing specified provisions of law relating to the approval or rejection of the retention of specified members of the county board by county voters; altering the amount of the scholarship granted to a specified student member of the county board; etc.......................................................... 531
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717 – **Academic Facilities Bonding Authority** – Approving specified projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of specified academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the University System of Maryland to issue bonds in a total principal amount of $17,000,000 to finance and refinance specified renewal projects; etc.......................................................... 533
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719 – **Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Le Mondo** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Le Mondo Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of buildings for the Le Mondo arts collective, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.......................................................... 534

720 – **Creation of a State Debt – Charles County – Southern Maryland Carousel** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $180,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board
of Directors of the Southern Maryland Carousel Group, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Southern Maryland Carousel project, located in Charles County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc. ................................................................. 535

721 – **Juvenile Services – Services and Programs for Females** – Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to serve children in the juvenile services system with programming that provides females with services and programs to meet their specific needs, including diversion programs, community detention services and programs, and reentry services and programs; altering the duties of the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services to include consulting with and advising the Secretary of the Department on the treatment and programming needs of females in the juvenile justice system; etc. ................................................................................. 535

722 – **Estate and Trusts – Elective Share of Surviving Spouse** – Repealing specified provisions of law relating to a surviving spouse making an election to take a specified share of the net estate of the decedent instead of the property left to the surviving spouse under the will; providing that a surviving spouse may take a specified elective share amount of a specified augmented estate; establishing the priority to be used in determining the sources from which a specified elective share amount is payable; etc. ........................................... 535

723 – **Inmates – Life Imprisonment – Parole Reform** – Repealing specified provisions that provide that inmates serving a term of life imprisonment may be paroled only with the Governor’s approval, subject to specified provisions, requiring specified parole decisions to be transmitted to the Governor under specified circumstances, authorizing the Governor to disapprove specified parole decisions in a specified manner, providing that if the Governor does not disapprove a specified parole decision in a specified manner within a specified time period, the decision becomes effective; etc. ............... 537

724 – **Circuit Court Judges – Election** – Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; altering the method of filling vacancies in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for retention elections following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for a transitional period under which the terms of specified amendments are to become effective; submitting
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726 – **Office of Cemetery Oversight – Cemetery Financial Statement – Requirements** – Requiring a specified financial statement required to be submitted by a specified cemetery to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight to contain a balance sheet from the most recent federal tax return filed by the business, or on a form specified by the Director; and repealing the requirement that a specified financial statement contain a specified statement by a certified public accountant and a review of the financial stability of the cemetery by a certified public accountant.................................................. 539

727 – **Dental Hygienist – Scope of Practice – Authority to Practice Under General Supervision of Licensed Dentist** – Altering a specified provision of law to provide that a general license to practice dental hygiene authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in specified facilities with dentally underserved populations, rather than only in a long-term care facility; altering the requirements that a dental hygienist is required to meet before being authorized to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in specified facilities; etc. .............................................................. 539

728 – **Sales and Use Tax – Tax–Free Period for Back–to–School Shopping – Extension** – Extending from 7 to 9 days a specified annual period in August for back-to-school shopping during which a specified sales and use tax exemption applies to specified clothing or footwear. ........................................................................................................ 540

729 – **Queen Anne’s County – Alcoholic Beverages Inspectors – Qualifications, Powers, and Duties** – Specifying that an alcoholic beverages inspector in Queen Anne’s County or any member of the inspector’s immediate family may not have a personal or financial interest, directly or indirectly, in a license,
license holder, or licensed premises; specifying the powers and
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731 – **Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Community
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Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair,
renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping
of the Community Empowerment and Wellness Center, located in
Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds,
subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a
matching fund; etc................................................................. 541

732 – **Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Young Israel
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Greater Washington for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair,
renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Young Israel Shomrai Emunah Social
Hall, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc................................................................. 542

733 – **Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – Maryland
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Debt in the amount of $250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant
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Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair,
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735 – **Estates and Trusts – Share of Intestate Estate Inherited by Surviving Spouse** – Increasing the share of the intestate estate of a decedent inherited by a surviving spouse under specified circumstances from the first $15,000 to the first $40,000 plus one–half of the residue................................................................. 543

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738 – **Criminal Law – Sex Offenses – Out-of-State Convictions** – Providing that a specified conviction from another state or a federal, military, or Native American tribal court may serve as a predicate crime for a specified enhanced penalty for repeat sex offenders............ 544

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743 – **Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Consumer Product Safety Commission Site** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the former Consumer Product Safety Commission site, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc......................................................... 548

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1065 – **Task Force to Study Law Enforcement Surveillance Technologies** – Establishing the Task Force to Study Law Enforcement Surveillance Technologies for the purpose of reviewing the current and planned use of surveillance technology by law enforcement agencies in the State, including specified matters; requiring State agencies represented to staff the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 5, 2017; etc.

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1077 – **Attorney’s Liens – Settlement Providing for Conveyance of Real Property – Enforcement** – Authorizing a court order establishing an attorney’s lien that attaches to a settlement providing only for the conveyance of real property to be recorded in the land records of a specified county; and authorizing a specified attorney’s lien to be enforced and foreclosed in the same manner and subject to the same requirements as the foreclosure of specified mortgages or deeds of trust.

1078 – **Creation of a State Debt – Washington County – Hagerstown Urban Improvement Project** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County for the acquisition, development, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Hagerstown Urban Improvement Project, located in Washington County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

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1080 – **Education – Universal Prekindergarten – Established** – Requiring each county board of education to receive from the State a supplemental prekindergarten grant beginning in fiscal year 2019; establishing a formula for the calculation of the grant to each county; requiring the State to distribute a specified grant at the same time as the distribution of other specified funds; requiring the State to first use the Education Trust Fund for the grants; requiring general funds to be used if there are insufficient funds in the Trust Fund to provide the specified required funds; etc.

1081 – **Correctional Officers’ Retirement System – Membership** – Altering the membership of the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System to include specified individuals serving in specified positions in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; providing that specified members of the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System who meet specified criteria may receive
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1105 – **Driving While Impaired By Alcohol – Penalties** – Providing penalties for convictions of driving while impaired by alcohol of a maximum fine of $1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 1 year or both for a first offense; providing, for a second offense, a fine of not more than $2,000 or imprisonment of up to 2 years or both, and for a third or subsequent offense, a maximum fine of $4,000 or imprisonment of up to 4 years or both.

1106 – **Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Paint Branch Stream Valley Park Trail** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Paint Branch Stream Valley Park Trail, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

1107 – **Procurement – Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreements** – Requiring a specified procurement officer to make a specified determination before a primary procurement unit is authorized to take specified action regarding an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement; requiring a primary procurement unit to post specified determinations on the primary procurement unit’s Web site; requiring an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement to be approved by a specified unit head and subject to specified other approval under specified circumstances; etc.

1108 – **Public Safety – Regulated Firearms – Disqualifying Crime** – Clarifying that the term “disqualifying crime” includes a violation classified as a misdemeanor in the State that carried a statutory penalty of incarceration of more than 2 years at the time of the commission of the crime.

1109 – **Teachers’ Retirement and Pension Systems – County Boards of Education Payments** – Providing that, for fiscal year 2017, county boards of education shall be relieved of a specified portion of a contribution for specified local employees of the Teachers’ Retirement and Pension Systems; providing for a specified
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- Requiring the Chief Executive Officer of Maryland Correctional Enterprises and the Secretary of Human Resources to transfer, on or before July 1, 2017, specified special appointment positions to specified employment categories of the State Personnel and Management System; establishing that certain staff in the Child Support Enforcement Administration may not be considered special appointments; repealing the special appointment status of specified employees of the Office of the Attorney General; etc.

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- Requiring a judicial officer to provide a specified individual with the opportunity to request specified reasonable protections for the safety of an alleged victim or the victim’s family at a specified time; requiring that a specified victim impact statement identify a request by a victim that a person be placed on electronic monitoring or electronic monitoring with victim stay-away alert technology; requiring that information be available to a victim on how to request that a person be placed on specified electronic monitoring; etc.

### 1164 – **Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Downtown Cultural Art Center**

- Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $280,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Downtown Cultural Arts Center and Banquet Hall, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement,
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– Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution requiring that, as to the taking effect of an Act passed by the General Assembly over the veto of the Governor and the filing of the remainder of signatures required for a referendum petition, the time be extended, as specified; requiring that a percentage of signatures to a referendum petition be submitted within a number of days under circumstances, as specified; etc.  

1506 – *State Government – Office of Minority Affairs and Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Minority Affairs – Renaming*  
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1507 – *Creation of a State Debt – Harford County – National Center for Manufacturing Sciences*  
– Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a facility for the Agile Materials Manufacturing Processing Center, located in Harford County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.  

1508 – *Higher Education – Tuition Rates – Exemptions*  
– Altering the circumstances under which specified individuals, including undocumented immigrants, shall be exempt from paying the out-of-state tuition rate at community colleges; altering the circumstances under which specified individuals are eligible to pay
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$1,500,000 to the Fund in the annual State budget bill subject to specified limitations; limiting to 10% of all grants awarded the amount of grants from the Fund that may be awarded to historic properties owned by the Maryland Historic Trust; etc.  

1514 – **Housing and Community Development – Community Development Program Act** – Establishing the Community Development Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the Department to administer the Program; establishing the Community Development Board in the Department; establishing the Community Development Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; providing for the imposition of a specified community development transfer fee on residential and commercial property under specified circumstances; etc.  

1515 – **Residential Property – Foreclosure Timelines and Procedures** – Altering requirements for a specified final loss mitigation affidavit; altering the timeline for filing an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property; requiring a specified notice of intent to foreclose to be accompanied by a loss mitigation application for specific loss mitigation programs that are applicable to a specified loan; requiring an order to docket or a complaint to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property to include a specified affidavit; etc.  

1516 – **Public Health – Health Record and Payment Clearing House Pilot Program** – Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, on or before December 31, 2017, to research and evaluate public and private health record and payment clearing houses, develop standards, determine specified information, and report its recommendations and funding requests to the General Assembly; requiring the Commission to establish for use in a pilot program a health record and payment clearing house on or before January 1, 2019; specifying the capabilities of the proposed health records and payment clearing house; etc.  

1517 – **Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program and Fund – Bridge Loans** – Renaming the Maryland Not–For–Profit Development Center Program and the Maryland Not–For–Profit Development Center Program Fund to be the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program and the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program Fund; establishing the Nonprofit, Interest–Free, Micro Bridge Loan (NIMBL) Account within the Fund; authorizing the Governor to transfer specified funds by June 30, 2017, to the NIMBL Account; requiring the Department of
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1518 – Interception of Communication – Financial Institutions – Providing that it is lawful under a specified provision of law for an employee or agent of a financial institution to intercept and record a specified oral communication under specified circumstances; providing that a specified audio recording may be retained by a financial institution only in connection with a specified felony; providing that a specified audio recording may be made available by a financial institution only to specified persons; etc. ......................... 1094

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1521 – Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Commission to Study Firearm Violence – Establishment – Establishing the Maryland Commission to Study Firearm Violence; providing for the membership of the Commission; requiring the Commission to award specified loans and grants, develop specified recommendations, administer a specified fund, and develop specified processes; establishing the Maryland Firearm Violence Research Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to a specified provision of law; specifying the purpose of the Fund; etc. ................................. 1097

1522 – Needs Assessment for Student School-Based Behavioral Health Services – Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the State Department of Education to conduct a needs assessment for student school–based behavioral health services; and requiring the assessment to contain specified matters. .................. 1098
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1524 – **Creation of a State Debt – Prince George’s County – Tucker Road Ice Rink** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $350,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Tucker Road Ice Rink, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc................................. 1115

1525 – **Criminal Procedure – Victim Notification – Dissemination and National Standards** – Altering a definition of “disseminate” to exclude providing information to victims of crime or their representatives; altering the purposes of specified provisions of law relating to the Criminal Justice Information System; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct a study relating to interfaces used for automated victim notification and to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017................................. 1115

1526 – **Criminal Procedure – Postsentencing – Victim Notification** – Expanding the types of crimes for which a victim may receive specified notification regarding a specified offender’s mandatory supervision, parole, commutation of sentence, pardon, or remission of sentence; expanding the types of crimes for which a victim may submit a specified impact statement to the Parole Commission or the Division of Parole and Probation; etc.......................................................... 1115

1527 – **Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore County – Double Rock Park** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Double Rock Park,
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1528 – **Income Tax – Oyster Shell Recycling Credit – Sunset Repeal** – Repealing the termination of and making permanent a State income tax credit for each bushel of oyster shells recycled during a taxable year. ................................................................................................. 1146

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1530 – **Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Torah School of Greater Washington** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $375,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Torah School of Greater Washington, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Torah School of Greater Washington, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc. ................................................................................................. 1148

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1532 – **State Board of Education – Financial Literacy Curriculum – Graduation Requirement** – Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content for a semester–long course in financial literacy; requiring each county board of education to
implement the financial literacy curriculum content developed by the State Board in every high school in the county; and requiring students to complete a course in financial literacy in order to graduate from high school................................................................. 1149

1533 – **Termination of Electric or Gas Service – Prohibition** – Prohibiting a public service company from terminating, under specified circumstances, electric or gas service to a residential customer during a severe weather period for a severe weather event and on specified days; prohibiting a public service company, on receipt of a specified request or subsequent request, from terminating, under specified circumstances, electric or gas service to a residential customer for 30 days beyond a scheduled termination of service date under specified circumstances; etc. .......... 1150

1534 – **Task Force to Study the Economic Benefits of Dual Enrollment in High School** – Establishing the Task Force to Study the Economic Benefits of Dual Enrollment in High School; providing that the Task Force shall study the economic benefits of students who enroll in postsecondary coursework while also enrolled in high school and make recommendations regarding an expansion of the dual enrollment program; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017; etc. ...................... 1150

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1562 – **Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Disposition of Fees** – Requiring the Comptroller to approve and remit to the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners, instead of to Anne Arundel County, specified amounts necessary to pay specified salaries, benefits, and expenses of the Board.

1563 – **Prince George’s County – Video Lottery Terminals – Local Impact Grant Distribution** – Providing that a specified portion of the local impact grants distributed to Prince George’s County from proceeds of video lottery terminals are to be distributed to the Town of Forest Heights in fiscal years 2017–2019.

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1565 – **Prince George’s County Board of Education – Election of Vice Chair, Voting Procedures, and Final Report PG 402-17** – Altering the procedure for the selection of the vice chair of the Prince George’s County Board of Education; altering from two-thirds to three-fifths the percentage of the voting members of the county board that is required to take a specified action that is contrary to an action of the Chief Executive Officer; and changing from December 31, to October 1, 2017, the date of submission of a specified final report to specified committees, the Prince George’s County Senators, and the Prince George’s County Delegation.

1566 – **Prince George’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Licenses PG 307-17** – Increasing the fee for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in Prince George’s County from $2,305 to $3,025; exempting specified applicants for a Class BH license from specified application requirements for sole proprietorships and partnerships in Prince George’s County; and prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County from making available for issuance at a hearing less than a specified number of licenses.
### Prince George’s County – Tax Sales – Release of Liens on Vacant Property PG 413–17

Authorizing the Revenue Authority of Prince George’s County to release liens for unpaid county real property taxes or other charges and assessments imposed by Prince George’s County on vacant property under specified circumstances; requiring that a transferor’s property tax debt be reduced by the fair market value of the property if specified conditions are met; providing that a release of a lien under the Act does not reduce the transferor’s liability for the remaining amount of the tax debt; etc.

### Workgroup on Transportation for Middle and High School Students in Prince George’s County PG 415–17

Establishing the Workgroup on Transportation for Middle and High School Students in Prince George’s County to identify a range of options for transporting Prince George’s County Public Schools middle and high school students and estimating the cost of specified options; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations to the Prince George’s County House and Senate Delegations by August 31, 2017; etc.

### Prince George’s County – Juvenile Offender in Need of Supervision Program – Study PG 304–17

Requiring the Prince George’s County Police Department to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing a Juvenile Offender in Need of Supervision program in each county precinct; requiring the study to consider specified criteria; and requiring the Department to report to the Prince George’s County delegation to the General Assembly on specified findings of the study on or before December 15, 2017.

### Maryland–Washington Regional District – Prince George’s County – Municipal Authority MC/PG 111–17

Authorizing the legislative body of a municipal corporation in Prince George’s County to authorize the erection of a fence that exceeds specified height restrictions or limitations, under specified circumstances; correcting a specified reference to the Maryland–Washington regional district; repealing specified provisions of law authorizing a municipal corporation in Prince George’s County to enact specified local laws regulating fences; etc.

### Prince George’s County School System Academic Revitalization and Management Effectiveness Task Force PG 416–17

Establishing the Prince George’s County School System Academic Revitalization and Management Effectiveness Task Force; providing for the chairs and staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for specified
expenses; requiring the Task Force to make specified recommendations, including recommendations regarding the method of selecting the Prince George’s County Board of Education, by October 1, 2018; etc. ................................................................. 1190

1572 – **Prince George’s County – Authority to Prohibit the Use of Disposable Bags PG 422–17** – Authorizing Prince George’s County to enact a law that prohibits specified retail establishments from using disposable bags as part of a retail sale of products; and defining “disposable bag” as a paper or plastic bag provided by a store to a customer at the point of sale. ......................................................... 1191

1573 – **Prince George’s County – Tax Sales – Limited Auction and Foreclosure for Abandoned Property PG 411–17** – Requiring the tax collector in Prince George’s County to conduct a specified limited auction prior to conducting a public auction for property subject to tax liens; specifying the individuals who may participate in a limited auction; requiring the tax collector to include the date, time, and location of a limited auction in specified notices; requiring that specified property be sold at a specified limited or public auction if a certificate of sale is void under a specified provision of the Act; etc. ........................................................................... 1191

1574 – **Prince George’s County Pretrial Release, Work Release, and Diversion Programs Task Force PG 305–17** – Establishing the Prince George’s County Pretrial Release, Work Release, and Diversion Programs Task Force; providing that the purpose of the Task Force is to study how specified programs operate, whether the Prince George’s County criminal justice system could benefit from specified programs, and eligibility and requirements for specified programs; requiring the Task Force to report its recommendations to the Governor, the Prince George’s County Delegation to the General Assembly, and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc. .................................................................................................. 1192

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1576 – **Prince George’s County – Student Loan Refinancing Authority PG 419–17** – Expressing the intent of the General Assembly for Prince George’s County to study whether a higher education financial assistance program should be offered in the county; requiring Prince George’s County, on or before December 1,
2018, to perform specified actions related to a study of a student loan refinancing program in Prince George's County, including reviewing the Prince George's County Supplemental Higher Educational Loan Authority and performing a specified feasibility and demand study; etc. .......................................................... 1193
1360, 2396, 2534 (777), 3826

1577 – **Prince George’s County – School Facilities Surcharge Exemption – Veteran Housing PG 410–17** – Establishing an exemption from the school facilities surcharge in Prince George’s County for a single–family detached dwelling that is designated as temporary housing for a veteran or a veteran’s family. ....................... 1194
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1360, 2363, 2441 (723), 3327

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1360, 2397, 2533 (773), 3123

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1360, 2397, 2533 (773), 3123

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1582 – **Alcoholic Beverages – Family Beer and Wine Facility Permit**
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1583 – **Income Tax – Earned Income Tax Credit – Notice of Availability**
– Requiring the Comptroller, beginning January 1, 2018, to provide specified written and electronic notice of the availability of credits against the State and federal income taxes for earned income; requiring that specified written notice be included in specified income tax return materials in a specified manner; requiring that specified electronic notice be posted on the Internet tax filing system of the Comptroller in a specified manner; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; etc. 1214

1584 – **Maryland Dentistry Act – Scope of Practice and Penalties for Violations**
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– Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to grant a Sunday permit to a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license for an additional permit fee to be established by the Board; establishing that the permit authorizes the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption on Sunday from 6 a.m. to midnight; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of Baltimore County; requiring the Board to conduct a specified economic impact study; etc. 1216

1586 – **Department of Commerce – Employment in the State’s Defense Industry – Army Alliance Study**
– Requiring the Department of Commerce, in conjunction with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, to conduct a study on employment in the State’s defense industry; specifying the minimum requirements of the study; requiring the Department of Commerce to consult with specified entities; requiring the Department of Commerce to report, on or before December 31, 2017, to the General Assembly on the findings of the study; etc. 1216
1587 – **Community Colleges – Out–of–State Fee – Waiver for Border State Residents** – Authorizing the boards of trustees of community colleges with service areas that border other states to set an out–of–state fee for students who reside in out–of–state counties that border Maryland; requiring that this fee be more than the out–of–county fee paid by Maryland students; allowing this fee to be less than the out–of–state fee paid by specified out–of–state students; prohibiting students attending community colleges by paying this fee from being counted for the purposes of specified State aid to community colleges; etc.................................................. 1217

1588 – **Creation of a State Debt – Prince George’s County – St. Ann’s Center for Children, Youth and Families** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of St. Ann’s Center for Children, Youth and Families for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Hope House at St. Ann’s Center for Children, Youth and Families, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.......................................................... 1217

1589 – **Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – Historic Annapolis Museum** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $90,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of Historic Annapolis, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the historic building serving as the Historic Annapolis Museum, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc. ........... 1218

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1591 – **Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Sellers Mansion** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of St. James’
Terrace Apartments, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Sellers Mansion building, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc. ................................................................. 1266

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1594 – Creation of a State Debt – Prince George’s County – Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Latin American Youth Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Center for Educational Partnership of the Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc. ................................................................. 1268

1595 – Baltimore City Community College – Realignment – Altering the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Baltimore City Community College; requiring the chair of the Board to be appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates; requiring the Board to study and analyze programs, priorities, student needs, budgetary projections, staffing, information technology requirements, the status of real estate holdings, and the efficiency of the College’s operations; prohibiting
the Board from appointing a new College President except under specified circumstances; etc. .................................................. 1268
1361, 2749, 2756 (914), 3444

1596 – **Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Roberta’s House** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Roberta’s House, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Roberta’s House, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc. .................................. 1270

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providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc................................................................. 1286

1607 – **Creation of a State Debt – Harford County – Miracle League of Harford County** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Miracle League of Harford County, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a baseball complex for the Miracle League of Harford County, located in Harford County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc................................................................. 1287

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1612 – **Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Payne Memorial Outreach Community Youth Center** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Payne Memorial Outreach, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Payne Memorial Outreach Community Youth Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc. .......................... 1289

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1615 – **Maryland Fair Scheduling Act** – Requiring a specified employer, except under specified circumstances, to pay specified employees at a specified rate for specified shifts; providing that a shift trade includes when the employer transmits the shift trade offer under
specified circumstances; providing that an employee has the right
to decline work hours that occur during the 11 hours following the
end of a shift; requiring an employer to pay one–and–a–half times
the employee's regular rate for any hours worked during the 11
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1616 –  **Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Halpine Hamlet Community Center** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the MHP Hipline, LP for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Halpine Hamlet Community Center, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc .............................................................. 1307

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1618 –  **Sales and Use Tax – Tax–Free Weekend – Ellicott City and Ellicott’s Mills Historic Districts** – Designating the 3–day period from July 28, 2017, through July 30, 2017, to be a tax–free period for shopping in the Ellicott City Historic District and the Ellicott’s Mills Historic District during which a specified sales and use tax exemption shall apply, if the taxable price of the item is $100 or less................................................................. 1308

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1858, 3061, 3097 (1091), 3895 (1576)
1620 – **Creation of a State Debt – Washington County – Hancock Community Pool** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hancock for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a community pool for the Town of Hancock, located in Washington County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc. ............................................. 1309

1621 – **Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – Arundel Lodge** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $60,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Arundel Lodge, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Arundel Lodge, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc. ............................................. 1344

1622 – **Prince George’s County Board of Education – Academic Revitalization and Management Effectiveness Initiative – Repeal PG 401–17** – Revising the composition of the Prince George’s County Board of Education from an elected and appointed board to an elected board; decreasing the number of members on the county board from 14 to 10; altering the method by which a vacancy on the county board is filled; repealing specified provisions relating to the position, powers, and responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George’s County public school system; etc. ............ 1344

1623 – **Home Sprinkler and Fire Safety Assistance Fund** – Establishing the Home Sprinkler and Fire Safety Assistance Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide grants to offset the costs of installing a sprinkler system when purchasing a home; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; and providing for the investment of money in, and expenditures from, the Fund. ............... 1346

1624 – **University of Maryland Eastern Shore – State Matching Funds for Land–Grant Institutions** – Requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2019, to include in the annual State operating budget a general fund appropriation at least equal to a specified amount to the University System of Maryland; requiring the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to
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1613, 2085, 2199, 2270 (663), 3448

1627 – **Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Madison Fields Therapeutic Equestrian Center** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Madison House Autism Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Madison Fields Therapeutic Equestrian Center, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc. ........................................ 1406

1609

1628 – **Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore County – Maryland Council for Special Equestrians** – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $120,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Council for Special Equestrians, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Maryland Council for Special Equestrians facility, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc. ................................................................. 1406

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governing hunting and wildlife in the State to include the act of chasing or in any manner pursuing fox, whether armed or unarmed; repealing a provision of law excluding the sport of fox chasing from the definition of “hunt”; and repealing the exemption for an unarmed person participating in an organized fox hunt from the requirement under specified circumstances to obtain a hunting license. ................................................................. 1407

1630 – Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Tau Pi Mentoring Program Ho. Co. 25-17 – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $25,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Howard County Uplift Foundation Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Tau Pi Mentoring Program facility, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc. ......................... 1407

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1633 – Creation of a State Debt – Prince George’s County – Capitol Heights Municipal Multiservice Center – Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $350,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Capitol Heights for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping related to the Capitol Heights Municipal Multiservice Center, located in Prince George’s County; providing for
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307 – **Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act – Application and Evaluation** – Altering the definition of “major transportation project”; requiring the Department to develop a model that uses a specified project–based scoring system to rank specified projects and to make the model available to the public; requiring the Department to use the model to rank specified projects; requiring the Department to include specified rankings and scores in an appendix to the Consolidated Transportation Program and on the Department’s Web site; establishing the Workgroup on the Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act; etc.

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including diversion programs, community detention services and programs, and reentry services and programs; altering the duties of the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services to include consulting with and advising the Secretary of the Department on the treatment and programming needs of females in the juvenile justice system; etc.

676 – **Requirements for Filial Support – Repeal** – Repealing the prohibition on the neglect or refusal, by an adult child who has or is able to earn sufficient means, to provide a destitute parent with food, shelter, care, and clothing; altering the definition of “responsible relative”, as it relates to responsibility for the cost of specified services provided in a facility or program operated or funded by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to exclude from the definition the children of a recipient of specified services; etc.

680 – **Adult Protective Services Investigations – Completion Time** – Increasing, from 30 days to 60 days, the period of time during which a local department of social services must complete an investigation of a report of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation when the report does not indicate that an emergency exists.

681 – **Consumer Protection – Recovering of Bedding – Limitation** – Prohibiting a person from recovering specified bedding that is intended to be sold or offered for sale to a consumer in the State unless the person clearly marks the bedding as used; establishing that a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor and on conviction a person is subject to a maximum fine of $500.

696 – **Task Force on Long-Term Care Education and Planning** – Establishing the Task Force on Long-Term Care Education and Planning to examine, to consider options for improving, and to make recommendations regarding efforts to educate residents of the State about planning for long-term care; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

699 – **Providing Our Workers Education and Readiness (POWER) – Apprenticeship Act** – Requiring a contractor or subcontractor awarded a specified contract for a specified construction project that receives specified funding from the State capital budget to be affiliated with, and to use apprentices from, an apprenticeship program that is registered with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or the United States Department of Labor, or requiring the contractor or subcontractor to make specified
payments to the State Apprenticeship Training Fund or to specified
apprenticeship programs; etc. .............................................................. 3069
3385, 3837

700 – **State Government** – **Office of Minority Affairs and Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Minority Affairs – Renaming** – Renaming the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs to be the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs; renaming the Special Secretary for the Office of Minority Affairs to be the Special Secretary for the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs; renaming the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Minority Affairs to be the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs; etc. .......................................................... 2026
3042, 3105 (1119)

701 – **Higher Education** – **Tuition Waivers for Foster Care Recipients and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth – Alterations** – Altering the definition of “foster care recipient” for specified tuition waivers to include an individual who resided in an out-of-home placement at the time the individual graduated from high school or successfully completed a GED; and clarifying that the definition of “tuition” includes fees for credit-bearing and noncredit courses........ 1719
2980, 3097 (1092)

703 – **Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Participation in the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program** – Requiring agricultural land preservation easements to be included as part of a partnership formed under the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program under specified circumstances.......................................................... 2028
3655, 3783 (1520)

706 – **Landlord and Tenant** – **Expedited Eviction Proceedings – Notice and Appeals** – Reducing the notice period from 14 days to 7
days before a landlord may file an action to evict a tenant for a breach
of the lease that involves specified dangerous behavior; reducing
from 10 days to 4 days the amount of time after entry of a specified
judgment during which a specified party may appeal to the circuit
court in an eviction proceeding based on a breach of the lease that
involves specified dangerous behavior; etc. ........................................ 3332

707 – **Vehicle Law** – **Waste and Recycling Collection Vehicles – Use of Yellow and Amber Lights (The Senator Bob Hooper Sanitation Safety Act)** – Authorizing waste or recycling collection vehicles to be equipped with or display yellow or amber lights or signal devices.......................................................... 1719
3223, 3338 (1244)

710 – **Education** – **Children With Disabilities** – **Individualized Education Program Process – Parental Consent** – Requiring an
individualized education program team to obtain written consent from the parent of a child with a disability if the team proposes specified actions regarding the individualized education program of the child; requiring an individualized education program team, under specified circumstances, to send a parent specified written notice within 5 business days after a specified team meeting that informs the parent of specified rights to consent or refuse to consent to specified actions; etc. ................................................................. 2786

3142, 3288, 3525 (1350)

713 – **Products That Contain Mercury – Prohibition on Sale of Electric Switches, Electric Relays, and Gas Valve Switches** – Prohibiting a specified marketer from knowingly selling or providing electric switches, electric relays, and gas valve switches that contain mercury to a consumer on or after October 1, 2018; establishing specified penalties for specified violations; authorizing the Department of the Environment to impose specified penalties in a specified manner for specified violations; etc. ......................................................... 2153

3417, 3497 (1310)

714 – **Criminal Procedure – Indigent Individual – Indigency Determination** – Requiring a District Court commissioner to determine whether a specified individual qualifies as indigent; authorizing an individual charged with a crime that carries a penalty of incarceration to apply for representation by the Office of the Public Defender; requiring the Office to represent an indigent individual if the initial appearance or bail review is before a judge; providing that representation terminates at the end of the initial appearance under specified conditions; etc............................................................... 2154

3401, 3491 (1293)

715 – **Clean Energy – Energy Storage Technology Study** – Requiring the Power Plant Research Program to conduct a study of regulatory reforms and market incentives that may be necessary or beneficial to increase the use of energy storage devices in the State; requiring the Program to consult with specified entities and interests in conducting the study; prohibiting the cost of the study from exceeding $125,000 per fiscal year; requiring the Program to make its final report and recommend policy actions to specified Committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2018; etc........................................................................................................ 3332

717 – **Connecting Rural Maryland Act of 2017** – Establishing the Task Force on Rural Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular Service; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations on ways Western Maryland counties, Southern Maryland counties, Eastern Shore counties, and Frederick, Carroll, and Harford counties can work together to obtain federal assistance to improve specified communications services and accessibility in the specified
727 – Criminal Procedure – Firearms – Notification – Requiring a State’s Attorney to notify the court, before a defendant is sentenced, that a conviction prohibits a person from possessing a specified firearm under specified provisions of law; requiring a court to inform a person convicted of a specified disqualifying offense, both verbally and in writing, that the person is prohibited from possessing a firearm under specified provisions of law; and providing that the failure to receive a specified notification is not grounds for relief or a defense for specified criminal violations. .......................................................... 3449

730 – Higher Education – Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program – Farmers – Establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Farmers; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission to assist in the repayment of a higher education loan obtained for tuition, educational expenses, or living expenses for undergraduate or graduate study leading to a degree in agriculture or an agriculture–related field, including farming; requiring the Office, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, to adopt specified regulations; etc. ................................................................. 1720

734 – Sexual Assault Victims Resources Act of 2017 – Expanding the services to be provided by specified sexual assault crisis programs; specifying criteria for receiving specified grant funding; requiring the Governor to include $3,000,000 each fiscal year in the State budget; authorizing the Governor, under specified circumstances, to reduce a specified appropriation; establishing the Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee; requiring the Attorney General to adopt specified regulations in consultation with the Committee; etc. ................................................................. 2997

735 – St. Mary’s County – Metropolitan Commission – Authority to Borrow Money – Requiring the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary’s County, when the St. Mary’s County Metropolitan Commission plans to borrow any money, to review and approve any loan application before the Commission submits the loan application to a lender .................................................................................. 1778

736 – St. Mary’s County – Public Facility Bonds – Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary’s County to borrow not more than $26,300,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in St. Mary’s County, and to effect such borrowing by the
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| 737    | **St. Mary’s County – Bonds and Other Evidences of Indebtedness – Limitations and Repayment** | Altering specified limits on debt in St. Mary’s County; subjecting specified bonds and other evidences of indebtedness issued under the authority of the St. Mary’s County Sanitary Commission Act to a specified limitation; and requiring the responsibility for repayment to remain with the St. Mary’s County Metropolitan Commission.  

(1521) 2577  
3654, 3784 |
| 745    | **Disclosure of Medical Records – Compulsory Process – Timeline** | Requiring a health care provider to disclose a specified medical record in accordance with compulsory process no later than 30 days after receiving specified documentation.  

(1522) 2716 |
| 746    | **District Court Commissioners – Residency in Contiguous County** | Providing that, subject to specified exceptions, a District Court Commissioner may be a resident of a county contiguous to the county in which the commissioner serves.  

(1445) 2260  
3403, 3491, 3594, 3642 |
| 752    | **Optional Retirement Program – Annuity Contract Providers** | Repealing a default inclusion as an optional retirement program annuity contract provider of a company designated by a governing board of an employing institution on or before a specified date; altering the definition of “designated company” to mean one that is designated by the Board of Trustees; and providing the Board of Trustees may designate not more than five companies from which annuity contracts are to be purchased under the program.  

(1112) 2140  
2990, 3103 |
| 753    | **Tax Sales – Foreclosure of Right of Redemption – Naming of Defendants** | Establishing requirements for naming of the defendants in an action to foreclose the right of redemption on property sold at a tax sale; and establishing requirements for filing a specified affidavit in an action to foreclose the right of redemption on property sold at a tax sale.  

(1194) 1721  
3051, 3186 |
| 754    | **Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System – Membership** | Transferring specified individuals into the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System; requiring an individual who is transferred into the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System to make specified deposits in the annuity savings fund of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to make specified transfers to the specified accumulation fund and annuity savings fund; etc.  

(1145) 2140 |
758 – **Income Tax Credit – Energy Storage Systems** – Allowing a credit against the State income tax for the total installed costs paid or incurred by a taxpayer that installs an energy storage system and who obtains a tax credit certificate from the Maryland Energy Administration; requiring the Administration to issue tax credits not to exceed specified amounts; prohibiting the Administration from issuing an aggregate amount of tax credit certificates exceeding $750,000 in a taxable year; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc. .......................... 1779

760 – **Education – Grounds for Discipline** – Altering specified procedures for suspending or dismissing specified public school personnel; authorizing specified public school personnel to request arbitration under specified circumstances; specifying the procedures for arbitration; assigning responsibility to the individual for 25% of the cost and expenses of the arbitration and 75% to the county board; and providing that an arbitrator’s award is final and binding on the parties, subject to review by a circuit court. .......................... 2645

772 – **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Employees – Job Titles, Position Descriptions, and Compensation Levels** – Requiring the Director of the Behavioral Health Administration to compensate employees of the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center who are required to attend a correctional training school at a pay rate equivalent to similar employees in the Division of Correction; authorizing the Director to develop a plan to carry out a pay rate increase for specified employees of the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to review all positions filled by specified State employees; etc. .......................... 2578

781 – **Criminal Procedure – Testing – HIV and Hepatitis C** – Including hepatitis C as a disease for which a person charged with causing prohibited exposure may be tested under specified circumstances; authorizing a judge to issue an emergency order to obtain an oral swab from a person to be tested for the presence of HIV when it is made to appear there is probable cause to believe that the person has caused prohibited exposure to a victim; requiring a law enforcement officer to deliver an oral swab to a local health official or health care provider for immediate testing; etc. .......................... 2028

782 – **Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2014 – Baltimore County – Chesapeake High Stadium** – Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2014 to remove the matching fund requirement for specified grants for Chesapeake High Stadium. .......................... 1329
Education – Restraint and Seclusion – Consideration and Reporting – Requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to convene a task force to consider the circumstances under which, and the schools or types of schools in which, restraint and seclusion shall be prohibited and to consider contraindications for restraint and seclusion and who may authorize restraint and seclusion; providing for the composition of the task force; requiring the task force to review existing regulations concerning seclusion and to make specified recommendations to the State Board and the General Assembly by October 1, 2017; etc. 

Criminal Law – Animal Cruelty – Applicability – Clarifying that a person who has charge or custody of an animal and who unnecessarily fails to provide the animal with proper air, proper space, proper shelter, or proper protection from the weather is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against abuse or neglect of an animal; and clarifying that a person who intentionally mutilates, intentionally tortures, intentionally cruelly beats, or intentionally cruelly kills an animal is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against aggravated cruelty to animals.

Maryland Trust Act – Notice and Reporting Requirements – Exemptions – Exempting specified persons from specified requirements under the Maryland Trust Act to provide specified notice and specified information to themselves.

Maryland Trust Act – Representatives of Beneficiaries – Authorizing a settlor of a trust to designate specified persons to serve as a representative or successor representative of a beneficiary of the trust, to designate specified persons who may in turn designate a representative or successor representative of a beneficiary of the trust, and to specify the order of priority among those persons; prohibiting a trustee from serving as a representative of a specified beneficiary under specified circumstances; etc.

Legal Advice to Corporations – Clarification – Altering an exception to the requirement that an individual be admitted to the Maryland Bar before the individual may practice law in the State by authorizing an individual who is admitted to the bar of any other state to provide legal advice to the individual’s employer or the employer’s organizational affiliates.

Driver Improvement Program and Failure to Pay Child Support – Driver’s License Suspensions – Penalties and Assessment of Points – Altering the assessment of points and the
penalties associated with the suspension of a driver's license or privilege to drive of an individual who fails to attend a specified driver improvement program or is an obligor 60 days or more out of compliance with the most recent order of the court in making child support payments ........................................................................................................... 2579

807 – **Income Tax Credit – Wages Paid to Qualified Veteran Employees (Hire Our Veterans Act of 2017)** – Allowing a credit against the State income tax for specified wages paid by specified small businesses to specified qualified veteran employees; prohibiting a small business from claiming the credit for a qualified veteran employee who is hired to replace a laid-off or striking employee; requiring the Department of Commerce, on application of a small business, to issue a tax credit certificate under specified circumstances; providing that the total amount of credit certificates issued may not exceed $500,000; etc. ......................................................................................................................... 3125

809 – **Condominiums and Homeowners Associations – Sales of Common Elements and Common Areas** – Requiring the governing body of a condominium or, under specified circumstances, the developer to provide written notice no less than 30 days before the sale of any common element under specified circumstances; requiring the governing body of a homeowners association, or, under specified circumstances, the declarant to provide specified notice before the sale of any common area under specified circumstances; etc........................................................................................................................................ 2581

811 – **Civil Cases – Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund – Surcharges – Repeal of Sunset** – Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law altering specified surcharges on specified fees, charges, and costs in specified civil cases and requiring a specified informational budget to be prepared for the Maryland Legal Services Corporation and submitted to the General Assembly ................................................................................................................................. 2029

812 – **Housing and Community Development – Community Development Program Act** – Establishing the Community Development Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the Department to administer the Program; establishing the Community Development Board in the Department; establishing the Community Development Fund to provide financial assistance to community development projects and community development organizations around the State; requiring the Board to report its recommendations and on the activities of the fund to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31 of each year......................................................................................................................... 3333
813 – **Department of Housing and Community Development – Rental Assistance Programs – Duration of Assistance** – Specifying that payments to low-income households by the Secretary of Housing and Community Development through the Rental Allowance Program be made for a minimum of 2 consecutive years, subject to redetermination that the household continues to meet eligibility requirements every 6 months; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, on or before October 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on the implementation of the Act; etc. ................................................................. 1779 (407)

814 – **Pharmacists – Dispensing of Prescription Drugs – Single Dispensing of Dosage Units** – Authorizing a pharmacist to dispense, in a single dispensing and exercising the pharmacist’s professional judgment, a quantity of a prescription drug that is up to a specified number of authorized dosage units and does not exceed a 90-day supply of the prescription drug; providing an exception for a contraceptive which may be dispensed, on and after January 1, 2018, for up to a 6-month supply; and providing that the Act does not apply to specified drugs................................................................. 2141

815 – **State Board of Pharmacy – Registered Pharmacy Technicians – Exemption for Pharmacy Students** – Providing that a specified provision of law requiring an individual to be registered and approved by the State Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician before performing delegated pharmacy acts does not apply to a pharmacy student who is currently completing the first year of a professional pharmacy education program and performs, under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist, delegated pharmacy acts in accordance with specified regulations; etc.............................................. 2141

816 – **Cecil County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License** – Establishing a beer, wine, and liquor tasting license in Cecil County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Cecil County to issue the beer, wine, and liquor tasting license to a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license; authorizing the license holder to allow on-premises consumption of beer, wine, and liquor for tasting; specifying the term of the license; requiring a license holder to provide specified notice before exercising specified privileges; etc......................................................... 1683

817 – **Public Safety – Agritourism – Permit Exemption** – Adding Cecil County and Garrett County to the list of counties that exempt agricultural buildings engaged in agritourism from a specified
permit requirement; providing that no more than 200 people at one time be allowed to occupy a building engaged in agritourism; and requiring that the total width of means of egress meets or exceeds a specified standard that applies to egress components other than stairways in a building without a sprinkler system in Cecil County and Garrett County...

818 – **Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act – Voluntary Protection Program** – Establishing a Voluntary Protection Program in the Division of Labor and Industry to encourage participating employers to have exemplary worker safety and health programs; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to recognize specified employers under the Program; requiring an employer who wishes to participate in the Program to submit a specified application; authorizing the Commissioner to perform specified evaluations; etc. .......................................................... 2260 3432, 3617 (1440)

819 – **Queen Anne’s County – Alcoholic Beverages Inspectors – Qualifications, Powers, and Duties** – Specifying that an alcoholic beverages inspector in Queen Anne’s County or any member of the inspector’s immediate family may not have a personal or financial interest, directly or indirectly, in a license, license holder, or licensed premises; specifying the powers and duties of an alcoholic beverages inspector in Queen Anne’s County; requiring the Queen Anne’s County Office of the Sheriff to enforce specified violations; providing that an inspector has no power of arrest; and requiring an inspector to take a specified oath. .......................................................... 1721 2740, 2821 (978)

820 – **Queen Anne’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor and Class 9 Limited Distillery Licenses** – Authorizing in Queen Anne’s County a holder of a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license and a Class 9 limited distillery license to sell liquor distilled at the location for off–premises consumption; prohibiting the holder of a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license and a Class 9 limited distillery license from selling beer for off–premises consumption; and providing an annual license fee of $1,800. .............. 1684 2741, 2821 (979)

823 – **Task Force to Study Tax Sales in Maryland** – Establishing the Task Force to Study Tax Sales in Maryland to examine the tax sale system to maximize resources, facilitate properties getting to productive use, and protect residents; requiring the Task Force to evaluate the impact of tax sales, how tax sales are conducted in each county, and tax sales to collect delinquent water charges and alternative methods of collecting delinquent water charges; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc. .................. 2625
827 – **Frederick County – State’s Attorney – Annual Salary** – Altering the annual salary of the State’s Attorney for Frederick County; requiring the salary of the State’s Attorney for Frederick County to increase in a percentage equal to the average annual increment and salary adjustment given to Frederick County employees over the State’s Attorney’s prior 4-year term; and providing for the application of the Act. ................................................................. 1722

837 – **Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Penalties** – Providing that in Washington County a violation of the prohibition against selling or providing alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 years is a misdemeanor; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to impose a maximum fine of $200 for a first offense and a maximum fine of $500 for each subsequent offense on an employee of a license holder who violates the prohibition; authorizing a maximum fine of $2,500, a suspension or revocation of the license, or both for a license holder who violates the prohibition; etc. ............................................................................................................. 1685

839 – **Workgroup on Categories for Funding Priorities in the Annual State Budget** – Establishing a Workgroup on Categories for Funding Priorities in the Annual State Budget; specifying the purpose of the Workgroup, to be convened by the Department of Budget and Management, is to study, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning budgeting models used by state or local governments in the United States that utilize well-defined service categories to set priorities and allocate resources; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017; etc. ............................................................................................................. 2646

844 – **Natural Resources – Hunting – Deer Management Permits** – Authorizing a person to hunt deer under a Deer Management Permit on any Sunday throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons; altering the application of specified provisions of law governing Deer Management Permits in Charles County and St. Mary’s County; etc. ............................................................................................................. 3652

846 – **Baltimore City – Hotel Room Tax – Convention Center Promotion and Operations** – Extending, through fiscal year 2022, provisions requiring that at least 40% of the proceeds from any hotel room tax imposed by Baltimore City be appropriated by the Mayor and City Council to Visit Baltimore for the marketing and operations of the Baltimore City Convention Center and for tourism promotion; etc. ............................................................................................................. 2142

847 – **Baltimore County – Government Operations** – Providing that the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a planning officer who shall serve as the planning agent for the county and shall be responsible for the development and implementation of long-range policy decisions for the county. ............................................................................................................. 3036
853 – **Transitional Supports for Ex-Offenders – Repeal of Restrictions (Maryland Equal Access to Food Act of 2017)** – Repealing specified provisions of law subjecting specified individuals convicted of specified felonies involving a controlled dangerous substance who apply for temporary cash assistance or food stamps to specified testing and treatment requirements and sanctions; altering the criminal violations that make specified recipients ineligible for temporary cash assistance or food stamps for 1 year after conviction and subject to specified testing and treatment requirements and sanctions; etc. .............................................. 2626

856 – **Maryland Legal Services Corporation Funding – Abandoned Property Funds** – Increasing from $1,500,000 to $2,000,000 the amount that the State Comptroller is required to distribute of specified abandoned property funds each year to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund. ................................................................. 2998

857 – **State Government – Department of Veterans Affairs – Veterans’ Services Specialists** – Requiring units of State government to designate an employee of the unit as a veterans’ services specialist to coordinate services with the director of the veterans Outreach and Advocacy Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs and attend specified training, to provide the Department of Veterans Affairs with specified information, and to post specified information on the unit’s Web site; requiring the Department to coordinate specified meetings and submit a specified report; etc. ................................................................. 2260

858 – **Commercial Law – Maryland Antitrust Act – Indirect Purchasers** – Altering the circumstances under which a person, whose business or property has been injured or threatened with injury by a violation of specified provisions of law, may maintain an action for damages, an injunction, or both, against any person who has committed the violation, regardless of whether the person maintaining the action dealt directly or indirectly with the person who has committed the violation; altering a specified defense that a defendant may raise in specified actions for damages; etc. .............. 2582

861 – **Family Law – Marriage – Age Requirements** – Increasing the age that an individual under the age of majority must attain before the individual may marry under specified circumstances. .......... 2732

866 – **Adult High School Pilot Program** – Establishing an Adult High School Pilot Program to establish an alternative method for adults who did not graduate from high school to earn a diploma; providing that the Program is under the authority and supervision of the State...
Department of Education and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, which are authorized to approve up to six pilots; requiring a pilot to be subject to the requirements of specified federal law and to provide specified accommodations; providing for a specified report to the General Assembly; etc.................. 2261
3082, 3149 (1173)

867 – Workers’ Compensation – Failure to Report Accidental Personal Injury – Penalty – Altering a specified violation relating to an employer failing to report an accidental personal injury within a specified time required under the workers’ compensation law to require the violation to be a knowing violation; and increasing the penalty from up to $50 to a maximum of $500 imposed on an employer for a specified violation........................................... 2583
2851, 2870 (1014)

871 – Education – Accountability – Consolidated State Plan and Support and Improvement Plans (Protect Our Schools Act of 2017) – Requiring an educational accountability program to include at least three school quality indicators that measure the comparative opportunities provided to students or the level of student success in public schools; prohibiting the school quality indicators from being based on student testing; requiring the State Board to establish a composite score that provides for a meaningful differentiation of schools under the school accountability system: authorizing a specified plan to include a lengthening of the school year; etc. .......... 2859

872 – James W. Hubbard Inclusive Higher Education Grant Program – Establishing the James W. Hubbard Inclusive Higher Education Grant Program to award competitive grants to institutions of higher education to develop and implement programs that provide inclusive higher education opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities; requiring the Program to be administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in consultation with specified entities; requiring the Commission to submit an annual report on the Program’s effectiveness beginning June 30, 2019; etc. .............................. 1722
2981, 3098 (1094)

873 – Economic Development – Job Creation Tax Credit – Alteration – Altering the definitions of “qualified position” and “State priority funding area” for purposes of the job creation tax credit program; requiring the Department of Commerce to certify the amount of the tax credit for which a qualified business entity is eligible; altering the calculation of the credits earned under the program; prohibiting the Department from certifying tax credits in a taxable year in excess of $4,000,000; applying the Act to job creation tax credits certified after December 31, 2017; etc. .............................................................. 2626
3134, 3288, 3526 (1352)
875 – **Residential Property – Notice of Foreclosure** – Requiring a person authorized to sell residential property subject to foreclosure to file a notice of foreclosure with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation under certain circumstances; establishing that a notice of foreclosure may be filed through the Foreclosed Property Registry; establishing that the notice of foreclosure contain specified information; etc. ........................................ 2999
3144, 3433, 3591 (1406)

882 – **Election Law – Campaign Signs at Polling Places** – Altering the time period during which campaign signs shall be allowed on the premises of polling places for an election........................................ 1723
2981, 3098 (1095)

884 – **Maryland Financial Consumer Protection Commission** – Establishing the Maryland Financial Consumer Protection Commission; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; authorizing the Commission to provide specified reports to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Maryland Congressional Delegation under specified circumstances; etc. ........................................ 2583
2797, 2826 (989, 990)

885 – **Environment – Recycling – Special Events** – Requiring the State, a county, a municipality, or any other local government to provide to an organizer of a special event a written statement that describes specified requirements and penalties before issuing a permit for the special event; providing a maximum civil penalty of $300 for each day a violation of the Act exists; etc. ........................................ 2030
3419, 3528 (1358)

897 – **Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class H Beer and Light Wine Licenses** – Increasing the number of Class H beer and light wine licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County may issue to a specified license holder under specified circumstances........................................ 1724
3084, 3150 (1174)

898 – **Health Insurance – Prescription Drugs – Dispensing Synchronization** – Requiring specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to allow and apply a prorated daily copayment or coinsurance amount for a partial supply of a prescription drug dispensed by an in–network pharmacy under specified circumstances; prohibiting a specified insurer, nonprofit health service plan, and health maintenance organization from denying payment of benefits to an in–network pharmacy for a covered prescription drug solely on a specified basis; etc........................................ 2716
3134, 3244, 3499 (1316)
906 – **Child Support – Noncompliance With Court Order – License Suspension** – Extending from 60 to 120 days the time period that an individual with a commercial driver’s license may be out of compliance with the most recent order of the court in making child support payments before the Child Support Enforcement Administration may notify the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend the individual’s driver’s license; altering the circumstances under which the Child Support Enforcement Administration may request that a specified licensing authority suspend or deny a specified license; etc. ................................................................. 2732

3144, 3407, 3488 (1285)

908 – **Maryland Education Development Collaborative – Established** – Establishing the Maryland Education Development Collaborative for specified purposes to include activities to promote and enhance 21st–century learning and socioeconomic diversity in the State’s public schools; providing that the Collaborative is an instrumentality of the State; establishing a Governing Board of the Collaborative; requiring the Board to establish an Advisory Council to provide advice on matters relating to 21st–century learning, data collection and sharing, and other specified issues; etc. ......................... 2142

3288, 3526 (1353)

909 – **Charles County – Collective Bargaining for Public Safety Officials** – Altering the definition of “employer” to include Charles County under specified provisions of law; authorizing fire, emergency medical service, paramedic, and rescue employees to collectively bargain with specified counties and municipal corporations; altering a specified provision of law to provide that, with respect to Charles County, a memorandum of understanding between Charles County and a specified exclusive representative is subject to specified provisions concerning budgetary and fiscal procedures; etc. ................................................................. 2584

2990, 3103 (1114)

910 – **Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund – Operations** – Repealing a provision of law subjecting the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to the imposition of a specified premium tax; altering the scope of provisions of law governing prior approval rate making to exclude the Fund; providing that provisions of law governing competitive rating rate making apply to the Fund under specified circumstances; repealing a provision of law that makes the Fund subject to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act; etc. .......... 2585

3182, 3296 (1219)

912 – **Children in Need of Assistance – Sex Trafficking** – Altering the definition of “sexual abuse” in provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance to include an act that involves the sex trafficking of a child by any individual; and defining the terms
“sexual molestation or exploitation” and “sex trafficking” in provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance.

913 – **State Retirement and Pension System – Death Benefits** – Altering the distribution of specified survivor benefits to surviving children of specified members of the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring a disabled child to receive specified survivor benefits; allowing a death benefit to be paid if special death benefits are waived; altering the distribution of special death benefits to surviving children of members of the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring a surviving disabled child to receive specified special death benefits; etc.

915 – **Real Property Tax – Assessment Appeals Process – Dwellings** – Requiring a hearing on an appeal to a supervisor of assessments concerning the value or classification of a dwelling to occur no later than 120 days after the Department of Assessments and Taxation receives the appeal, unless the property owner requests a postponement; requiring the supervisor to give written notice of the final value or classification to the person who has appealed or filed a petition for review within 60 days after the hearing; etc.

917 – **Motor Vehicles – Seasonal Exceptional Poultry Hauling Permit** – Authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue a seasonal exceptional poultry hauling permit that authorizes specified axle configurations and specified increased weight limits while carrying live poultry from a farm to a processing facility from November 1 until April 30 annually in specified counties; requiring, before October 1 each year, each specified poultry processing facility to submit to the Administration a complete list of registered combinations of vehicles used for carrying live poultry; etc.

919 – **President Jimmy Carter Cancer Treatment Access Act** – Prohibiting a specified insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization from imposing a step therapy or fail–first protocol on an insured or an enrollee for a specified prescription drug used in the treatment of a specified cancer under specified circumstances; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2017.

924 – **Commissioner of Financial Regulation and State Collection Agency Licensing Board – Surety Bond Requirements for Licensees and Registrants** – Altering and establishing specified surety bond requirements for specified persons licensed or registered by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation and specified persons...
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929 – **Commercial Law – Consumer Protection – Door–to–Door Sales** – Recodifying, in part, the definition of “door–to–door sale” as provisions that establish the application of the Maryland Door–to–Door Sales Act; altering the transactions to which the Maryland Door–to–Door Sales Act applies; etc.  

930 – **Anne Arundel County – Property Tax – Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements – Economic Development Projects** – Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County, on or before June 30, 2020, to enter into an agreement with the owner of a specified economic development project that provides a specified economic benefit for a payment in lieu of the county real and personal property tax; authorizing the owner of the economic development project and the county to modify the payment in lieu of taxes agreement entered into on or before June 30, 2020, under specified circumstances; etc.  

931 – **Public Service Commission – Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity – Consistency With Comprehensive Plan** – Requiring the Public Service Commission, rather than the Department of Planning, to provide a copy of application materials for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to each appropriate unit of local government in which the construction of a generating station is proposed and to specified public officials; requiring the Commission to take final action on the application only after due consideration of the consistency of the application with the jurisdiction’s comprehensive plan and of efforts to resolve specified issues; etc.  

934 – **Criminal Procedure – Postsentencing – Victim Notification** – Expanding the types of crimes for which a victim may receive specified notification regarding a specified offender’s mandatory
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1144 – **Procurement Preferences – Blind Industries and Services of Maryland – Janitorial Products** – Clarifying that the requirement that a State or State aided or controlled entity include in specified maintenance contracts a requirement that a prime contractor procure janitorial products from the Blind Industries and Services of Maryland applies to specified products made, manufactured, remanufactured, or assembled by the Blind Industries and Services of Maryland; etc.

1148 – **Maryland Stadium Authority – Maryland Sports and Affiliated Foundations – Establishment** – Establishing the Maryland Sports office in the Maryland Stadium Authority; requiring Maryland Sports to implement a program to bring regional, national, and international sporting events to the State in order to maximize utilization of sports facilities, to enhance economic development, and to promote the State as a sporting events destination; requiring the State Ethics Commission to review the Authority’s policies on conflicts of interest and approve them, if appropriate, to govern specified officials and employees; etc.

1149 – **Baltimore City – Maryland Transit Administration – Transit Services for Public School Students** – Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to provide ridership on transit vehicles to eligible students in Baltimore City public schools between the hours of 5 a.m. and 8 p.m. only for school–related activities; prohibiting the Administration from collecting any fees for the services; requiring Baltimore City and the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2018, on the school system’s financial condition and the impact of the transportation services provided; etc.
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1153 – **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Licenses – Hours of Sale** – Specifying 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. as the hours of sale for a holder of a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in a specified area of Baltimore City; prohibiting the hours of sale for a license holder in a specified area from beginning before or ending after specified times; and prohibiting the hours of sale from being extended under specified conditions. ................................................................. 3821

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Public Health – Certificates of Birth – Births Outside an Institution – Requiring the attending clinician or a designee of the attending clinician to prepare a certificate of birth, secure specified signatures, and file the certificate within 5 calendar days after a birth occurs outside an institution with an attending clinician; requiring the attending clinician, within 5 calendar days after the birth, to provide the date of birth and specified information that is required on a certificate of birth; etc.

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1198 – **Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center Act of 2017** – Requiring, for specified fiscal years, the Governor to include in the budget bill an appropriation for specified purposes related to the new Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center; requiring, for specified fiscal years, the Governor to include in the capital or operating budget bill specified amounts to be used for the construction of the Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center; etc.

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