



Baltimore Metropolitan Council

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**TRANSPORTATION, AIR QUALITY, AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-RELATED  
LEGISLATION  
INTRODUCED IN THE 2006 SESSION  
OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**End of Session Report**

**Legislation Introduced as of April 10, 2006**

**This session of the Maryland General Assembly began on  
January 11, 2006 and adjourned on April 10, 2006**

**The filing deadline for bills and resolutions was February 3 for the Senate,  
and February 10 for the House. March 6 was the final deadline in both houses  
for introduction of legislation without rules suspension.**

## LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### End of Session Report - Legislation Introduced as of April 10, 2006

For the last fourteen years, the Baltimore Metropolitan Council has provided timely reports to the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board on the status of legislation introduced in the Maryland General Assembly. Since 1993, reports have been provided on transportation and air quality-related legislation. In 1997, these reports were expanded to include information on community development-related legislation.

The Maryland General Assembly meets annually in Annapolis for a 90-day session. The 2006 session began on January 11 and adjourned on April 10. There are 47 Senators and 141 Delegates in the General Assembly. Internet address for directory of General Assembly members is <http://www.baltometro.org/legis/GAdir06.pdf>

The legislation in this report is organized into Senate and House of Delegates bills. This report also includes joint resolutions introduced in the Senate and House. The following categories of information are provided for each bill: Bill Number/Title, Sponsor/Status, Bill Hearing Date, and Purpose. Information about prior legislative history and final disposition of a bill is included when appropriate. Most of the information in this report is from the Maryland General Assembly, Department of Legislative Services.

This legislative report is for information purposes only.

For further information on specific bills, fiscal notes, and related information, contact Maryland General Assembly, Department of Legislative Services: Baltimore region phone 1-410-946-5400; Rest of Maryland phone 1-301-970-5400; Outside Maryland phone 1-800-492-7122; Internet address for detailed information on bills is <http://mlis.state.md.us>

### NOTES FOR LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

All additions to, and changes from the previous weekly legislative report are highlighted in **RED**, and enclosed in double parenthesis (( )) in the directory. Final disposition status information in the directory below is shown in **bold underlined** type.

The Governor is expected to sign or veto legislation approved by the General Assembly on the following dates: April 6, April 11, April 25, May 2, and May 16, 2006. If the Governor does not act to sign, or veto approved legislation by May 30, 2006, the legislation automatically becomes law.

# DIRECTORY OF LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE 2006 SESSION OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS BY CATEGORY

### Air Quality-Related

SB 0050 - Motor Fuel Tax - Exemption for Biodiesel Fuel - Queen Anne's County - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0054 - State-Owned Vehicles - State Fleet Biodiesel Fuel Usage Act of 2006 - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
SB 0069 - Maryland Energy Administration - Solar Energy Grant Program - **Withdrawn**  
SB 0154 - Healthy Air Act - **((Signed into Law by Governor. Now Chapter 23 of Maryland Code))**  
SB 0167 - Electric Companies - Net Energy Metering - Accrual of Generated Electricity - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
SB 0221 - Public Utility Companies - Net Energy Metering - **((Died at end of session))**  
SB 0231 - Maryland Energy Administration - Solar and Wind Energy Grant Program - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0266 - Clean Power Grant Fund - Maryland-Mined Coal Tax Credit - **((Unfavorable Report))**  
SB 0267 - State Buildings Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
SB 0268 - Mandatory Participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0314 - Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act of 2006 - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
SB 0326 - Procurement - State-Owned Vehicles - Hybrid Vehicles - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0335 - Tax Credit for Maryland-Mined Coal - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
SB 0469 - Solar Energy Grant Fund - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0525 - Solar, Wind, and Geothermal Energy Grant Program - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0876 - Excise Tax - Tax-Free Period for Purchase of Advanced Technology Vehicles - **Withdrawn**  
SJ 0001 - Air Pollution - Mercury Emissions Limits - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0020 - Environment - Air Quality - New Source Review - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0038 - Procurement - Diesel-Powered Nonroad Vehicles - Fuel and Technology Requirements - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0189 - Healthy Air Act - Hearing 2/7 at 1 p.m. - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0190 - Electric Generating Stations - Approval Process for Modifications - Permits to Construct - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0212 - Tax Credit - Electric and Hybrid Vehicles - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0213 - High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes - Use by Inherently Low Emission Vehicles and Qualified Hybrid Vehicles - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0223 - Motor Fuel Tax - Exemption for Biodiesel Fuel - Queen Anne's County - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0233 - Solar Energy Grant Program - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0287 - Electric Companies - Net Energy Metering - Accrual of Generated Electricity - Crediting to Customer's Account - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0309 - Public Utility Companies - Net Energy Metering - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0317 - Maryland Energy Administration - Solar and Wind Energy Grant Program - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0360 - Environment - Gasoline Containing Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether - Prohibition - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0395 - Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act of 2006 - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0418 - Solar Energy Grant Fund - Program - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0487 - Tax Credit for Maryland-Mined Coal - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0522 - Environment - Gasoline Additive - Oxygenate Prohibition - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0650 - Solar, Wind, and Geothermal Energy Grant Program - **Withdrawn**  
HB 0810 - Solar Energy Tax Credit - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0811 - Excise Tax - Tax-Free Period for Purchase of Advanced Technology Vehicles - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0856 - Clean Power Grant Fund - Maryland-Mined Coal Tax Credit - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0997 - Income Tax - Credit for Hydrogen Fuel Cell Research and Development - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 1031 - Mandatory Participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative - **Withdrawn**  
HB 1323 - Electric Companies - Net Energy Metering - Accrual of Generated Electricity - Crediting to Customer's Account - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 1344 - Motor Fuel Tax - Exemption for Biodiesel Fuel - Government Vehicles - **((Unfavorable Report))**  
HB 1461 - Energy Conservation Act of 2006 - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 1463 - State Buildings Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 1471 - Procurement - State-Owned Vehicles - Hybrid Vehicles - **Withdrawn**

### Bicycle and Pedestrian-Related

SB 0671 - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - East County Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Project - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 1117 - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - East County Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Project - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 1732 - Transportation - Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee - Bicycle-Friendly Communities Program - **((Unfavorable Report))**

### Community Development and "Smart Growth"- Related

SB 0003 - Real Property - Condemnation - Procedures and Compensation - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0005 - Agricultural Stewardship Act of 2006 - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0006 - Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School - Cessation of Operations - Transfer of Property - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0009 - Eminent Domain - Public Use - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0035 - Baltimore County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0100 - Critical Areas Program - Resource Conservation Areas - Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge - Emergency Bill - **Withdrawn**

SB 0155 - Harford County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority - Constitutional Amendment - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0173 - Property Protection Act of 2006 - Constitutional Amendment - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0174 - Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Exemption - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0223 - Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0257 - Critical Areas Program - Resource Conservation Areas - National Wildlife Refuges - Emergency Bill - **Failed on Senate floor**

SB 0337 - Income Tax - Credit for Preservation and Conservation Easements - Refundability - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0350 - Task Force on Minority Participation in the Environmental Community - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**

SB 0359 - Real Property - Recordation of Deeds - Conservation Easements - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0360 - Income Tax Credit for Preservation and Conservation Easements - County Tax Credit Authorized - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0361 - Property Tax - Assessment of Conservation Property - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**

SB 0379 - Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Patuxent River Watershed - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**

SB 0416 - Environment - Groundwater Contamination - Notification and Reimbursement of Costs - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0419 - Eminent Domain Reform Act - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0488 - Real Property - Eminent Domain - Limitations on the Condemnation of Private Property - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0493 - Land Preservation - Repayment of Transfers to General Fund - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0495 - Ethics Law - Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee - Regulated Lobbyists - **Withdrawn**

SB 0505 - Howard County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority Ho. Co. 05-06 - Constitutional Amendment - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0512 - Queen Anne's County - Property Tax Credits - Commercial Investment and Economic Development - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0526 - Eminent Domain - Moving, Relocation, and Reestablishment Expenses - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0536 - Annexation Planning and Procedures Act of 2006 - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0544 - Residential Property - Municipalities - Authority to Establish Condominium Regimes - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**

SB 0625 - Environment - Stormwater Management - Inspections and Water Quality Standards - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0682 - Environment - County Plans - Removal of Solid Waste Acceptance Facilities - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0698 - Utilities - Underground Conversion - Route 1 Pilot Program - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0704 - Condemnation - Slum Area and Blighted Area - Definitions - Constitutional Amendment - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0749 - Smart Growth - Priority Funding Areas - Rural Counties - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0751 - Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program - Critical Area Commission - Authority - **((Became law without Governor's signature per Maryland Constitution. Now Chapter 55 of Maryland Code))**

SB 0775 - Baltimore City - Fairmount Neighborhood - State Projects or Programs - Prior Approval - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0787 - Environment - Dredged Material Management - Duties of Executive Committee - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0813 - Real Property - Condemnation - Right to Repurchase Condemned Property - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0844 - Protected Lands - Local Land Use Applications - County Authority - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**

SB 0854 - Municipal Corporations - Building Excise Tax - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0880 - Workforce Housing Grant Program - Establishment - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 0923 - Eminent Domain - Allegany County - Condemnation for Public Use and Repurchase of Condemned Property - **((Withdrawn))**

SB 0924 - Eminent Domain - Garrett County - Condemnation for Public Use and Repurchase of Condemned Property - **((Withdrawn))**

SB 0996 - Baltimore County Liquefied Natural Gas Task Force - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**

SB 0997 - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Regulatory Approval - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 1009 - Income Tax Credits for Green Buildings - Additional Credits Authorized - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 1013 - Maryland Growth Management Act of 2006 - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 1024 - Local Government - Adequate Public Facilities Legislation - Requirements for Ordinance Adopted by a Municipal Corporation - **((Died at end of Session))**

SB 1028 - Utility Consumer Protection Act of 2006 - **Withdrawn**

SB 1089 - Howard County - New Town Zoning District - Consolidation of Land - Emergency Bill - **((Signed into Law by Governor. Now Chapter 32 of Maryland Code.))**

SJ 0016 - Construction of a Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal and Pipeline at the Former Sparrows Point Shipyard in Baltimore County - Disapproval by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0002 - Agricultural Stewardship Act of 2006 - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**

HB 0044 - Eminent Domain - Condemnation Proceedings and Limitation on Condemnation Authority - Constitutional Amendment - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0079 - Real Property - Eminent Domain - Limitations on Condemnation Authority - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0080 - Real Property - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0090 - Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Dwelling Relocation - **((Signed into Law by Governor. Now Chapter 76 of Maryland Code))**

HB 0091 - Department of Agriculture - Cost Sharing for Water Pollution Control - **((Signed into Law by Governor. Now Chapter 77 of Maryland Code.))**

HB 0106 - Eminent Domain - Condemnation Costs - Fees Incurred - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0116 - Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School - Cessation of Operations - Transfer of Property - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0155 - Local Governments - Zoning Regulations and Building Permits - Appeals - Neighborhood Associations - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0175 - Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund - Time Limitations - **((Signed into Law by Governor. Now Chapter 82 Of Maryland Code))**  
HB 0180 - Department of Agriculture - Maryland Agricultural Land Link Program - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0187 - Real Property - Condemnation Proceedings - Valuation of Property - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0235 - Bay Restoration Program - On-Site Sewage Disposal Fee - County Option - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0236 - Maryland Estate Tax - Exclusion for Family Farms Subject to Agricultural Preservation Easements - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0260 - Utility Consumer Protection Act of 2006 - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0276 - Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Exemption - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0314 - Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0335 - Town of Sudlersville (Queen Anne's County) - Urban Renewal Authority for Slum Clearance - Repeal - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0358 - St. Mary's County - Special Taxing Districts - Creation - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0363 - Environment - County Plans - Removal of Solid Waste Acceptance Facilities - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0373 - St. Mary's County - Impact Fees - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0396 - Agricultural Operations - Nuisance Actions - Requirements - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0399 - Business and Economic Development - Enterprise Zones - Expansion - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0411 - Income Tax Credit for Green Buildings - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0412 - Task Force on Minority Participation in the Environmental Community - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0422 - St. Mary's County - Impact Fees - Repeal of Sunset - **Withdrawn**  
HB 0459 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Easements - Funds and Released Lots - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0460 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Restrictions of Released Lots - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0477 - Frederick County - Community Development Authorities - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0558 - Bay Restoration Fund - Failing Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems - Eligibility for Funds - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0564 - Baltimore City - Fairmount Neighborhood - State Projects or Programs - Prior Approval - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0617 - Natural Resources - Critical Areas - Growth Allocation - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0619 - Harford County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority - Constitutional Amendment - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0638 - Residential Property - Municipalities - Authority to Establish Condominium Regimes - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0699 - Agriculture - Preservation of Historic Structures - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0709 - Ethics Law - Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee - Regulated Lobbyists - **Withdrawn**  
HB 0711 - Oil Discharge - Groundwater Contamination - Reimbursement for Costs - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0769 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Easements - Program Requirements - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0803 - Eminent Domain - Moving, Relocation, and Reestablishment Expenses - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0815 - Land Preservation - Repayment of Transfers to General Fund - **((Unfavorable Report))**  
HB 0820 - Higher Education - Land Preservation - **Withdrawn**  
HB 0898 - Real Property - Eminent Domain - Repurchase of Condemned Property - Hearing 2/21 at 1 p.m. - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0927 - Prince George's County - Liquefied Natural Gas Storage Facilities PG 415-06 - Emergency Bill - **((Unfavorable Report))**  
HB 0961 - Condemnation - Speedy Trial - Relocation of Businesses - Hearing 2/21 at 1 p.m. - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0962 - Condemnation - Moving and Relocation Assistance - Hearing 2/21 at 1 p.m. - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0963 - Condemnation - Urban Renewal or Economic Development - Required Findings - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0964 - Condemnation - Time Period for Filing Action - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0971 - Real Property - Condemnation Proceedings - Compensation for Business Owners - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 1039 - Baltimore County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority - Constitutional Amendment - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 1042 - Real Property - Baltimore County - Eminent Domain - Repurchase of Condemned Property - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 1044 - Real Property - Harford County - Eminent Domain - Repurchase of Condemned Property - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 1047 - Transfer of State Real Property - Long-Term Lease of Protected Lands - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 1095 - Prince George's County - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Approval Limitations PG/MC 111-06 - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 1119 - Condemnation - Urban Renewal or Economic Development - Required Findings - Judicial Review - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 1126 - Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program - Critical Area Commission - Authority - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 1137 - Real Property - Condemnation - Procedures and Compensation - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 1138 - Critical Areas Program - Resource Conservation Areas - Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge - Emergency Bill - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 1141 - Land Use - Comprehensive Plans - Plan Elements - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 1143 - Condemnation - Damages - Compensation for Assets of Business - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 1159 - Land Use - Local Planning Commission Plans - Open Space - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 1160 - Workforce Housing Grant Program - Establishment - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 1171 - Task Force on Sewage Sludge as an Alternative Energy Source - **((Unfavorable Report))**  
HB 1203 - Real Property - Condemnation - Procedures and Compensation - **((Died at end of Session))**

HB 1208 - Condemnation - Damages - Loss of Visibility - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1211 - Task Force on Green Building - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 1220 - Environment - Sewage Sludge - Evaluate Potential as Alternative Energy Source - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1224 - Eminent Domain - Allegany County - Condemnation for Public Use and Repurchase of Condemned Property - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1233 - Eminent Domain - Garrett County - Condemnation for Public Use and Repurchase of Condemned Property - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1239 - Annexation Planning and Procedures Act of 2006 - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 1241 - Environment - Sewage Sludge - Use as Alternative Energy Source - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1254 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and Rural Legacy Program - Bonus Density - Prohibition - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1260 - Municipal Corporations - Building Excise Tax - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 1268 - Land Use - Transfer of Development Rights - Restriction - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1272 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and Rural Legacy Program - Priority Preservation Areas - Protecting Public Investment in Land Preservation - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1277 - Protected Lands - Local Land Use Applications - County Authority - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 1326 - Environment - Groundwater Contamination - Notification and Reimbursement of Costs - **Withdrawn**  
 HB 1346 - Real Property - Condemnation - Computation of Damages for the Taking of Residential Real Property - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1377 - Real Property - Condemnation for Public Purpose - Requirements and Compensation - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1407 - Washington County - Building Excise Tax - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 1410 - Property Protection Act of 2006 - Constitutional Amendment - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1427 - Real Property - Eminent Domain - Repurchase of Condemned Property - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1576 - Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Marketing and Infrastructure Improvement Program - **Withdrawn**  
 HB 1588 - Environment - Water Pollution Control - Patuxent River Watershed - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 1635 - Minorities Outreach and Involvement in the Environmental Community Program - **Withdrawn**  
 HB 1640 - Maryland Growth Management Act of 2006 - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 1670 - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Approval for Construction or Operation - Baltimore County - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 1671 - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Approval for Construction or Operation - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 1683 - Local Government - Adequate Public Facilities Legislation - Requirements for Ordinance Adopted by a Municipal Corporation - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1725 - Howard County - New Town Zoning District - Consolidation of Land - Emergency Bill - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 1739 - Statewide Blue Ribbon Commission on Base Realignment and Closures - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HJ 0006 - USS Forrestal CVA-59 World Super Aircraft Carrier Museum - **Withdrawn**  
 HJ 0007 - Chesapeake Bay - Cleanup and Restoration - Federal Funding - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**

#### **Elderly and Individuals With Disabilities-Related**

SB 0139 - Vehicle Laws - Vehicle Registration Fees - Discount for Seniors - **Unfavorable Report**  
 SB 0161 - Vehicle Laws - Registration Fees - Discount for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - **Unfavorable Report**  
 SB 0272 - Income Tax - Credit for Motorized Shopping Carts - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 SB 0382 - Homeowners' Property Tax Credits - Senior Citizen Homeowners - **((Signed into Law by Governor. Now Chapter 27 of Maryland Code))**  
 SB 0395 - Prince George's County - Property Tax - Credit for Individuals over Age 65 - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 SB 0581 - Retail Establishments - Individuals with Disabilities - Accommodations - **Unfavorable Report**  
 SB 1081 - St. Mary's County - Property Tax Credit for Individuals Over Age 70 - Repeal of Sunset - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 0113 - Anne Arundel County - Property Tax Credit for Senior Citizens - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 0266 - Anne Arundel County - Property Tax - Credit for Individuals over Age 70 - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 0288 - Local Property Tax - Credit for Individuals at Least 75 Years Old - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 0365 - Vehicle Laws - Registration Fees - Discount for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 0560 - Frederick County - Property Tax Credit - Individuals of Age 70 or Older - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 0623 - St. Mary's County - Property Tax Credit for Individuals Over Age 70 - Repeal of Sunset - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 0695 - Vehicle Laws - Medical Advisory Board - Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 0724 - Property Tax Assessment - Agricultural Use Property - Elderly or Disabled Property Owner - **((Signed into Law by Governor. Now Chapter 98 Of Maryland Code))**  
 HB 0773 - Income Tax - Credit for Motorized Shopping Carts - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 0940 - Property Tax - Assessment Freeze for Elderly Homeowners - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 0976 - Motor Vehicle Insurance - Accident Prevention Courses - Discount for Seniors - **Withdrawn**  
 HB 1374 - Motor Vehicle Administration - Drivers' Licenses - Renewal - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1498 - Income Tax Credit for Aging-in-Place Home Modifications - **((Died at end of Session))**

#### **Highway-Related**

SB 0052 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Membership - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 SB 0168 - Vehicle Laws - Weight Violations on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge - Penalties - **((Signed into Law by Governor. Now Chapter 24 of Maryland Code.))**  
 SB 0338 - Transportation - Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge - Second Companion Span - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0511 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Chesapeake Bay Bridge - Tolls - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0513 - Queen Anne's County - Maryland Transportation Authority - Transportation Facilities Projects - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0573 - John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway - Toll Collection - Automatic Vehicle Identification Decals - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0864 - Northern Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing with Terminus in Kent County - Prohibition on Planning, Financing, and Construction - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0234 - John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway - Toll Collection - Automatic Vehicle Identification Decals - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0659 - University of Maryland, College Park - Campus Traffic Study - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 1023 - Task Force to Study the Sound Barrier Policy of the State Highway Administration - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 1341 - Northern Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing with Terminus in Kent County - Prohibition on Planning, Financing, and Construction - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 1559 - Vehicle Laws - Weight Violations on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge - Penalties - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**

#### **Other Transportation-Related**

SB 0177 - Fines for Parking Violations - Late Fees - Restrictions in Baltimore City - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0285 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Gasoline Service Stations on Kennedy Highway - Establishment in Service Areas - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
SB 0288 - Vehicle Laws - Race-Based Traffic Stops - Sunset Extension and Reporting Requirements - **((Signed into Law by Governor. Now Chapter 25 of Maryland Code))**  
SB 0296 - Local Government - Street Lighting Equipment - **((Unfavorable Report))**  
SB 0503 - Business Regulation - Motor Fuel - Below Cost Sales - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0632 - Commercial Law - Consumer Protection - Gasoline Pricing - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0781 - Business Regulation - Motor Fuel - Below Cost Sales - **Withdrawn**  
SB 0788 - Maryland Port Administration - Transfer to Department of Business and Economic Development - **Failed on Senate Floor**  
HB 0127 - Business Regulation - Motor Fuel - Below Cost Sales - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0793 - Montgomery County - Highways - Prohibition on Use for Solicitation MC 606-06 - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0894 - Transportation - Task Force to Study General Aviation Issues in Maryland - Establishment - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 1469 - Transportation Facilities - Public-Private Partnerships - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 1555 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Transportation Facilities Projects - Acquisition - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 1657 - Local Government - Street Lighting Equipment - **((Unfavorable Report))**

#### **Public Transportation-Related**

SB 0366 - Transportation - Passenger Railroad Service Lines - Closure of MARC Train Stations - Emergency Bill - **((Became law without Governor's signature per Maryland Constitution. Now Chapter 18 of Maryland Code.))**  
SB 0520 - Carroll County - Local Government Tort Claims Act - Inclusion of Specified Nonprofit Entities - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0580 - Maryland Transit Administration - Greater Baltimore Bus Initiative - Required Public Hearings - Emergency Bill - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0655 - Citizens' Advisory Council for the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0699 - Transportation - Metrorail Green Line Extension to BWI - Study - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0827 - Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory Council - Establishment - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0828 - Maryland Transit Administration - Public Hearings - **Withdrawn**  
SB 0829 - Transportation - Heavy Rail Transit - Federal Funding - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0837 - Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line - Required Considerations - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0850 - Transportation Funding - Mass Transit - Funding Study - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
SB 0857 - Maryland Transit Administration - Public Hearings - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0873 - Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line - Requirements - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0172 - Property Tax - Exemptions - Bus Passenger Shelters - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0668 - Carroll County - Local Government Tort Claims Act - Inclusion of Specified Nonprofit Entities - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0755 - Transportation - Passenger Railroad Service - Maryland Transit Pass (Smart Card) Program - Emergency Bill - **Withdrawn**  
HB 0756 - Transportation - Passenger Railroad Service Lines - Closure of MARC Train Stations - Emergency Bill - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0757 - Transportation - Passenger Railroad Service Lines - Station Closures - Emergency Bill - **Withdrawn**  
HB 0965 - Maryland Transit Administration - Commuter Bus Lines - Anne Arundel and Queen Anne's Counties - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0981 - Transportation Funding - Mass Transit - Sales and Use Tax - **((Unfavorable Report))**  
HB 1022 - Transportation - Mass Transit - Inspectors General and Governance of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority - **Withdrawn**  
HB 1305 - Transportation - Heavy Rail Transit - Federal Funding - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 1306 - Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line - Required Considerations - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 1307 - Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory Council - Establishment - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 1308 - Maryland Transit Administration - Public Hearings - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 1309 - Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line - Requirements - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 1345 - Transportation Funding - Mass Transit - Funding Study - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**

HB 1392 - Transportation Funding - Mass Transit - Sales and Use Tax - **((Unfavorable Report))**  
HB 1402 - Maryland Transit Administration - Greater Baltimore Bus Initiative - Required Public Hearings - Emergency Bill - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 1632 - Transportation - Metrorail Green Line Extension to BWI - Study - **((Died at end of Session))**

#### **Telecommuting and Travel Substitution-Related**

SB 0030 - State Employee Teleworking Act - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0753 - Cooperatives - Rural Broadband Telecommunication Services - Organization - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
SB 0789 - Creation of a State Debt - Statewide Fiber Optic Network - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 1013 - Income Tax Subtraction Modification for Cost of Employee Teleworking Expenses - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 1025 - State Employee Teleworking Act - **Withdrawn**  
HB 1156 - Cooperatives - Rural Broadband Telecommunication Services - Organization - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 1511 - Creation of a State Debt - Statewide Fiber Optic Network - **Unfavorable Report**

#### **Traffic Operations, Public Safety, and Transportation Safety-Related**

SB 0007 - Vehicle Laws - Alleys - Speed Limits - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0053 - Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving Penalties - High Alcohol Concentration - Mandatory Ignition Interlock System - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0079 - Vehicle Laws - Standing or Parking Near Crosswalks - Baltimore City - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
SB 0163 - Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders - Exceptions - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0228 - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Young Drivers - License Suspension - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
SB 0240 - Baltimore City - Special Traffic Enforcement Officers - Jurisdiction - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
SB 0254 - Criminal Law - Homicide by Motor Vehicle - Traveling Twice the Posted Speed Limit - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0279 - Vehicle Laws - Mandatory Seat Belt Use - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0315 - Motor Vehicles - Motorized Minibikes - Standards and Requirements - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0320 - Public Safety - Emergency Management - Essential Goods and Services - Emergency Bill - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0358 - Vehicle Laws - Emergency Contacts - Notation on Driver's License or Identification Card - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0374 - Baltimore City - Special Traffic Enforcement Officers - Authority to Issue Warnings - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0424 - Alcoholic Beverage Violations - Drivers' Licenses and Driving Privileges - Suspensions - **Withdrawn**  
SB 0429 - Vehicle Laws - Right-of-Way - Penalties for Failure to Yield - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0538 - Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear for Motorcycle Riders - Required Warning - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0546 - Criminal Law - Reckless Endangerment - Use of a Motor Vehicle - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0558 - Criminal Offenses - Driving Without a License - Arrest, Impoundment, and Penalties - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
SB 0577 - Vehicle Laws - Finding of High Alcohol Concentration - Sentencing - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0635 - Alcohol- or Drug-Related Crimes - Prohibitions Against Causing Serious Physical Injury - **Withdrawn**  
SB 0701 - Vehicle Laws - Overtaking and Passing Vehicles - **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0708 - Vehicle Laws - Finding of High Alcohol Concentration - Prohibition on Probation Before Judgment – Mandatory Penalties - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0718 - Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving Penalties - Court-Ordered Use of Ignition Interlock System - **Withdrawn**  
SB 0719 - Drinking Driver Monitor Program - Ignition Interlock System Requirement - **Withdrawn**  
SB 0750 - Vehicle Laws - Study of the Effectiveness of Traffic Control Signal and Speed Monitoring Systems – **Unfavorable Report**  
SB 0757 - Driver's License Suspension and Revocation - Alcoholic Beverages Violations - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0760 - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Refusal to Take a Blood or Breath Test - Prohibition - **Withdrawn**  
SB 0846 - Vehicle Laws - Bicycles and Motor Scooters - Operation and Equipment - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
SB 0855 - Criminal Law - Manslaughter by Vehicle or Vessel - Criminal Negligence - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 0871 - Vehicle Laws - Bicycles, EPAMDs, and Motor Scooters - Rules of the Road - **((Unfavorable Report))**  
SB 0886 - Vehicle Laws - Driving While License Suspended - Causing Bodily Injury or Death - **((Unfavorable Report))**  
SB 0965 - Waters - Vessels - Operating Recklessly or Negligently - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
SB 1031 - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Refusal to Take a Blood or Breath Test - Prohibition - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 1035 - State Highway Administration - Protection of Highway Construction and Maintenance Workers - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SB 1073 - Vehicle Laws - Eluding a Police Officer - Offenses, Penalties, and Forfeiture - **((Died at end of Session))**  
SJ 0014 - Ports - Delay of the Sale of Port Operations - **Withdrawn**  
HB 0030 - Vehicle Laws - Distracted Driving and Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Driving - Prohibitions - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0050 - Income Tax - Credit for Homeland Security Expenses - **((Died at end of Session))**  
HB 0083 - Vehicle Laws - Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems - Repeal - **Unfavorable Report**  
HB 0124 - Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving Penalties - Court-Ordered Use of Ignition Interlock System - **Withdrawn**  
HB 0125 - Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving Penalties - High Alcohol Concentration - Mandatory Ignition Interlock System - **Withdrawn**  
HB 0126 - Vehicle Laws - Probation for Drunk Driving - Mandatory Use of Ignition Interlock System - **Withdrawn**  
HB 0143 - Motor Vehicles - Motor Scooters, Mopeds, and Other Motorized Minibikes - Standards and Requirements - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0182 - Baltimore City - Special Traffic Enforcement Officers - Jurisdiction - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0217 - Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving Penalties - License Suspension Modification or License Restriction - Additional Qualifying Circumstances - **Withdrawn**  
HB 0310 - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Young Drivers - License Suspension - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
HB 0409 - Vehicle Laws - Window Tint - Inspection by Licensed Inspection Stations - **Withdrawn**

HB 0417 - Vehicle Laws - Fatality or Life-Threatening Injury - Tests for Alcohol, Drugs, or Controlled Dangerous Substances - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 0496 - Motor Scooters and Mopeds - Protective Headgear - Requirement - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 0524 - Criminal Offenses - Driving Without a License - Arrest, Impoundment, and Penalties - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 0525 - Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving Penalties - High Alcohol Concentration - Mandatory Ignition Interlock System - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 0545 - Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving Penalties - Mandatory Use of Ignition Interlock System for a First Conviction - **Withdrawn**  
 HB 0550 - Criminal Law - Manslaughter by Vehicle or Vessel - Criminal Negligence - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 0580 - Public Safety - Emergency Management - Essential Goods and Services - Emergency Bill - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 0620 - Alcoholic Beverage Violations - Drivers' Licenses and Driving Privileges - Suspensions - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 0644 - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Refusal to Take a Blood or Breath Test - Prohibition - **((Withdrawn))**  
 HB 0661 - Driving While Impaired and Refusal to Take a Blood or Breath Test - Points - **((Withdrawn))**  
 HB 0721 - Vehicle Laws - Bicycles, EPAMDS, and Motor Scooters - Rules of the Road - **((Unfavorable Report))**  
 HB 0727 - Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders - Exceptions - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 0770 - Emergency Management - Evacuation Plans for Regulated Facilities - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 0817 - Vehicle Laws - Commercial Vehicles - Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Driving - Prohibitions - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 0821 - Drunk and Drugged Driving and Homicide or Life-Threatening Injury by Motor Vehicle or Vessel Offenses - Probation Before Judgment - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 0825 - Alcoholic Beverage Violations - Drivers' Licenses and Driving Privileges - Suspensions - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 0832 - Vehicle Laws - Stopping, Standing, or Parking After Turning - Prohibition - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 0858 - Vehicle Laws - Baltimore County - Speed Monitoring Systems - Liberty Road - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 0888 - Vehicle Laws - Baltimore County Alleys - Maximum Speed Limit - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 0890 - Motor Vehicle Laws - Alleys - Maximum Speed Limits - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 0943 - Vehicle Laws - Bicycles and Motor Scooters - Operation and Equipment - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 1007 - Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear for Motorcycle Riders - Required Warning - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1057 - Criminal Law - Reckless Endangerment - Use of a Motor Vehicle - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 1150 - Moving Violations - Death - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 1196 - Vehicle Laws - Overtaking and Passing Vehicles - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1218 - Vehicle Laws - Driving While License Suspended - Causing Bodily Injury or Death - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1315 - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Repeat Offenders - Special Registration Plates - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1351 - State Highway Administration - Bridges - Installation of Throwable Flotation Devices - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1383 - Vehicle Laws - Right-of-Way - Penalties for Failure to Yield - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 1415 - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Subsequent Offenders - Penalties - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 1540 - Low Speed Vehicles - Slow Moving Vehicle Emblem - Application - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 1734 - State Highway Administration - Protection of Highway Construction and Maintenance Workers - **((Died at end of Session))**

#### Transportation Funding-Related

SB 0110 - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2007) - **Passed both houses. Automatically became law per Maryland Constitution**  
 SB 0176 - Motor Vehicles - Class G (Trailer) Vehicles - Registration - **Unfavorable Report**  
 SB 0245 - Baltimore City - Highway User Revenues - Authorized Use - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 SB 0891 - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Historic Main Street Ellicott City Parking Garage Ho. Co. 3-06 - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 SB 0963 - Taxpayers' Bill of Rights - Constitutional Amendment - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 0046 - Waterway Improvement Fund - Funding - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 0051 - Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Trailers - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 0150 - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2007) - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 0177 - Baltimore City - Highway User Revenues - Authorized Use - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 0466 - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Historic Main Street Ellicott City Parking Garage Ho. Co. 3-06 - **Unfavorable Report**  
 HB 0561 - Frederick County - Building Excise Tax - Road Projects - **((Awaits Signature / Veto by Governor))**  
 HB 0571 - Waterway Improvement Fund - Repayment of Funds - **((Died at end of Session))**  
 HB 1444 - Taxpayers' Bill of Rights - Constitutional Amendment - **((Died at end of Session))**

## 2006 SENATE BILLS

### SB 0003 - Real Property - Condemnation - Procedures and Compensation

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator James E. DeGrange, Sr. (D-Anne Arundel Co.). SB 0003 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a specified government unit to make specified findings in writing before condemning and transferring private property to a private party for economic development purposes; establish a specified standard for judicial review of a government unit's findings; establish that damages awarded for the taking of property used for a business or farm operation may include specified damages for the loss of "goodwill" under specified circumstances; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0003 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0005 - Agricultural Stewardship Act of 2006**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. (D-Calvert Co., Prince George's Co.), et. al. SB 0005 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee, and the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would clarify the use of specified funding for specified programs; establish a specified internship at the University of Maryland, College Park; establish a program for priority preservation areas; encourage the Governor to make specified appropriations to specified agricultural programs in the State; support the promotion of agricultural education in the State; require the University System of Maryland to conduct specified research; and establish an Incentives for Agriculture Task Force.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0005 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0006 - Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School - Cessation of Operations - Transfer of Property**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Katherine A. Klausmeier (D-Baltimore Co.). SB 0006 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the transfer of the real property and all rights of physical control over the real property of the Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School to the Department of Natural Resources if the Department of Juvenile Services ceases to operate the school in a certain manner; require certain transferred property to become a part of Gunpowder Falls State Park; and generally relating to the Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0006 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0007 - Vehicle Laws - Alleys - Speed Limits**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Katherine A. Klausmeier (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. SB 0007 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a speed limit in alleys where vehicles are being driven; and generally relating to vehicular speed limits.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0007 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

### **SB 0009 - Eminent Domain - Public Use**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John C. Astle (D-Anne Arundel Co.). SB 0009 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish that private property may not be acquired by condemnation unless it is necessary for public use; define "public use"; and generally relating to the acquisition of private property by condemnation.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0009 died at end of session.

### **SB 0030 - State Employee Teleworking Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0020 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a Teleworking Implementation Program; require the Secretary of Budget and Management to establish a telework policy for agencies in the Executive Branch of State government; require each agency in the Executive Branch of State government to submit a telework plan to the Department of Budget and Management; specify the contents of the Telework plan; require each agency to offer a certain percentage of eligible employees the opportunity to telework by a certain date; require an agency to adopt certain regulations and guidelines; require the Secretary to annually submit a certain report; and generally relating to the Teleworking Implementation Program.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0117) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0030 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

### **SB 0035 - Baltimore County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Andrew P. Harris (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.). SB 0035 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation proposes amendments to the Maryland Constitution to limit the condemnation of private property in Baltimore County under certain circumstances; define a certain term; and submit this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0035 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0050 - Motor Fuel Tax - Exemption for Biodiesel Fuel - Queen Anne's County**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Queen Anne's Co.). SB 0050 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would exempt biodiesel fuel purchased for use in Queen Anne's County government vehicles and school buses from the State motor fuel tax; provide for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to motor fuel tax exemptions for biodiesel fuel.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0448) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0050 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

### **SB 0052 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Membership**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Queen Anne's Co.). SB 0052 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would increase the number of appointed members of the Maryland Transportation Authority; prohibit an appointed member of the Authority from being an employee of the Executive Branch of the State government; require that certain appointed members have expertise in certain specialties; establish that the terms of the appointed members of the Authority are staggered as provided in this Act; provide for the expiration of the terms of the appointed members of the Authority; limit the number of terms that an appointed member of the Authority may serve; make a stylistic change; and generally relating to the membership of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0627) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0052 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0053 - Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving Penalties - High Alcohol Concentration - Mandatory Ignition Interlock System**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John A. Giannetti, Jr. (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.). SB 0053 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a court to prohibit a person convicted of, or granted probation for, certain alcohol-related driving offenses from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with a certain ignition interlock system for a certain minimum amount of time if the person, at the time of the offense, took a test that indicated that the alcohol concentration level of the person's blood or breath was at least a certain concentration; make technical corrections; and generally relating to drunk driving.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0053 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0054 - State-Owned Vehicles - State Fleet Biodiesel Fuel Usage Act of 2006**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John A. Giannetti, Jr. (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.). SB 0054 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the State to ensure that at least a certain percentage of vehicles using diesel fuel in the State vehicle fleet in certain fiscal years use a blend of fuel containing at least a certain percentage of biodiesel fuel; define a certain term; and generally relating to the use of biodiesel fuel in State vehicles.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0427) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0054 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0069 - Maryland Energy Administration - Solar Energy Grant Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** The President of the Senate (By Request - Departmental Bill). SB 0069 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would expand the Solar Energy Grant Program to include grants for small wind generators; increase the maximum amount in grants for photovoltaic property on residential or nonresidential property; and alter definitions to include wind generation.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0069 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **SB 0079 - Vehicle Laws - Standing or Parking Near Crosswalks - Baltimore City**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator George W. Della, Jr. (D-Baltimore City). SB 0079 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would exempt Baltimore City from statewide provisions prohibiting a person from standing or parking a vehicle within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection; authorize Baltimore City to regulate the distance from specified crosswalks at intersections in Baltimore City within which a person may not stand or park a vehicle; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0139) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0079 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0100 - Critical Areas Program - Resource Conservation Areas - Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge - Emergency Bill**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator James Brochin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. SB 0100 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the use of growth allocation for the development of property in resource conservation areas that is located within 1,000 feet of a specified tributary in Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0100 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **SB 0110 - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2007)**

**Sponsor/Status:** The President of the Senate (By Request - Administration Bill). SB 0125 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee. Action on the state budget is in the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee this year.

**Purpose:** This legislation would make the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0110 passed both houses, and automatically became law as per Maryland Constitution.

### **SB 0139 - Vehicle Laws - Vehicle Registration Fees - Discount for Seniors**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator James Brochin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. SB 0139 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would reduce annual motor vehicle registration fees for Class A (passenger) vehicles, specified Class E (truck) vehicles, and specified Class M (multipurpose) vehicles owned by individuals who are at least 65 years of age.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0139 received an unfavorable report from the House Judicial Proceedings Committee.

### **SB 0154 - Healthy Air Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Paul G. Pinsky (D-Prince George's Co.), et. al. SB 0154 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish limits on the emissions of oxides of nitrogen, sulfur dioxide, mercury, and carbon dioxide from specified facilities by specified dates; require the Department of the Environment to set emissions budgets; require the Governor to include the State in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative or require the Department to adopt regulations to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from affected facilities; establish a Maryland Carbon Reduction Fund; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0154 was signed into law by the Governor. It is now Chapter 23 of the Maryland Code.

### **SB 0155 - Harford County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority - Constitutional Amendment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Andrew P. Harris (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et. al. SB 0155 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would propose amendments to the Maryland Constitution to limit the condemnation of private property in Harford County under specified

circumstances; define "public use"; and submit this amendment to the qualified voters for their adoption or rejection.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0155 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0161 - Vehicle Laws - Registration Fees - Discount for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. SB 0161 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation provide that for the renewal of a motor vehicle registration the annual registration fee shall be reduced by 50% for disabled individuals and individuals 70 years old or older if all owners of the vehicle meet specified requirements and the vehicle is driven less than 5,000 miles annually; provide that the registration fee reduction does not apply to the first issuance of a registration to the owner of a motor vehicle after title or interest transfers to that owner; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0201) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0161 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

### **SB 0163 - Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders - Exceptions**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John J. Hafer (R-Allegany Co., Garrett Co., Washington Co.), et. al. SB 0163 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide exceptions to the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without protective headgear; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0611) was introduced in the 2004 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0163 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0167 - Electric Companies - Net Energy Metering - Accrual of Generated Electricity**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Leonard H. Teitelbaum (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0167 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would allow customer-generators who own and operate solar, wind, or biomass electric generating facilities, and who use net energy metering, to accrue electricity generating credit for 12 months; require an electric company to carry forward a negative kilowatt-hour reading until the customer-generator's consumption from the grid eliminates the credit or the accrual period expires; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0167 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0168 - Vehicle Laws - Weight Violations on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge - Penalties**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Queen Anne's Co.), et. al. SB 0168 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish fines for specified vehicle weight limit violations on the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial (Chesapeake Bay) Bridge or its appurtenant approaches within the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0168 was approved by both houses, and signed into law by the Governor. It is now Chapter 24 of the Maryland Code.

### **SB 0173 - Property Protection Act of 2006 - Constitutional Amendment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator J. Lowell Stoltzfus (R-Somerset Co., Wicomico Co., Worcester Co.), et. al. SB 0173 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would propose amendments to the Maryland Constitution to limit the condemnation of private property under specified circumstances; define "public use"; generally relating to the laws authorizing private property to be taken for public use after payment of just compensation; and submit the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0173 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0174 - Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Exemption**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator J. Lowell Stoltzfus (R-Somerset Co., Wicomico Co., Worcester Co.), et. al. SB 0174 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal the requirement that users of onsite sewage disposal systems and holding tanks pay Bay restoration fees; repeal provisions of law relating to the identification of users of onsite sewage disposal systems and holding tanks, and the collection and accounting of fees from these users; alter the uses of the Bay Restoration Fund; and repeal provisions of law relating to education, outreach, and upgrade programs for owners of onsite sewage disposal systems and holding tanks.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0174 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

### **SB 0176 - Motor Vehicles - Class G (Trailer) Vehicles - Registration**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator George W. Della, Jr. (D-Baltimore City). SB 0176 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the owner of a Class G (trailer) vehicle to register the vehicle with the Motor Vehicle Administration for 1 or 2 years and provide for the calculation of the amount of a 2-year registration fee.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0176 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

### **SB 0177 - Fines for Parking Violations - Late Fees - Restrictions in Baltimore City**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator George W. Della, Jr. (D-Baltimore City). SB 0177 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit Baltimore City from charging a person issued a citation for a parking violation who has failed either to pay the fine by a specified date or to file a notice of intent to stand trial by a specified date more than one late fee or a late fee exceeding \$25.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0279) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0177 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

### **SB 0221 - Public Utility Companies - Net Energy Metering**

**Sponsor/Status:** The President of the Senate (By Request - Administration Bill), et. al. SB 0221 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize an eligible customer-generator to carry over to the next 12-month period any remaining amount of excess energy generated in a month as a credit against billings for net energy supplied; increase to 500 kilowatts the maximum capacity of an electric generating system used by an eligible customer-generator for net metering; and repeal a petition requirement for installing a generating system of specified capacity.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0221 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0223 - Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** The President of the Senate (By Request - Administration Bill), et. al. SB 0223 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal specified preferences for awarding initial credit certificates to commercial rehabilitations under the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program; repeal a limit on award of initial credit certificates for a single jurisdiction; increase the time to complete commercial rehabilitations for purposes of the credit; extend the termination date of the program to 2012; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0223 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0228 - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Young Drivers - License Suspension**

**Sponsor/Status:** The President of the Senate (By Request - Administration Bill), et. al. SB 0228 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend for a specified period of time the driver's license of a person who is adjudicated delinquent or found to have committed a delinquent act without an adjudication of delinquency by reason of a violation of specified alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses or who is under a specified age and is convicted of specified alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0252) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0228 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0231 - Maryland Energy Administration - Solar and Wind Energy Grant Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** The President of the Senate (By Request - Administration Bill), et. al. SB 0231 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would expand the Solar and Wind Energy Grant Program to include grants for small wind generators; increase the maximum amount of grants for photovoltaic property on residential or nonresidential property; and alter definitions to include wind generation.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0231 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

### **SB 0240 - Baltimore City - Special Traffic Enforcement Officers - Jurisdiction**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Nathaniel J. McFadden (D-Baltimore Co.) (By Request - Baltimore City Administration). SB 0240 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the jurisdiction of special traffic enforcement officers of Baltimore City.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0240 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0245 - Baltimore City - Highway User Revenues - Authorized Use**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Nathaniel J. McFadden (D-Baltimore Co.) (By Request - Baltimore City Administration). SB 0245 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would extend through fiscal year 2010 the authorization for Baltimore City to use local highway user revenues for students' costs of discounted Maryland Transit Administration fares for eligible public school students in Baltimore City.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0245 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0254 - Criminal Law - Homicide by Motor Vehicle - Traveling Twice the Posted Speed Limit**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Leo E. Green (D-Prince George's Co.). SB 0254 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a person from causing the death of another while driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle traveling at least twice the posted maximum speed limit in an area where the posted maximum speed limit is at least 40 miles per hour; and establish a penalty.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0254 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

### **SB 0257 - Critical Areas Program - Resource Conservation Areas - National Wildlife Refuges - Emergency Bill**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator James Brochin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. SB 0257 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the use of growth allocation for the development of property that is designated as a resource conservation area and that is located adjacent to or within 1,000 feet of the waters of a major tidal tributary of a national wildlife refuge.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0257 failed on the Senate floor.

### **SB 0266 - Clean Power Grant Fund - Maryland-Mined Coal Tax Credit**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0266 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the Clean Power Grant Fund; establish that the purpose of the Fund is to provide grants to specified electric generating facilities for 40% of the costs of acquiring and installing specified emission controls; require the Secretary of the Environment to administer the Fund; establish the composition of the Fund; require the Department to adopt regulations for administering the Fund; provide for specified incremental reductions of the Maryland-mined coal tax credit; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0266 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

### **SB 0267 - State Buildings Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0267 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Department of General Services, in cooperation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to set specified energy performance standards to require reductions of energy consumption in State buildings by specified dates; require State agencies to conduct energy consumption analyses; require State agencies to update energy conservation plans; and generally relating to improving energy efficiency and conservation in State buildings.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0267 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0268 - Mandatory Participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0268 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Governor to include the State in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative as soon as internal procedures exist for the addition of new member states.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0268 received an unfavorable report from the House Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

### **SB 0272 - Income Tax - Credit for Motorized Shopping Carts**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator J. Robert Hooper (R-Harford Co.), et. al. SB 0272 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide for a credit against the State income tax for the purchase of motorized shopping carts for use by individuals with disabilities under specified conditions; provide for limitations of the number of credits that may be claimed for each business location during the taxable year; provide that the credit may not exceed the lesser of \$1,000 or the State income tax for that taxable year and that any unused credit may be carried over to another taxable year; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0272 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0279 - Vehicle Laws - Mandatory Seat Belt Use**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Ida G. Ruben (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0279 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would expand the application of specified mandatory seat belt requirements by prohibiting a person who is at least 16 years old from being a passenger in any seat of a motor vehicle unless the person is restrained by a seat belt; and limit a police officer to enforcing a violation of mandatory seat belt use laws with respect to rear seat passengers only as a secondary action when the police officer detains a driver suspected of violating another provision of law.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0560) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0279 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

### **SB 0285 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Gasoline Service Stations on Kennedy Highway - Establishment in Service Areas**

**Sponsor/Status:** Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee (By Request - Departmental Bill). SB 0285 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter a provision of law governing the establishment of gasoline service stations at service areas on the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0285 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0288 - Vehicle Laws - Race-Based Traffic Stops - Sunset Extension and Reporting Requirements**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Nathaniel J. McFadden (D-Baltimore Co.) (By Request - Baltimore City Administration). SB 0288 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would extend until August 31, 2011, the termination of specified provisions of law concerning the collection, analysis, and reporting of information relating to traffic stops; extend until December 31, 2010, the requirements for law enforcement to record and report to the Maryland Justice Analysis Center specified information relating to traffic stops, including the race of the driver; extending the deadline for the Maryland Justice Analysis Center to issue a final report; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0288 was approved by both houses, and signed into law by the Governor. It is now Chapter 25 of the Maryland Code.

## **SB 0296 - Local Government - Street Lighting Equipment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Sharon M. Grosfeld (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0296 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize a local government to purchase street lighting equipment from an electric company; require a local government to pay fair market value for the purchase of street lighting equipment; and provide that specified provisions of law regarding high voltage lines do not apply to the maintenance of street lighting equipment by a local government that owns the street lighting equipment.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0296 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

## **SB 0314 - Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act of 2006**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John J. Hafer (R-Allegany Co., Garrett Co., Washington Co.), et. al. SB 0314 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide for an income tax credit for renewable energy to cover facilities placed in service on or after January 1, 2006, but before January 1, 2011; expand the definition of qualified energy resources under the credit; require the Maryland Energy Administration to issue initial credit certificates to qualified energy producers and energy aggregators or brokers under specified circumstances; allow the credit to be claimed in addition to the federal income tax credit for renewable energy; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0633) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0314 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

## **SB 0315 - Motor Vehicles - Motorized Minibikes - Standards and Requirements**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator George W. Della, Jr. (D-Baltimore City). SB 0315 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the definition of "motor vehicle" to include motor scooters, mopeds, and other motorized minibikes; establish a motor vehicle classification and registration fee for motorized minibikes; authorize the State Highway Administration or a local authority to prohibit the use of a controlled access highway

under its jurisdiction by a person operating a motorized minibike; establish specified equipment standards for motorized minibikes; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0315 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

### **SB 0320 - Public Safety - Emergency Management - Essential Goods and Services - Emergency Bill**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Leo E. Green (D-Prince George's Co.), et. al. SB 0320 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a person from selling or offering to sell essential goods or services during a state of emergency for a price of more than 10% above the price charged by that person for those goods or services 14 days prior to the state of emergency; prohibit a person from selling or offering to sell repair or reconstruction services or services used for emergency cleanup for a price of more than 10% above the price charged by that person for those services immediately prior to the state of emergency; create an exception; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0556) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0320 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0326 - Procurement - State-Owned Vehicles - Hybrid Vehicles**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator James Brochin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. SB 0326 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require 75% of the State vehicle fleet to be hybrid vehicles beginning in fiscal year 2015; and provide that the Act does not apply to specified emergency vehicles.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0326 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

### **SB 0335 - Tax Credit for Maryland-Mined Coal**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John J. Hafer (R-Allegany Co., Garrett Co., Washington Co.). SB 0335 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter tax credits allowed against specified taxes for the purchase of Maryland-mined coal; limit the credit to the amount approved by the Department of Assessments and Taxation; limit the total amount of credits that the Department may approve for specified calendar years to specified amounts; allow a credit against specified taxes for new or retrofitted facilities using specified technology that use Maryland-mined coal; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0335 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0337 - Income Tax - Credit for Preservation and Conservation Easements - Refundability**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Roy P. Dyson (D-Calvert Co., Charles Co., St. Mary's Co.). SB 0337 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal a specified limit on the amount of a credit against the Maryland income tax for preservation and conservation easements; make specified tax credits for preservation and conservation easements refundable under specified circumstances; and apply the Act to tax years after 2005.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0294) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0337 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

### **SB 0338 - Transportation - Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge - Second Companion Span**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Roy P. Dyson (D-Calvert Co., Charles Co., St. Mary's Co.). SB 0338 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Secretary of Transportation to include sufficient funds in the Consolidated Transportation Program for Fiscal Years 2007 through 2012 for the planning, design, and construction of a second companion span for the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge; and require the Secretary to make sufficient funds available for Fiscal Year 2007 for the planning and design of the second companion span; provide for the effective date of the Act; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislative history (SB 0292) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0338 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

### **SB 0350 - Task Force on Minority Participation in the Environmental Community**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Lisa A. Gladden (D-Baltimore City), et. al. SB 0350 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a Task Force on Minority Participation in the Environmental Community; require the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding methods of improving minority participation in the environmental community, methods of improving communication to minority communities, and methods of improving the flow of information and services into minority communities; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0350 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0358 - Vehicle Laws - Emergency Contacts - Notation on Driver's License or Identification Card**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Sandra B. Schrader (R-Howard Co.), et. al. SB 0358 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Motor Vehicle Administration to allow an applicant for a driver's license or identification card to designate three individuals as emergency contacts to contact if the applicant becomes incapacitated; require the Administration to make a notation on a driver's license or identification card indicating the fact that an applicant has designated an emergency contact; require the Administration to develop a database system that contains emergency contact telephone numbers; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0358 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0359 - Real Property - Recordation of Deeds - Conservation Easements**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Roy P. Dyson (D-Calvert Co., Charles Co., St. Mary's Co.), et. al. SB 0359 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish specified requirements for recording a deed transferring property that is encumbered by a conservation or preservation easement.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0359 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

### **SB 0360 - Income Tax Credit for Preservation and Conservation Easements - County Tax Credit Authorized**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Roy P. Dyson (D-Calvert Co., Charles Co., St. Mary's Co.), et. al. SB 0360 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the governing body of a county to permit a credit against the county income tax for preservation and conservation easements; authorize a county governing body to determine the amount of the credit and to place any limitations determined to be appropriate on the credit; and require a county that adopts a credit against the county income tax for preservation and conservation easements to notify the Comptroller prior to the taxable year in which the credit is applicable.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0293) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0360 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0361 - Property Tax - Assessment of Conservation Property**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Roy P. Dyson (D-Calvert Co., Charles Co., St. Mary's Co.), et. al. SB 0361 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the valuation and assessment for property tax purposes of specified property subject to specified perpetual conservation easements under specified circumstances; provide for a new subclass of real property for assessment purposes; and provide for the application of the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2006.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0295) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0361 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0366 - Transportation - Passenger Railroad Service Lines - Closure of MARC Train Stations - Emergency Bill**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0366 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the Mass Transit Administration from closing a station on specified passenger railroad service lines before March 6, 2007; and require the Administration to conduct a specified review and report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly before closing specified rail stations.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0366 became law without Governor's signature per Maryland Constitution. Now Chapter 18 of Maryland Code.

### **SB 0374 - Baltimore City - Special Traffic Enforcement Officers - Authority to Issue Warnings**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator George W. Della, Jr. (D-Baltimore City). SB 0374 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize a special traffic enforcement officer in Baltimore City to issue a warning to the same extent a police officer is authorized to issue a warning when the special traffic enforcement officer is exercising the officer's authority to control and direct pedestrian and vehicular traffic under specified laws and ordinances in specified locations.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0374 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0379 - Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Patuxent River Watershed**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Roy P. Dyson (D-Calvert Co., Charles Co., St. Mary's Co.), et al. SB 0379 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee, and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require upgrades to enhanced nutrient removal at specified sewage treatment plants in the Patuxent River watershed on or before January 1, 2011; make the upgrade of specified sewage treatment plants in the Patuxent River watershed a priority on or before January 1, 2011; and require the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to pay for funding for upgrading to enhanced nutrient removal for specified upgrades to specified sewage treatment plants in the Patuxent River watershed.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0379 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0382 - Homeowners' Property Tax Credits - Senior Citizen Homeowners**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Katherine A. Klausmeier (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. SB 0382 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the homeowners' property tax credit to provide a specified credit for specified senior citizens under specified circumstances; define terms; provide for the application of the Act; and generally relating to a specified homeowners' property tax credit for senior citizen homeowners.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0181) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0382 was approved by both houses and signed into law by the Governor. It is now Chapter 27 of the Maryland Code.

### **SB 0395 - Prince George's County - Property Tax - Credit for Individuals over Age 65**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Leo E. Green (D-Prince George's Co.). SB 0395 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the governing body of Prince George's County or of a municipal corporation in Prince George's County to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property of a dwelling owned by individuals at least 65 years old; authorize the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount, duration, and any other provision necessary to carry out the Act; and apply the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2006.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0395 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0416 - Environment - Groundwater Contamination - Notification and Reimbursement of Costs**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Joan Carter Conway (D-Baltimore City), et. al. SB 0416 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would clarify procedures for the notification of groundwater contamination findings by the Department of the Environment; alter procedures for the notification of property owners of groundwater contamination findings by the Department and county; and alter the requirements for reimbursement by responsible persons.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0416 died at the end of the session.

## **SB 0419 - Eminent Domain Reform Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Brian E. Frosh (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0419 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a condemning authority from condemning private property for economic development purposes unless specified conditions are met; alter the standard of proof and the standard for judicial review in specified condemnation proceedings; establish that specified business owners are entitled to compensation for goodwill; require specified condemnation actions to be filed within 3 years after the determination to acquire the property; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0419 died at the end of the session.

## **SB 0424 - Alcoholic Beverage Violations - Drivers' Licenses and Driving Privileges - Suspensions**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Jennie M. Forehand (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0424 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require courts to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration if a child or adult under the age of 21 years is found to have committed or is found guilty of specified alcoholic beverage violations; authorizing a court to order the Administration, after receiving a specified notice, to suspend a driver's license or driving privilege for specified periods; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0424 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

## **SB 0429 - Vehicle Laws - Right-of-Way - Penalties for Failure to Yield**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John A. Giannetti, Jr. (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.), et. al. SB 0429 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish that, if a person is convicted of failing to yield the right-of-way in violation of specified provisions of law and the violation contributes to an accident that results in bodily injury to another, the person is subject to a \$500 fine and a 90-day period of license suspension; establish a fine of \$1,000 and a 180-day period of license suspension if the violation contributes to an accident resulting in the death of another; providing that the penalties are in addition to other penalties provided by law; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0963) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0429 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0469 - Solar Energy Grant Fund**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0469 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a Solar Energy Grant Fund to be administered by the Maryland Energy Administration under Public Service Commission oversight for specified purposes; require the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller to perform specified functions related to the Solar Energy Grant Fund; authorize the Solar Energy Grant Fund to be used for grants to eligible projects; and limit the amount of funds that may be used for administrative expenses.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0469 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

### **SB 0488 - Real Property - Eminent Domain - Limitations on the Condemnation of Private Property**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator George W. Della, Jr. (D-Baltimore City). SB 0488 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit specified governmental units from acquiring private property by condemnation for specified purposes or if the property is intended to be transferred to a private person under specified circumstances; and provide the limitation in the Act does not apply to specified condemnations of private property under specified circumstances.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0488 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0493 - Land Preservation - Repayment of Transfers to General Fund**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Patrick J. Hogan (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0493 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would make applicable to fiscal years 2008 through 2011 a requirement scheduled to begin in fiscal 2012 that the Governor include in the annual budget bill a General Fund appropriation of a specified amount to a specified special fund; repeal an obsolete limitation on the requirement; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0493 died at the end of the session.

**SB 0495 - Ethics Law - Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee - Regulated Lobbyists**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Gwendolyn T. Britt (D-Prince George's Co.). SB 0495 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide that specified provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law related to conflicts of interest and the required termination of a lobbyist's registration do not apply under specified circumstances to a regulated lobbyist who serves on the Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0495 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

**SB 0503 - Business Regulation - Motor Fuel - Below Cost Sales**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Allan H. Kittleman (R-Carroll Co., Howard Co.). SB 0503 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal specified provisions of law that prohibit a retail service station dealer from selling motor fuel below cost; repeal specified provisions of law that require the Comptroller, on receipt of a specified complaint, to conduct a specified investigation within a specified amount of time; repeal specified penalties; and repeal the exemption for motor fuel sold by a retail service station dealer from the provisions of the Sales Below Cost Act.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0503 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

**SB 0505 - Howard County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority Ho. Co. 05-06 - Constitutional Amendment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Allan H. Kittleman (R-Carroll Co., Howard Co.). SB 0505 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would propose amendments to the Maryland Constitution to limit the condemnation of private property in Howard County to condemnation for public use; define the term "public use"; provide that the term "public use" does not include use for economic development purposes; prohibit the condemnation of private property in Howard County for urban renewal projects; and submit the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0505 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0511 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Chesapeake Bay Bridge - Tolls**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Queen Anne's Co.). SB 0511 was assigned to the Senate Finance, and the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Maryland Transportation Authority to temporarily stop collecting tolls for the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge (Chesapeake Bay Bridge) under specified congested traffic conditions; require the Authority to resume collecting tolls when specified congested traffic conditions no longer exist; require the Authority to take specified action to obtain a necessary modification of a specified trust agreement; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0626) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0511 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0512 - Queen Anne's County - Property Tax Credits - Commercial Investment and Economic Development**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Queen Anne's Co.). SB 0512 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the governing body of Queen Anne's County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on businesses that make specified real property improvements; limit the maximum amount of the credit to a percentage of the increased assessment and limit the duration of the credit to 4 years; and provide for the implementation of the credit.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0512 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0513 - Queen Anne's County - Maryland Transportation Authority - Transportation Facilities Projects**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Queen Anne's Co.). SB 0513 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the Maryland Transportation Authority from making specified contracts or agreements regarding transportation facilities projects in Queen Anne's County without the approval of the Queen Anne's County Department of Planning and Zoning; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0513 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

### **SB 0520 - Carroll County - Local Government Tort Claims Act - Inclusion of Specified Nonprofit Entities**

**Sponsor/Status:** Carroll County Senators. SB 0520 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the definition of a "local government" under the Local Government Tort Claims Act to include the Carroll Area Transit System and the Humane Society of Carroll County, Inc., when providing animal control services for Carroll County, under a memorandum of understanding with the county.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0414) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0520 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0525 - Solar, Wind, and Geothermal Energy Grant Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Paul G. Pinsky (D-Prince George's Co.), et. al. SB 0525 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the Solar Energy Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to be the Solar, Wind, and Geothermal Grant Program; provide grants to individuals, local governments, and businesses for portions of the costs of acquiring and installing small wind property and geothermal property; alter the amounts of grants awarded under the Program; limit the grant award amount from the Program for geothermal property; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0525 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

### **SB 0526 - Eminent Domain - Moving, Relocation, and Reestablishment Expenses**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.). SB 0526 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the monetary maximum for payments to displaced persons for actual reasonable reestablishment expenses.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0274) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0526 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0536 - Annexation Planning and Procedures Act of 2006**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Paula C. Hollinger (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. SB 0536 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize a county and a municipal corporation to enter into a joint planning agreement under specified circumstances; provide for the process by which a county and a municipal corporation may enter into a joint planning agreement; provide for the contents of a joint planning agreement; require a county and a municipal corporation to each designate representatives that are authorized and competent to discuss issues with regard to a joint planning agreement; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0536 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0538 - Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear for Motorcycle Riders - Required Warning**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Alexander X. Mooney (R-Frederick Co., Washington Co.), et. al. SB 0538 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Motor Vehicle Administrator to require protective headgear sold in the State for motorcyclists to bear a specified warning; and make the Act applicable to protective headgear sold in the State on or after June 1, 2006.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0538 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0544 - Residential Property - Municipalities - Authority to Establish Condominium Regimes**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John A. Giannetti, Jr. (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.). SB 0544 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize a municipal corporation to establish a condominium regime on residential property owned by the municipal corporation.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0411) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0544 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0546 - Criminal Law - Reckless Endangerment - Use of a Motor Vehicle**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John A. Giannetti, Jr. (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.). SB 0564 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide that the prohibition against recklessly engaging in conduct that creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another does not apply to conduct involving the use of a motor vehicle if the exclusive proof of the reckless conduct would constitute a violation of specified provisions of law that prohibit driving while under the influence, of alcohol, or driving while impaired by any drug, a combination of drugs, or a combination of alcohol and drugs.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0546 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0558 - Criminal Offenses - Driving Without a License - Arrest, Impoundment, and Penalties**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Brian E. Frosh (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0558 was assigned to the Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a court from staying the entering of judgment and placing a defendant on probation for a second or subsequent violation of the offense of driving without a license; authorize a law enforcement officer who arrests or issues a citation to an individual for a violation of driving without a license to immediately impound the vehicle that the individual was operating; establish the conditions under which a vehicle impounded under specified circumstances may be released; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0558 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0573 - John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway - Toll Collection - Automatic Vehicle Identification Decals**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Nancy Jacobs (R-Cecil Co., Harford Co.), et. al. SB 0573 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Maryland Transportation Authority to accept at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway during specified hours the same Automatic Vehicle Identification electronic toll collection device that is accepted at the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0573 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0577 - Vehicle Laws - Finding of High Alcohol Concentration - Sentencing**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Ida G. Ruben (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0577 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a court from staying the entering of judgment and placing a defendant on probation before judgment for specified violations for which the trier of fact finds that the defendant had a specified alcohol concentration; and prohibiting a court from suspending a sentence or placing a defendant on probation for specified violations for which the trier of fact finds that the defendant had a specified alcohol concentration.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0577 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

### **SB 0580 - Maryland Transit Administration - Greater Baltimore Bus Initiative - Required Public Hearings - Emergency Bill**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Lisa A. Gladden (D-Baltimore City), et. al. SB 0580 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Maryland Transit Administration to hold three public hearings at three different locations, and on three different dates, before action may be taken on proposed changes to the Baltimore metropolitan bus service under the second phase of the Greater Baltimore Bus Initiative; make the Act an emergency measure; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0580 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0581 - Retail Establishments - Individuals with Disabilities - Accommodations**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Lisa A. Gladden (D-Baltimore City), et. al. SB 0581 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require retail establishments with specified square footage of retail space to have three motorized shopping carts available for individuals with disabilities; require that the retail establishments ensure that the motorized shopping carts are in working condition; require specified retail establishments to post a notice with specified information displayed in close proximity to the motorized shopping carts; and provide for a specified remedy for individuals aggrieved by a violation of this section.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0581 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

### **SB 0625 - Environment - Stormwater Management - Inspections and Water Quality Standards**

**Sponsor//Status:** Senator Leo E. Green (D-Prince George's Co.). SB 0625 was assigned to the Senate Health Education & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Department of the Environment to adopt postdevelopment water quality standard regulations; require the Department to inspect specified development sites for compliance; authorize the Department to test stormwater runoff and specified downstream water as part of inspections; authorize the Department to charge a fee; and prohibit persons engaged in specified development activities from causing or contributing to violations of specified water quality standards.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0688) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0625 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0632 - Commercial Law - Consumer Protection - Gasoline Pricing**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Jennie M. Forehand (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0632 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the sale of gasoline at an unconscionably excessive price; require specified circumstances to be taken into account in determining whether gasoline has been sold at an unconscionably excessive price; require specified circumstances to be considered as mitigating factors in determining whether gasoline has been sold at an unconscionably excessive price; provide that specified violations of the Act are unfair or deceptive trade practices; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0632 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

### **SB 0635 - Alcohol- or Drug-Related Crimes - Prohibitions Against Causing Serious Physical Injury**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Jennie M. Forehand (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0635 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would change specified alcohol- or drug-related crimes from specified prohibitions against causing a life-threatening injury to another person to specified prohibitions against causing serious physical injury to another person; and provide for specified penalties.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 1032) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0635 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **SB 0655 - Citizens' Advisory Council for the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Verna L. Jones (D-Baltimore City), et. al. SB 0655 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the Citizens' Advisory Council for the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line; provide for the membership and staffing of the Council; specify the membership term; provide for the appointment of co-chairmen of the Council; prohibit members of the Council from receiving compensation; require the Council to meet and to issue an annual report; specify the purpose and mission of the Council; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0655 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0671 - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - East County Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Project**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.) (By Request - Baltimore County Administration). SB 0671 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of the road and sidewalk upgrades for the proposed bicycle and pedestrian

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

**Final Disposition:** SB 0671 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0682 - Environment - County Plans - Removal of Solid Waste Acceptance Facilities**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Roy P. Dyson (D-Calvert Co., Charles Co., St. Mary's Co.). SB 0682 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize a county to remove a proposed solid waste acceptance facility from the county plan under specified circumstances; and provide for the application of specified provisions of the Act.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0682 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0698 - Utilities - Underground Conversion - Route 1 Pilot Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John A. Giannetti, Jr. (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.). SB 0698 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a pilot program on underground conversion in the U.S. Route 1 corridor of overhead electric and communication utilities underground under authority of the Public Service Commission; provide for the purposes of the pilot program; require the conversion of facilities in the pilot program area to begin on or before July 1, 2009; require the Commission to conduct specified proceedings; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0622) was introduced in the 2004 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0698 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0699 - Transportation - Metrorail Green Line Extension to BWI - Study**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John A. Giannetti, Jr. (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.), et. al. SB 0699 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study of the extension of the Green Line route of the Metrorail transit facility from the Greenbelt station to the Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0699 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0701 - Vehicle Laws - Overtaking and Passing Vehicles**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Patrick J. Hogan (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0701 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require, under specified circumstances and on specified highways that have two or more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction, a vehicle in the far left lane that is being overtaken by another vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle; provide for specified exceptions; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0701 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

### **SB 0704 - Condemnation - Slum Area and Blighted Area - Definitions - Constitutional Amendment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Allan H. Kittleman (R-Carroll Co., Howard Co.), et. al. SB 0704 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would propose an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to change the definition of "blighted area" and "slum area" in the law authorizing the condemnation of private property for the purpose of rehabilitating or redeveloping slum or blighted areas; and submit the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0704 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0708 - Vehicle Laws - Finding of High Alcohol Concentration - Prohibition on Probation Before Judgment - Mandatory Penalties**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Ida G. Ruben (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0708 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceeding Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a court from staying the entering of judgment and placing a defendant on probation before judgment for specified violations if the trier of fact found the defendant had an alcohol concentration of 0.15 or more; require a court to impose specified mandatory penalties of imprisonment for specified violations involving an alcohol concentration of 0.15 or more; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0708 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0718 - Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving Penalties - Court-Ordered Use of Ignition Interlock System**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John A. Giannetti, Jr. (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.). SB 0718 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a court to prohibit a person convicted of, or granted probation for, specified alcohol-related driving offenses from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an ignition interlock system for not less than 3 months for a first offense and not less than 1 year for a second or subsequent offense; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0718 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **SB 0719 - Drinking Driver Monitor Program - Ignition Interlock System Requirement**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John A. Giannetti, Jr. (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.). SB 0719 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the Drinking Driver Monitor Program to require a person who is participating in the Program as a condition of probation for specified violations to use an ignition interlock system for a specified period; require that any required use of an ignition interlock system under the Act shall be considered a condition of probation; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0719 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **SB 0749 - Smart Growth - Priority Funding Areas - Rural Counties**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator David R. Brinkley (R-Carroll Co., Frederick Co.). SB 0749 was assigned to the Senate Education Health and Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the governing body of a rural county to designate specified areas within the county as priority funding areas if the areas meet specified criteria; and define "rural county".

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0026) was introduced in the 2004 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0749 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0750 - Vehicle Laws - Study of the Effectiveness of Traffic Control Signal and Speed Monitoring Systems**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Queen Anne's Co.). SB 0750 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the State Highway Administration to conduct a study of the effectiveness of traffic control signal and speed monitoring systems in the State; provide for the termination of provisions of law relating to traffic control signal and speed monitoring systems contingent on the receipt of a specified certification; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0750 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

### **SB 0751 - Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program - Critical Area Commission - Authority**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Roy P. Dyson (D-Calvert Co., Charles Co., St. Mary's Co.). SB 0751 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would clarify the authority of the Critical Area Commission and the chairman of the Critical Area Commission regarding program amendments and program refinements; alter the guidelines for local jurisdictions for the location of new intensely developed and limited development areas; alter the Commission's approval process for program amendments and program refinements; and clarify the procedures for growth allocation requests by local jurisdictions.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0751 was approved by both houses. It became law without the Governor's signature as per the Maryland Constitution, and is now Chapter 55 of the Maryland Code.

### **SB 0753 - Cooperatives - Rural Broadband Telecommunication Services - Organization**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Queen Anne's Co.), et. al. SB 0753 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the Rural Broadband Coordination Office in the Department of Business and Economic Development; require the Office to coordinate with specified entities for the establishment of rural broadband telecommunication services in rural and underserved areas; establish a Rural Broadband Assistance Fund as a special fund in the Office for specified purposes;

authorize rural broadband nonprofit cooperatives to organize under the laws of the State; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0753 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0757 - Driver's License Suspension and Revocation - Alcoholic Beverages Violations**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0757 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the Motor Vehicle Administration to revoke the driver's license of a person who, within a 3-year period, is found guilty three or more times of a code violation for the offense of furnishing an alcoholic beverage to an individual under the age of 21 years or knowingly and willfully allowing the possession or consumption of an alcoholic beverage by an individual under the age of 21 years at the person's residence; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0757 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0760 - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Refusal to Take a Blood or Breath Test - Prohibition**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Philip C. Jimeno (D-Anne Arundel Co.). SB 0760 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the offense of failing to take a specified blood or breath test if a person is detained and subsequently convicted for a suspected violation of specified drunk or drugged driving provisions and the person previously was convicted of a specified drunk or drugged driving offense and specified additional penalties were imposed; establish a penalty; and provide that a specified penalty is in addition to specified other penalties.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0760 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **SB 0775 - Baltimore City - Fairmount Neighborhood - State Projects or Programs - Prior Approval**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Lisa A. Gladden (D-Baltimore City). SB 0775 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the establishment of a State program or project on or after a specified date in the Fairmount neighborhood in Baltimore City without the approval of the Fairmount Neighborhood Association; and provide for the application of the Act.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0775 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

### **SB 0781 - Business Regulation - Motor Fuel - Below Cost Sales**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Lisa A. Gladden (D-Baltimore City). SB 0781 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal specified provisions of law that prohibit a retail service station dealer from selling motor fuel below cost; repeal specified provisions of law that require the Comptroller, on receipt of a specified complaint, to conduct a specified investigation within a specified amount of time; repeal specified penalties; and repeal the exemption for motor fuel sold by a retail service station dealer from the provisions of the Sales Below Cost Act.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0781 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **SB 0787 - Environment - Dredged Material Management - Duties of Executive Committee**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Queen Anne's Co.). SB 0787 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Executive Committee overseeing the development of the State's plan for dredged material management to, in conjunction with stakeholders, review the State's dredging needs and placement requirements and make specified recommendations to the Governor.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0391) was introduced in the 2003 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0787 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

### **SB 0788 - Maryland Port Administration - Transfer to Department of Business and Economic Development**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Queen Anne's Co.). SB 0788 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would transfer the Maryland Port Administration from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Business and Economic Development; establish the Maryland Port Administration Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specify the contents, purpose, and permitted use of the Fund; provide that for each fiscal year, specified amounts of the Transportation Trust Fund shall be transferred and credited to a specified fund; alter the composition of the Maryland Port Commission; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0788 failed on the Senate floor.

### **SB 0789 - Creation of a State Debt - Statewide Fiber Optic Network**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Queen Anne's Co.). SB 0789 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$2,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Lower Shore Broadband Cooperative, Inc. for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, and installation of a statewide fiber optic network; provide for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establish a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0789 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0813 - Real Property - Condemnation - Right to Repurchase Condemned Property**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator J. Lowell Stoltzfus (R-Somerset Co., Wicomico Co., Worcester Co.). et. al. SB 0813 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a condemning authority to put specified condemned property to a public use within 5 years from the date of taking the property; give the original property owner the right to petition the court to have a condemnation set aside under specified circumstances; require a property owner to petition the court within a specified time period; establish the consideration that the property owner shall pay to reacquire the property; require the court to make certain findings; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0813 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0827 - Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory Council - Establishment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Lisa A. Gladden (D-Baltimore City), et. al. SB 0827 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory Council; require the Advisory Council to study, investigate, and monitor, and make recommendations to the Maryland Transit Administration with respect to bus and rail transit in the Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District; provide for the membership, terms, chair, and staff of the Advisory Council; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0827 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0828 - Maryland Transit Administration - Public Hearings**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Lisa A. Gladden (D-Baltimore City), et. al. SB 0828 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Maryland Transit Administration to hold at least three public hearings each year; require, except under specified circumstances, the Administration to hold a public hearing before changing a bus or rail route alignment or bus stop location; require the Administration to hold a public hearing before changing a bus timetable or establishing or abandoning a rail transit station; and limit the time period during which the Administration may implement a policy change on these matters.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0828 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **SB 0829 - Transportation - Heavy Rail Transit - Federal Funding**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Lisa A. Gladden (D-Baltimore City), et. al. SB 0829 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee, and the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter from two-thirds to 25% the minimum percentage of net project costs for heavy rail transit projects required to be paid by federal grants; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0829 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0837 - Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line - Required Considerations**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Lisa A. Gladden (D-Baltimore City), et. al. SB 0837 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Maryland Transit Administration, in conducting the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study of the Red Line, to evaluate specified alternatives, alignments, and transit modes, regardless of the associated costs.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0837 died at the end of the session.

#### **SB 0844 - Protected Lands - Local Land Use Applications - County Authority**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Roy P. Dyson (D-Calvert Co., Charles Co., St. Mary's Co.), et. al. SB 0844 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize a county or municipal corporation to deny applications for local land use, under specified circumstances, when the land is protected under land conservation programs within the Department of Natural Resources.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0844 was approved by both Houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

#### **SB 0846 - Vehicle Laws - Bicycles and Motor Scooters - Operation and Equipment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John A. Giannetti, Jr. (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.). et. al. SB 0846 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish an exception to the requirement that a bicycle or motor scooter traveling at a specified speed stay to the right side of the roadway; repeal provisions of law prohibiting, except under specified circumstances, a person from operating a bicycle or motor scooter on a roadway where there is a bike lane or a shoulder paved to a smooth surface; repeal provisions prohibiting a person operating a bicycle or motor scooter from leaving the bike lane or shoulder until specified conditions can be met; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0846 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

#### **SB 0850 - Transportation Funding - Mass Transit - Funding Study**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Rona E. Kramer (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. SB 0850 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Maryland Department of Transportation to conduct specified analyses of the operating and capital funding needs for transit over a specified period of time; require the Department to review the funding structures of specified transit services across the country and in specified cities outside the United States; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0850 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0854 - Municipal Corporations - Building Excise Tax**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Jennie M. Forehand (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0854 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize municipal corporations to impose, by ordinance or resolution, a building excise tax on all types of building construction within a municipal corporation; require a municipal corporation to specify in the ordinance or resolution the types of building construction subject to tax, the criteria and formulas used to assess the tax, and the tax rates; authorize a municipal corporation to impose different rates of the building excise tax on different types of building construction subject to the tax; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0854 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0855 - Criminal Law - Manslaughter by Vehicle or Vessel - Criminal Negligence**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Jennie M. Forehand (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0855 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would make it a misdemeanor for a person to cause the death of another as a result of the person's driving, operating, or controlling a vehicle or vessel in a criminally negligent manner; establish the circumstances under which a person is considered to act in a criminally negligent manner for purposes of the Act; establish that it is not an offense under the Act for a person to cause the death of another as a result of the person's driving, operating, or controlling a vehicle or vessel in a negligent manner; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0855 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0857 - Maryland Transit Administration - Public Hearings**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Verna L. Jones (D-Baltimore City), et. al. SB 0857 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Maryland Transit Administration to hold at least three public hearings each year; require, except under specified circumstances, the Administration to hold a public hearing before changing a bus or rail route alignment or bus stop location; require the Administration to hold a public hearing before changing a bus timetable or establishing or abandoning a rail transit station; and limit the time period during which the Administration may implement a policy change on these matters.

**Final Disposition:** SB 085 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0864 - Northern Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing with Terminus in Kent County - Prohibition on Planning, Financing, and Construction**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Queen Anne's Co.). SB 0864 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal specified authority of the State Roads Commission to construct and finance a northern crossing of the Chesapeake Bay between Millers Island in Baltimore County and Kent County; prohibit the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority from including in specified plans and documents any reference or statement with respect to a crossing of the Chesapeake Bay that has a terminus that lies in Kent County; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0864 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0871 - Vehicle Laws - Bicycles, EPAMDs, and Motor Scooters - Rules of the Road**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Alexander X. Mooney (R-Frederick Co., Washington Co.), et. al. SB 0871 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a driver of a motor vehicle from overtaking and passing a bicycle, an electronic personal assistive mobility device (EPAMD), or a motor scooter that is going in the same direction unless the driver can do so safely without endangering the rider of the bicycle, EPAMD, or motor scooter; prohibiting a driver of a vehicle from intentionally interfering with the movement of a person who is riding a bicycle, EPAMD, or motor scooter; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0871 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **SB 0873 - Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line - Requirements**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Verna L. Jones (D-Baltimore City), et. al. SB 0873 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Maryland Transit Administration to consider the establishment of a fund to compensate property owners for damages incurred during the construction of a Red Line project; require the Administration to consider specified matters concerning alterations and areas surrounding the Red Line corridor in consultation with specified persons; require the Administration to establish a Red Line Project Community Advisory Committee; requiring the Administration to report by December 1, 2006; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0873 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0876 - Excise Tax - Tax-Free Period for Purchase of Advanced Technology Vehicles**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator James E. DeGrange, Sr. (D-Anne Arundel Co.), et. al. SB 0876 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would designate a 7-day period in April 2007 during which the purchase of new advanced technology vehicles is exempt from the vehicle excise tax; require the Maryland Energy Administration to assist the Motor Vehicle Administration to administer the excise tax exemption; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0876 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **SB 0880 - Workforce Housing Grant Program - Establishment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Joan Carter Conway (D-Baltimore City). SB 0880 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee, and the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the Workforce Housing Grant Program; require a county to meet specified criteria to participate in the Program; require qualifying counties to provide specified matching funds; establish specified criteria for distribution and use of Program funds; require counties to use Program funds for specified costs and in accordance with specified plans; authorize qualifying counties to transfer Program funds under specified circumstances; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0880 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0886 - Vehicle Laws - Driving While License Suspended - Causing Bodily Injury or Death**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Philip C. Jimeno (D-Anne Arundel Co.), et. al. SB 0886 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a person from causing an accident that results in bodily injury to or the death of another while operating a motor vehicle while the person's license or privilege to drive is suspended in the State; and establish a penalty.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0886 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

### **SB 0891 - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Historic Main Street Ellicott City Parking Garage Ho. Co. 3-06**

**Sponsor/Status:** Howard County Senators. SB 0891 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Ellicott City Business Association, Inc. for the planning and construction of a parking garage to serve the Main Street business district, located in Ellicott City; provide for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establish a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0891 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 0923 - Eminent Domain - Allegany County - Condemnation for Public Use and Repurchase of Condemned Property**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John J. Hafer (R-Allegany Co., Garrett Co., Washington Co.). SB 0923 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish that private property may not be acquired in Allegany County by condemnation unless it is necessary for specified public uses; establish that private property acquired for a specified public use related to public health or safety may be used in any manner authorized by local zoning ordinances; require a condemnor in Allegany County that decides to sell condemned property to offer the property at a specified price first to a condemnee or the condemnee's heirs or assignees; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0923 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

**SB 0924 - Eminent Domain - Garrett County - Condemnation for Public Use and Repurchase of Condemned Property**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John J. Hafer (R-Allegany Co., Garrett Co., Washington Co.). SB 0924 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish that private property may not be acquired in Garrett County by condemnation unless it is necessary for specified public uses; establish that property acquired for a specified public use related to public health and safety may be used in any manner authorized by local zoning ordinances; require a condemnor in Garrett County that decides to sell condemned property to first offer the property at a specified price to a condemnee or the condemnee's heirs or assignees; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0924 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

**SB 0963 - Taxpayers' Bill of Rights - Constitutional Amendment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Janet Greenip (R-Anne Arundel Co.), et. al. SB 0963 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would propose an amendment to the Maryland Constitution that establishes a Bill of Rights for State individual income taxpayers; require voter approval for new State or local taxes, tax rate increases, and repeal of tax exemptions; impose specified spending limits on the State; require that specified revenues received in excess of specified estimates be paid to individual income taxpayers; and submit this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 1206) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0963 died at the end of the session.

**SB 0965 - Waters - Vessels - Operating Recklessly or Negligently**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Larry E. Haines (R-Baltimore Co., Carroll Co.). SB 0965 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a person from negligently operating a vessel on waters of the State; prohibit a person from negligently coming into a wharf or bathing shore; alter the penalties for violations while operating a vessel; establish specified penalties for a conviction for operating a vessel in a reckless or negligent manner; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0965 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 0996 - Baltimore County Liquefied Natural Gas Task Force**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. SB 0996 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a Baltimore County Liquefied Natural Gas Task Force; provide for the composition and duties of the Task Force; require the Department of the Environment to provide staffing for the Task Force; require the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2006; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0996 was approved by the General Assembly, and await the signature/veto of the Governor.

### **SB 0997 - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Regulatory Approval**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. SB 0997 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the construction or operation of a liquefied natural gas facility without the approval of the Public Service Commission; and prohibit the Commission from granting any regulatory approval for the construction or operation of a liquefied natural gas facility that is located within 2 miles of a residence.

**Final Disposition:** SB 0997 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

### **SB 1009 - Income Tax Credits for Green Buildings - Additional Credits Authorized**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Sandra B. Schrader (R-Howard Co.), et. al. SB 1009 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter size requirements for specified buildings to be eligible for specified green building tax credits; allow an individual or business entity to transfer specified tax credits under specified circumstances; authorize an individual or business entity to whom a specified tax credit is transferred to claim a credit against the

Maryland income tax under specified circumstances; increase by \$25 million the amount of initial credit certificates that the Maryland Energy Administration may issue; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 1009 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 1013 - Maryland Growth Management Act of 2006**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Paul G. Pinsky (D-Prince George's Co.), et. al. SB 1013 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require specified planning commissions to include growth boundaries as part of a specified comprehensive plan; authorize a county and a municipal corporation to enter in a specified joint planning agreement for specified purposes; provide for the contents of a joint planning agreement; provide that a joint planning agreement shall become effective on the enactment of specified ordinances by the county and municipal corporation; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 1013 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 1024 - Local Government - Adequate Public Facilities Legislation - Requirements for Ordinance Adopted by a Municipal Corporation**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John C. Astle (D-Anne Arundel Co.). SB 1024 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide that until a municipal corporation adopts, implements, and enforces specified adequate public facilities legislation, the municipal corporation shall be governed by specified county adequacy of public facilities legislation; and require an adequacy of public facilities ordinance adopted by a municipal corporation to make provision for impact of growth and development on specified matters in the county.

**Final Disposition:** SB 1024 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 1028 - Utility Consumer Protection Act of 2006**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Alexander X. Mooney (R-Frederick Co., Washington Co.). SB 1028 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a public service company or applicant to provide specified notice to owners of land located within 2,500 feet of specified proposed lines, generating stations, and transmission devices within a specified period under specified circumstances.

**Final Disposition:** SB 1028 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **SB 1031- Drunk and Drugged Driving - Refusal to Take a Blood or Breath Test - Prohibition**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Philip C. Jimeno (D-Anne Arundel Co.). SB 1031 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** The legislation would establish the offense of knowingly refusing to take a specified blood or breath test if a person is detained for a suspected violation of specified drunk or drugged driving provisions and the person's license to drive previously was suspended for refusal to take a specified blood or breath test; and establish a penalty.

**Final Disposition:** SB 1031 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 1035 - State Highway Administration - Protection of Highway Construction and Maintenance Workers**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.). SB 1035 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the State Highway Administration to develop specified procedures to ensure the safety of highway construction and maintenance workers during construction or maintenance work on specified expressways and controlled access highways; require the Administration or the appropriate local authority to incorporate the procedures into the project planning and construction phases of specified proposed highway projects; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 1035 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 1073 - Vehicle Laws - Eluding a Police Officer - Offenses, Penalties, and Forfeiture**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. (D-Calvert Co., Prince George's Co.), et. al. SN 1073 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish offenses of eluding a police officer in a motor vehicle and causing damage to the property of another and eluding a police officer in a motor vehicle if the officer is attempting to apprehend the driver for the commission of a felony or a crime of violence; make it a felony to commit specified offenses of eluding a

police officer; authorize a law enforcement officer to seize a motor vehicle used by an individual in the commission of specified violations of eluding a police officer; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 1073 died at the end of the session.

### **SB 1081 - St. Mary's County - Property Tax Credit for Individuals Over Age 70 - Repeal of Sunset**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Roy P. Dyson (D-Calvert Co., Charles Co., St. Mary's Co.). SB 1081 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal a provision that terminates, at the end of June 30, 2008, authorization for the governing body of St. Mary's County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified real property owned by individuals at least 70 years old who are of limited income.

**Final Disposition:** SB 1081 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **SB 1089 - Howard County - New Town Zoning District - Consolidation of Land - Emergency Bill**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer (D-Baltimore Co., Howard Co.). SB 1089 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize, under specified circumstances, a specified parcel of land located in a specified new town zoning district of Howard County that is not part of a village or town center to be consolidated into the village or town center in which the parcel of land is located; require an owner or developer to apply to a specified village or town center community association for consolidation; require specified entities to approve the consolidation; etc.

**Final Disposition:** SB 1089 was approved by both houses. It was signed into law by the Governor, and is now Chapter 32 of the Maryland Code.

## **2006 HOUSE OF DELEGATES BILLS**

### **HB 0002 - Agricultural Stewardship Act of 2006**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Maggie McIntosh (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 0002 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would clarify the use of specified funding for specified programs; establish a specified internship at the University of Maryland, College Park; establish a program for priority preservation areas; encourage the Governor to make specified appropriations to specified agricultural programs in the State; support the promotion of agricultural education in the State; require the University System of Maryland to conduct specified research; and establish an Incentives for Agriculture Task Force.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0002 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0020 - Environment - Air Quality - New Source Review**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate James W. Hubbard (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 0020 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the Department of the Environment from altering certain regulations that existed on a certain date related to the review of a new source that may cause or control emissions into the air unless certain conditions are met; provide for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the new source review regulations.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0084) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0020 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0030 - Vehicle Laws - Distracted Driving and Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Driving - Prohibitions**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate John S. Arnick (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0030 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide that a person who drives a motor vehicle in an inattentive manner under certain circumstances is guilty of distracted driving; prohibit a driver of a certain school vehicle from using certain wireless communication devices; prohibit the holder of a learner's instructional permit who is 18 years of age or older from driving a motor vehicle while using certain wireless communication devices; prohibit a certain driver of a motor vehicle that is in motion from using the driver's hands to use certain wireless communication devices; provide for exceptions to the prohibitions of this Act; make stylistic changes; define certain terms; and generally relating to distracted driving and prohibitions against the use of wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0030 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0038 - Procurement - Diesel-Powered Nonroad Vehicles - Fuel and Technology Requirements**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate James W. Hubbard (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 0038 was assigned to the House Health & Government Operations Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require on or after a certain date that certain diesel powered nonroad vehicles be powered by ultra low sulfur diesel fuel; require on or after a certain date that a solicitation for a public work contract and a contract entered into as a result of the solicitation include a requirement to use ultra low sulfur diesel fuel; provide for an alternative if ultra low sulfur diesel fuel is not available; provide for certain exceptions to this Act; provide for certain exceptions to the requirement to use ultra low sulfur diesel fuel; require on or after a certain date that certain diesel-powered nonroad vehicles utilize the best available technology for reducing the emission of pollutants; require on or after certain dates that solicitations for certain public work contracts and contracts entered into as a result of the solicitations include a requirement to use the best available technology for reducing the emission of pollutants; require the Secretary of the Environment to make a determination of the best available technology for reducing the emission of pollutants for each type of diesel-powered nonroad vehicle, list factors on which the determination shall be made, and require the Secretary to publish a list containing the determinations; provide for certain exceptions to the requirement to use the best available technology for reducing the emission of pollutants; require on or before a certain date that the Secretary submit a certain report to the General Assembly that includes certain information; prohibit a unit from entering into a certain public work contract unless the contract authorizes certain independent monitoring; provide for certain penalties for certain violations by a contractor; prohibit this Act from being construed to limit a unit's authority to take certain actions; define certain terms; make the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to fuel and technology requirements for diesel-powered nonroad vehicles.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0038 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0044 - Eminent Domain - Condemnation Proceedings and Limitation on Condemnation Authority - Constitutional Amendment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Michael D. Smigiel, Sr. (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.). HB 0044 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would propose an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to prohibit the condemnation of private property for certain purposes if the property is

intended to be transferred to a private person; require that a certain issue in a condemnation proceeding be tried by a jury under certain circumstances; make stylistic changes; and submit this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0044 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0046 - Waterway Improvement Fund - Funding**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate John R. Leopold (R-Anne Arundel Co.). HB 0046 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Governor to appropriate a certain amount to the Waterway Improvement Fund under certain circumstances; clarify certain requirements for appropriations to the Revenue Stabilization Account; and generally relating to the funding of the Waterway Improvement Fund.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0033) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0046 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0050 - Income Tax - Credit for Homeland Security Expenses**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Marshall T. Goodwin (D-Baltimore City). HB 0050 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would allow certain business entities a certain credit against the State income tax for certain expenses incurred for certain security devices and certain security guard services under certain circumstances; limit to a certain amount the total amount of credits a business entity may claim in any calendar year; provide that the credit may not exceed the State income tax for that taxable year and that any unused credit may not be carried over to any other taxable year; define certain terms; provide for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a tax credit against the State income tax for certain expenses incurred for certain security devices and certain security guard services.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 1400) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0050 died at the end of the session.

## **HB 0051 - Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Trailers**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate A. Wade Kach (R-Baltimore Co.). HB 0051 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter a certain definition under the motor vehicle excise tax to reduce the minimum fair market value on which the tax is calculated for certain used trailers; define a certain term; provide for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; provide for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the motor vehicle excise tax.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0051 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

## **HB 0079 - Real Property - Eminent Domain - Limitations on Condemnation Authority**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Joseph C. Boteler III (R-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0079 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would propose amendments to the Maryland Constitution to limit the condemnation of private property to public uses under certain circumstances; require certain enactments relating to the taking of private property to include a requirement for the issuance of a certain statement; repeal the authority of a county or municipal corporation to condemn property for urban renewal projects; define a certain term; generally relating to the authority for private property to be taken by eminent domain; and submit this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0079 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

## **HB 0080 - Real Property - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Joseph C. Boteler III (R-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0080 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would limit the condemnation of private property for certain purposes; require a certain condemnor that does not use and wants to sell certain condemned property to first offer the property at a certain price to the condemnee or the condemnee's heirs or assignees; establish that the condemnee or the condemnee's heirs or assignees have the right to repurchase the condemned property within a certain period of time; authorize the condemnor to sell the property to any other person if the

offer is not accepted; define a certain term; make stylistic changes; and generally relating to the condemnation of private property.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0080 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0083 - Vehicle Laws - Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems - Repeal**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Michael D. Smigiel, Sr. (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.). HB 0083 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal certain provisions of law relating to the recording, by a traffic control signal monitoring system, of a violation of the requirement that a vehicle stop at a steady red signal; provide for the continued application of certain provisions of law relating to certain violations recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system before the effective date of this Act; make conforming changes; and generally relating to traffic control signal monitoring systems.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0083 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0090 - Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Dwelling Relocation**

**Sponsor/Status:** Chairman, House Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental Bill). HB 0090 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to approve a landowner's request to relocate the site of an existing dwelling to another location on a farm that is subject to an easement or district agreement provided that specified conditions are fulfilled.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0090 was approved by both houses. It was signed into law by the Governor, and is now Chapter 76 of the Maryland Code.

### **HB 0091 - Department of Agriculture - Cost Sharing for Water Pollution Control**

**Sponsor/Status:** Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental Bill). HB 0091 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would increase the maximum amount of State cost sharing for water pollution control from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0091 was approved by both houses. It was signed into law by the Governor, and is now Chapter 77 of the Maryland Code.

### **HB 0106 - Eminent Domain - Condemnation Costs - Fees Incurred**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Mary A. Conroy (D-Prince George's Co.), et. al. HB 0106 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter a requirement that a plaintiff must pay specified fees incurred by a defendant in a condemnation proceeding.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0106 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0113 - Anne Arundel County - Property Tax Credit for Senior Citizens**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate David G. Boschert (R-Anne Arundel Co.), et. al. HB 0113 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the governing body of Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified real property owned by individuals who are of a minimum age and limited income, as specified by the governing body of the county; authorize the governing body of Anne Arundel County to provide, by law, for eligibility criteria of the tax credit, the amount and duration of the tax credit, regulations and procedures, and other provisions necessary to carry out the tax credit; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0113 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0116 - Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School - Cessation of Operations - Transfer of Property**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Eric M. Bromwell (D-Baltimore Co.). HB 0116 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the transfer of the real property and all rights of physical control over the real property of the Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School to the Department of Natural Resources if the Department of Juvenile Services ceases to operate the school in a specified manner; and require specified transferred property to become a part of Gunpowder Falls State Park.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0116 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0124 - Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving Penalties - Court-Ordered Use of Ignition Interlock System**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Robert A. Zirkin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0124 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a court to prohibit a person convicted of, or granted probation for, specified alcohol-related driving offenses from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an ignition interlock system for not less than 1 year; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0124 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 0125 - Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving Penalties - High Alcohol Concentration - Mandatory Ignition Interlock System**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Robert A. Zirkin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0125 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a court to prohibit a person convicted of, or granted probation for, specified alcohol-related driving offenses from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an ignition interlock system for at least 1 year if the person, at the time of the offense, took a test that indicated that the alcohol concentration level of the person's blood or breath was at least 0.15; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0125 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 0126 - Vehicle Laws - Probation for Drunk Driving - Mandatory Use of Ignition Interlock System**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Robert A. Zirkin (D-Baltimore Co.). HB 0126 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require an individual who is granted probation for an alcohol-related driving offense to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program for not less than 1 year; require the Motor Vehicle Administration to impose a restriction on an individual's license that prohibits the individual from driving a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an ignition interlock system for not less than 1 year; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0126 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

## **HB 0127 - Business Regulation - Motor Fuel - Below Cost Sales**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Warren E. Miller (R-Howard Co.), et. al. HB 0127 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal specified provisions of law that prohibit a retail service station dealer from selling motor fuel below cost; repeal specified provisions of law that require the Comptroller, on receipt of a specified complaint, to conduct a specified investigation within a specified amount of time; repeal specified penalties; and repeal the exemption for motor fuel sold by a retail service station dealer from the provisions of the Sales Below Cost Act.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0127 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

## **HB 0143 - Motor Vehicles - Motor Scooters, Mopeds, and Other Motorized Minibikes - Standards and Requirements**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Catherine E. Pugh (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 0143 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the definition of "motor vehicle" to include motor scooters, mopeds, and other motorized minibikes; establish a motor vehicle classification for motorized minibikes; require the Motor Vehicle Administration to distribute the registration fees for motorized minibikes to the county of residence; repeal provisions of law establishing and governing the moped operator's permit; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0143 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

## **HB 0150 - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2007)**

**Sponsor/Status:** The Speaker of the House (By Request - Administration Bill). HB 0150 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee. Action on the state budget is in the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee this year.

**Purpose:** This legislation would make the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0150 died at the end of the session.

## **HB 0155 - Local Governments - Zoning Regulations and Building Permits - Appeals - Neighborhood Associations**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Robert A. Costa (R-Anne Arundel Co.). HB 0155 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide that the governing body of a neighborhood association shall have standing to represent itself or a member of the neighborhood association in an administrative or judicial appeal of a decision or action of a unit of local government regarding a zoning regulation or building permit under specified circumstances; provide that the standing of a governing body of a neighborhood association to file an appeal may not be restricted by any provision of law that requires a person to satisfy specified requirements; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0470) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0155 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

## **HB 0172 - Property Tax - Exemptions - Bus Passenger Shelters**

**Sponsor/Status:** Chairman, Ways and Means Committee (By Request - Departmental Bill). HB 0172 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would exempt from property tax specified interests in property of the State held by specified persons under specified agreements to operate bus passenger shelters.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0172 died at the end of the session.

## **HB 0175 - Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund - Time Limitations**

**Sponsor/Status:** Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental Bill). HB 0175 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would eliminate a time limitation for Program Open Space funds transferred to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority to be used to pay a specified percentage of operating expenses of the Authority and for debt service on bonds issued by the Authority.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0175 was approved by both houses. It was signed into law by the Governor, and is now Chapter 82 of the Maryland Code.

### **HB 0177 - Baltimore City - Highway User Revenues - Authorized Use**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Salima Siler Marriott (D-Baltimore City), et. al. (By Request - Baltimore City Administration). HB 0177 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would extend through fiscal year 2010 the authorization for Baltimore City to use local highway user revenues for students' costs of discounted Maryland Transit Administration fares for eligible public school students in Baltimore City.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0177 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0180 - Department of Agriculture - Maryland Agricultural Land Link Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate J. B. Jennings (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et. al. HB 0180 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a Maryland Agricultural Land Link Program in the Department of Agriculture for specified purposes; require the Department to maintain an on-line database; require the Department to promote the lease or sale of specified agricultural lands by farmers to farmers; require the Department to provide farm succession and farm transfer assistance to farmers; and authorize the Secretary to adopt regulations.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0180 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0182 - Baltimore City - Special Traffic Enforcement Officers - Jurisdiction**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate J. B. Jennings (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et. al. HB 0182 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the jurisdiction of special traffic enforcement officers of Baltimore City.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0182 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0187 - Real Property - Condemnation Proceedings - Valuation of Property**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Tanya Thornton Shewell (R-Carroll Co.), et. al. HB 0187 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish that damages awarded for the taking of property used for a business may include specified damages for the loss of goodwill; including in the calculation of damages any diminution in value occurring after the first public announcement of a public project; including specified costs in calculating diminution in value for specified property; and altering the payment for relocation costs in a condemnation proceeding by eliminating specified monetary limitations.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0187 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0189 - Healthy Air Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate James W. Hubbard (D-Prince George's Co.), et. al. HB 0189 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish limits on the emissions of oxides of nitrogen, sulfur dioxide, mercury, and carbon dioxide from specified facilities by specified dates; require the Department of the Environment to set emissions budgets; require the Governor to include the State in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative or require the Department to adopt regulations to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from affected facilities; establish a Maryland Carbon Reduction Fund; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0189 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0190 - Electric Generating Stations - Approval Process for Modifications - Permits to Construct**

**Sponsor/Status:** Chairman, Economic Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental Bill). HB 0190 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter air quality permitting requirements under the authority of the Department of the Environment for modifications to specified electric generating stations.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0190 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0212 - Tax Credit - Electric and Hybrid Vehicles**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0212 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a credit equal to 50% of the motor vehicle excise tax for qualified electric and hybrid vehicles titled in the State from July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2009; require that qualified hybrid vehicles meet specified fuel economy ratings to qualify for the tax credit; and establish a maximum credit for electric and hybrid vehicles.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0368) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0212 received an unfavorable report from the House Ways & Means Committee.

### **HB 0213 - High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes - Use by Inherently Low Emission Vehicles and Qualified Hybrid Vehicles**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0213 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the State Highway Administration to place traffic control devices indicating that high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes may be used by inherently low emission vehicles and qualified hybrid vehicles; require specified State agencies to consult to design a specified permit; authorize the Motor Vehicle Administration to charge a specified fee for issuing a permit under the Act; require the Motor Vehicle Administration to report to the General Assembly each year; provide for the termination of the Act; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0142) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0213 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0217 - Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving Penalties - License Suspension Modification or License Restriction - Additional Qualifying Circumstances**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Michael D. Smigiel, Sr. (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et. al. HB 0217 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the Motor Vehicle Administration to modify a license suspension or issue a restrictive license for a licensee who has committed an

alcohol-related driving offense if the licensee is required to transport a child to or from a school or day care facility, the license is required to attend a doctor's appointment for the licensee or a member of the licensee's family, or the license is required to obtain a prescription for the licensee or a member of the licensee's family.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0217 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 0223 - Motor Fuel Tax - Exemption for Biodiesel Fuel - Queen Anne's County**

**Sponsor/Status:** Queen Anne's County Delegation, et. al. HB 0223 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would exempt biodiesel fuel purchased for use in Queen Anne's County government vehicles and school buses from the State motor fuel tax; and terminate the Act in 3 years.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0448) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0223 received an unfavorable report from the House Ways & Means Committee.

### **HB 0233 - Solar Energy Grant Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Joseph R. Bartlett (R-Frederick Co.), et. al. HB 0233 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the maximum amount and percentages authorized to be awarded under the Solar Energy Grant Program.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0233 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0234 - John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway - Toll Collection - Automatic Vehicle Identification Decals**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate David D. Rudolph (D-Cecil Co.), et. al. HB 0234 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Maryland Transportation Authority to accept at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway during specified hours the same Automatic Vehicle Identification electronic toll collection device that is accepted at the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0234 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0235 - Bay Restoration Program - On-Site Sewage Disposal Fee - County Option**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate David D. Rudolph (D-Cecil Co.), et. al. HB 0235 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize a county to opt out of collecting the Bay restoration fee from users of onsite sewage disposal systems or holding tanks; and prohibit a county from applying for funds from the Bay Restoration Fund if it chooses to opt out of collecting the fee.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0235 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0236 - Maryland Estate Tax - Exclusion for Family Farms Subject to Agricultural Preservation Easements**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Barry Glassman (R-Harford Co.), et. al. HB 0236 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the determination of the Maryland estate tax to exclude from the value of the gross estate the value of real property that is subject to a perpetual agricultural preservation easement that has been granted to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and passes from the decedent to or for the use of specified relatives of the decedent; apply the Act to decedents dying after December 31, 2005; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0236 died at end of session.

### **HB 0260 - Utility Consumer Protection Act of 2006**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Richard B. Weldon, Jr. (R-Frederick Co., Washington Co.). HB 0260 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a public service company or applicant to provide specified notice to owners of land located within 2,500 feet of specified proposed lines, generating stations, and transmission devices within a specified period under specified circumstances.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0260 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

## **HB 0266 - Anne Arundel County - Property Tax - Credit for Individuals over Age 70**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Terrill R. Gilleland, Jr. (R-Anne Arundel Co.). HB 0266 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the governing body of Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified real property owned by individuals at least 70 years old who are of limited income; authorize the governing body of Anne Arundel County to provide, by law, for eligibility for the tax credit, for the amount and duration of the tax credit, regulations and procedures, and any other provision necessary to carry out the tax credit; and make the Act applicable to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2006.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0266 died at the end of the session.

## **HB 0276 - Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Exemption**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate George C. Edwards (R-Allegany Co., Garrett Co.), et. al. HB 0276 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal the requirement that users of onsite sewage disposal systems and holding tanks pay Bay restoration fees; repeal provisions of law relating to the identification of users of onsite sewage disposal systems and holding tanks and the collection and accounting of fees from these users; alter the uses of the Fund; and repeal provisions of law relating to education, outreach, and upgrade programs for owners of onsite sewage disposal systems and holding tanks.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0276 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

## **HB 0287 - Electric Companies - Net Energy Metering - Accrual of Generated Electricity - Crediting to Customer's Account**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 0287 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would allow customer-generators who own and operate specified solar, biomass, or wind electric generating facilities and who use net energy metering to accrue electricity generation credit for a period not exceeding 12 months; require the electric company to carry forward a negative kilowatts-per-hour reading for a specified period under specified circumstances; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0287 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

### **HB 0288 - Local Property Tax - Credit for Individuals at Least 75 Years Old**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 0288 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property owned by and used as the principal residence of an individual at least 75 years old; authorize the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount, the duration, and any other provision necessary to carry out the Act; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0288 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0309 - Public Utility Companies - Net Energy Metering**

**Sponsor/Status:** The Speaker of the House (By Request - Administration Bill), et. al. HB 0309 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize an eligible customer-generator to carry over to the next 12-month period any remaining amount of excess energy generated in a month as a credit against billings for net energy supplied; increase to 500 kilowatts the maximum capacity of an electric generating system used by an eligible customer-generator for net metering; and repeal a petition requirement for installing a generating system of specified capacity.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0309 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

### **HB 0310 - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Young Drivers - License Suspension**

**Sponsor/Status:** The Speaker of the House (By Request - Administration Bill), et. al. HB 0310 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend for a specified period of time the driver's license of a person who is adjudicated delinquent or found to have committed a delinquent act without an adjudication of delinquency by reason of a violation of specified alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses or who is

under a specified age and is convicted of specified alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0252) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0310 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0314 - Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** The Speaker of the House (By Request - Administration Bill), et. al. HB 0314 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal specified preferences for awarding initial credit certificates to commercial rehabilitations under the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program; repeal a limit on award of initial credit certificates for a single jurisdiction; increase the time to complete commercial rehabilitations for purposes of the credit; extend the termination date of the program to 2012; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0314 died at end of session.

### **HB 0317 - Maryland Energy Administration - Solar and Wind Energy Grant Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** The Speaker of the House (By Request - Administration Bill), et. al. HB 0317 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would expand the Solar and Wind Energy Grant Program to include grants for small wind generators; increase the maximum amount of grants for photovoltaic property on residential or nonresidential property; and alter definitions to include wind generation.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0317 was passed by the House, but received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

### **HB 0335 - Town of Sudlersville (Queen Anne's County) - Urban Renewal Authority for Slum Clearance - Repeal**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Richard A. Sossi (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et. al. HB 0335 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal provisions of law that authorize the Town of Sudlersville, Queen Anne's County, to undertake and carry out urban renewal projects for slum clearance and redevelopment; repeal provisions that prohibit specified land or property from being taken for specified purposes without just compensation being first paid to the party entitled to the compensation; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0335 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0358 - St. Mary's County - Special Taxing Districts - Creation**

**Sponsor/Status:** St. Mary's County Delegation. HB 0358 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize St. Mary's County to exercise specified powers concerning the creation of special taxing districts, the levying of ad valorem or special taxes, and the issuing of bonds for developing and financing specified infrastructure improvements when the improvement is reasonably related to the development and utilization of the land; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0358 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0360 - Environment - Gasoline Containing Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether - Prohibition**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Richard A. Sossi (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et. al. HB 0360 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit, on or after January 1, 2009, a person from selling, offering for sale, supplying, or offering for supply gasoline that contains more than 0.5% of methyl tertiary butyl ether by volume; authorize the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations; and require the Department to conduct a study and issue a specified report to specified legislative committees on or before December 1, 2007.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0205) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0360 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0363 - Environment - County Plans - Removal of Solid Waste Acceptance Facilities**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Barry Glassman (R-Harford Co.), et. al. HB 0363 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize a county to remove a proposed solid waste acceptance facility from the county plan under specified circumstances; and provide for the application of specified provisions of the Act.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0363 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0365 - Vehicle Laws - Registration Fees - Discount for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Michael H. Weir, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0365 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide that for the renewal of a motor vehicle registration the annual registration fee shall be reduced by 50% for disabled individuals and individuals 70 years old or older if all owners of the vehicle meet specified requirements and the vehicle is driven less than 5,000 miles annually; provide that the registration fee reduction does not apply to the first issuance of a registration to the owner of a motor vehicle after title or interest transfers to that owner; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0058) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0365 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0373 - St. Mary's County - Impact Fees**

**Sponsor/Status:** St. Mary's County Delegation. HB 0373 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would increase the number of units for which St. Mary's County may waive, defer, or amortize building impact fees in any fiscal year; repeal a specified limit on the total amount of building impact fees that may be waived, deferred, or amortized in any fiscal year; provide that the county shall reflect the total amount of building impact fees waived, deferred, or amortized in the annual capital budget; repeal the June 30, 2006 termination of the county's authority to waive, defer, or amortize building impact fees; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0373 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

## **HB 0395 - Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act of 2006**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Carol S. Petzold (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 0395 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide for an income tax credit for renewable energy to cover facilities placed in service on or after January 1, 2006, but before January 1, 2011; expand the definition of qualified energy resources under the credit; require the Maryland Energy Administration to issue initial credit certificates to qualified energy producers and energy aggregators or brokers under specified circumstances; allow the credit to be claimed in addition to the federal income tax credit for renewable energy; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 1277) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0395 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

## **HB 0396 - Agricultural Operations - Nuisance Actions - Requirements**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate D. Page Elmore (R-Somerset Co., Wicomico Co.), et. al. HB 0396 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a person filing a nuisance action against an agricultural operation in any court to first file a complaint with a specified local agency and to obtain a decision or recommendation from the local agency on the nuisance complaint; except government agencies; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0396 was approved by both Houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

## **HB 0399 - Business and Economic Development - Enterprise Zones - Expansion**

**Sponsor/Status:** Chairman, Economic Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental Bill). HB 0399 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide that specified expansions of existing enterprise zones may not count towards the maximum number of enterprise zones to be designated during specified periods; modify the period during which a specified number of enterprise zones may be designated; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0399 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0409 - Vehicle Laws - Window Tint - Inspection by Licensed Inspection Stations**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate LeRoy E. Myers, Jr. (R-Allegany Co., Washington Co.), et. al. HB 0409 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize a licensed inspection station to inspect windows with after-market window tint on a motor vehicle for which a safety equipment repair order has been issued and to issue a repair order certification for the motor vehicle.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0409 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 0411 - Income Tax Credit for Green Buildings**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 0411 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would reduce from 20,000 to 10,000 square feet the minimum space requirements for specified buildings to be eligible for the green building tax credit.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0975) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0411 received an unfavorable report from the House Ways & Means Committee.

### **HB 0412 - Task Force on Minority Participation in the Environmental Community**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Nathaniel T. Oaks (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 0412 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a Task Force on Minority Participation in the Environmental Community; require the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding methods of improving minority participation in the environmental community, methods of improving communication to minority communities, and methods of improving the flow of information and services into minority communities; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0412 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0417 - Vehicle Laws - Fatality or Life-Threatening Injury - Tests for Alcohol, Drugs, or Controlled Dangerous Substances**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Norman H. Conway (D-Wicomico Co., Worcester Co.), et. al. HB 0417 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a person to submit to specified tests for alcohol, drugs, or controlled dangerous substances if detained by a police officer who has reasonable grounds to believe that the person contributed to causing a motor vehicle accident that resulted in the death of, or life-threatening injury to, another person.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0417 received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee.

### **HB 0418 - Solar Energy Grant Fund**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Ann Marie Doory (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 0418 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a Solar Energy Grant Fund to be administered by the Maryland Energy Administration under Public Service Commission oversight for specified purposes; require the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller to perform specified functions related to the Solar Energy Grant Fund; authorize the Solar Energy Grant Fund to be used for grants to eligible projects; and limit the amount of funds that may be used for administrative expenses.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0418 was passed by the House, but received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

### **HB 0422 - St. Mary's County - Impact Fees - Repeal of Sunset**

**Sponsor/Status:** St. Mary's County Delegation. HB 0422 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal a provision that terminates, at the end of June 30, 2006, authorization for the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to waive, defer, or provide for the amortization of building impact fees under specified circumstances.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0422 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 0459 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Easements - Funds and Released Lots**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Nancy Reter Stocksdale (R-Carroll Co.), et. al. HB 0459 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the maximum amount of funds available from the Foundation for matching purchases of easements; alter restrictions on released lots in preservation easements by authorizing the county agricultural preservation advisory board and the local planning and zoning authority to recommend requirements concerning maximum lot sizes for released lots.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0459 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0460 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Restrictions of Released Lots**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Nancy Reter Stocksdale (R-Carroll Co.), et. al. HB 0460 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the maximum lot size for exclusions from an agricultural land preservation easement under specified circumstances; and authorize the county agricultural preservation advisory board and the local planning and zoning authority to waive, under specified circumstances, restrictions concerning maximum lot sizes for released lots in preservation easements.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0460 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0466 - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Historic Main Street Ellicott City Parking Garage Ho. Co. 3-06**

**Sponsor/Status:** Howard County Delegation. HB 0466 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Ellicott City Business Association, Inc. for the planning and construction of a parking garage to serve the Main Street business district, located in Ellicott City; provide for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a

matching fund; establish a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB1526) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0466 received an unfavorable report from the House Appropriations Committee.

### **HB 0477 - Frederick County - Community Development Authorities**

**Sponsor/Status:** Frederick County Delegation. HB 0477 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the County Commissioners of Frederick County to create community development authorities throughout the county by repealing specified geographical restrictions; and authorize the county commissioners to levy specified taxes or fees and issue specified bonds or other obligations.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0477 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0487 - Tax Credit for Maryland-Mined Coal**

**Sponsor/Status:** Garrett County Delegation, and Allegany County Delegation. HB 0487 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter tax credits allowed against specified taxes for the purchase of Maryland-mined coal; limit the credit to the amount approved by the Department of Assessments and Taxation; limit the total amount of credits that the Department may approve for specified calendar years to specified amounts; allow a credit against specified taxes for new or retrofitted facilities using specified technology that use Maryland-mined coal; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0487 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0496 - Motor Scooters and Mopeds - Protective Headgear - Requirement**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate William A. Bronrott (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 0496 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit an individual from operating or riding on a motor scooter or moped unless the individual is wearing protective headgear; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0496 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0522 - Environment - Gasoline Additive - Oxygenate Prohibition**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Virginia P. Clagett (D-Anne Arundel Co.), et. al. HB 0522 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit, on or after January 1, 2008, a person from selling, offering for sale, supplying, or offering for supply gasoline that contains more than a 0.5% oxygenate concentration by volume; define the term "oxygenate"; and authorize the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0522 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0524 - Criminal Offenses - Driving Without a License - Arrest, Impoundment, and Penalties**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Luiz R. S. Simmons (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 0524 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a court from staying the entering of judgment and placing a defendant on probation for a second or subsequent violation of the offense of driving without a license; authorize a law enforcement officer who arrests or issues a citation to an individual for a violation of driving without a license to immediately impound the vehicle that the individual was operating; establish the conditions under which a vehicle impounded under specified circumstances may be released; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0524 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0525 - Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving Penalties - High Alcohol Concentration - Mandatory Ignition Interlock System**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Robert A. Zirkin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0525 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Motor Vehicle Administration to require a person to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program for 3 years following a license suspension if a blood alcohol test result indicates an alcohol concentration of

0.15 or more; prohibit the Administration from modifying a suspension of a driver's license or driving privileges or issuing a restricted license if a test result indicates an alcohol concentration of 0.15 or more unless the person participates in the Program for 3 years; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0525 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0545 - Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving Penalties - Mandatory Use of Ignition Interlock System for a First Conviction**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Robert A. Zirkin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0545 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Motor Vehicle Administration to require a person who is convicted of an alcohol-related driving offense for the first time to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program for 1 year; require the Administration to impose a restriction on the license of a person that prohibits the person from driving a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an ignition interlock system for 1 year; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0545 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 0550 - Criminal Law - Manslaughter by Vehicle or Vessel - Criminal Negligence**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Luiz R. S. Simmons (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 0550 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would make it a misdemeanor for a person to cause the death of another as a result of the person's driving, operating, or controlling a vehicle or vessel in a criminally negligent manner; establish the circumstances under which a person is considered to act in a criminally negligent manner for purposes of the Act; establish that it is not an offense under the Act for a person to cause the death of another as a result of the person's driving, operating, or controlling a vehicle or vessel in a negligent manner; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0550 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0558 - Bay Restoration Fund - Failing Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems - Eligibility for Funds**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Barry Glassman (R-Harford Co.), et. al. HB 0558 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize specified money in the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to provide grants or loans for the cost of repairing or replacing a failing onsite sewage disposal system, with priority given to low-income users as defined by the Department of the Environment.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 1003) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0558 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0560 - Frederick County - Property Tax Credit - Individuals of Age 70 or Older**

**Sponsor/Status:** Frederick County Delegation. HB 0560 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the governing body of Frederick County to provide, by law, for a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified dwellings owned by a homeowner at least 70 years old and of limited income under specified circumstances; and require the governing body of Frederick County to specify restrictions and eligibility requirements for the property tax credit if enacted.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0560 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0561 - Frederick County - Building Excise Tax - Road Projects**

**Sponsor/Status:** Frederick County Delegation. HB 0561 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal a requirement for State matching funds before the Frederick County Commissioners may expend specified funds for a capital project on a State highway; and requiring that before the Frederick County Commissioners may expend funds for a capital road project on a State highway, a specified amount of funds must be obtained from other sources.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 1370) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0561 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0564 - Baltimore City - Fairmount Neighborhood - State Projects or Programs - Prior Approval**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 0564 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the establishment of a State program or project on or after a specified date in the Fairmount neighborhood in Baltimore City without the approval of the Fairmount Neighborhood Association; and provide for the application of the Act.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0564 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0571 - Waterway Improvement Fund - Repayment of Funds**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Joan Cadden (D-Anne Arundel Co.), et. al. HB 0571 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Governor to include in the budget bill specified appropriations from the General Fund to the Waterway Improvement Fund under specified circumstances; and alter a specified requirement for the Governor to include in the budget bill specified appropriations to a specified account under specified circumstances.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0571 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0580 - Public Safety - Emergency Management - Essential Goods and Services - Emergency Bill**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 0580 was assigned to the Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a person from selling or offering to sell essential goods or services during a state of emergency for a price of more than 10% above the price charged by that person for those goods or services 14 days prior to the state of emergency; prohibiting a person from selling or offering to sell repair or reconstruction services or services used for emergency cleanup for a price of more than 10% above the price charged by that person for those services immediately prior to the state of emergency; creating an exception; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0580 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0617 - Natural Resources - Critical Areas - Growth Allocation**

**Sponsor/Status:** Queen Anne's County Delegation. HB 0617 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize a local Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area program to allow the local jurisdiction to reverse a decision on the use of growth allocation under specified circumstances; create an exception for a reversal of a growth allocation use decision to the requirement that zoning map amendments may only be granted under specified circumstances; and alter the definition of "program refinement" to include a reversal of a growth allocation use decision.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0617 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

#### **HB 0619 - Harford County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority - Constitutional Amendment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Harford County Delegation. HB 0619 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would propose amendments to the Maryland Constitution to limit the condemnation of private property in Harford County under specified circumstances; define "public use"; and submit this amendment to the qualified voters for their adoption or rejection.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0619 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

#### **HB 0620 - Alcoholic Beverage Violations - Drivers' Licenses and Driving Privileges - Suspensions**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Tanya Thornton Shewell (R-Carroll Co.), et. al. HB 0620 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require courts to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration if a child is found to have committed or an adult is found guilty of specified alcoholic beverage violations; authorize a court to order the Administration, after receiving a specified notice, to suspend a driver's license or driving privilege for specified periods; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0620 received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee.

## **HB 0623 - St. Mary's County - Property Tax Credit for Individuals Over Age 70 - Repeal of Sunset**

**Sponsor/Status:** St. Mary's County Delegation. HB 0623 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal a provision that terminates, at the end of June 30, 2008, authorization for the governing body of St. Mary's County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified real property owned by individuals at least 70 years old who are of limited income.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0623 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

## **HB 0638 - Residential Property - Municipalities - Authority to Establish Condominium Regimes**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Barbara A. Frush (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.), et. al. HB 0638 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize a municipal corporation to establish a condominium regime on residential property owned by the municipal corporation.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0411) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0638 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

## **HB 0644 - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Refusal to Take a Blood or Breath Test - Prohibition**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Luiz R. S. Simmons (D-Montgomery Co). HB 0644 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the offense of failing to take a specified blood or breath test if a person is detained and subsequently convicted for a suspected violation of specified drunk or drugged driving provisions and the person previously was convicted of a specified drunk or drugged driving offense and specified additional penalties were imposed; establish a penalty; and provide that a specified penalty is in addition to specified other penalties.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0644 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

## **HB 0650 - Solar, Wind, and Geothermal Energy Grant Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Nancy J. King (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 0650 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the Solar Energy Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to be the Solar, Wind, and Geothermal Grant Program; provide grants to individuals, local governments, and businesses for portions of the costs of acquiring and installing small wind property and geothermal property; alter the amounts of grants awarded under the Program; limit the grant award amount under the Program for geothermal property; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0650 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

## **HB 0659 - University of Maryland, College Park - Campus Traffic Study**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Barbara A. Frush (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.), et. al. HB 0659 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the University of Maryland, College Park to study and make recommendations to reduce vehicular traffic on the campus; require the study to include specified matters; require the University to hold public hearings and to submit a final report to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 15, 2007; prohibit the State and Prince George's County government from spending funds or granting permits and approvals for a specified road pending the completion of the study; terminating the Act; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 1278) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0659 died at the end of the session.

## **HB 0661 - Driving While Impaired and Refusal to Take a Blood or Breath Test - Points**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Luiz R. S. Simmons (D-Montgomery Co). HB 0661 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Motor Vehicle Administration to assess 9 points against an individual for a conviction of a specified drunk or drugged driving offense in which a specified additional penalty for refusal to take a blood or breath test is imposed; provide for the assessment of 12 points for a drunk or drugged driving

conviction for which a specified additional penalty was imposed for a second or subsequent time for refusing to take a blood or breath test; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0661 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 0668 - Carroll County - Local Government Tort Claims Act - Inclusion of Specified Nonprofit Entities**

**Sponsor/Status:** Carroll County Delegation. HB 0668 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the definition of a "local government" under the Local Government Tort Claims Act to include the Carroll Area Transit System and the Humane Society of Carroll County, Inc., when providing animal control services for Carroll County, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with the county.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0414) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0668 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0675 - Alcohol- or Drug-Related Crimes - Prohibitions Against Causing Serious Physical Injury**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Kathleen M. Dumais (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 0675 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would change specified alcohol- or drug-related crimes from specified prohibitions against causing a life-threatening injury to another person to specified prohibitions against causing serious physical injury to another person; and provide for penalties.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 1032) was introduced in the 2005 session.

### **HB 0695 - Vehicle Laws - Medical Advisory Board - Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Adrienne A. Mandel (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 0695 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Motor Vehicle Administrator to appoint a Medical Advisory Board; require the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, together with specified entities, to define disorders or conditions that could impair an individual's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely; specify who may file specified reports with the Board; grant immunity to specified persons under specified circumstances; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 1098) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0695 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0699 - Agriculture - Preservation of Historic Structures**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Paul S. Stull (R-Frederick Co.), et. al. HB 0699 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the Maryland Advisory Committee on Historic Agricultural Structure Preservation; provide for the membership, term, and compensation of the Committee; establish a Maryland Barn Preservation Fund to preserve historic agricultural structures; provide that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund; provide for the uses of the Fund; require the Board of Public Works to make specified grants from the Fund; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0699 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0709 - Ethics Law - Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee - Regulated Lobbyists**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Maggie McIntosh (D-Baltimore City). HB 0709 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide that specified provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law related to conflicts of interest and the required termination of a lobbyist's registration do not apply under specified circumstances to a regulated lobbyist who serves on the Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0709 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 0711 - Oil Discharge - Groundwater Contamination - Reimbursement for Costs**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate A. Wade Kach (R-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0711 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a person responsible for a release that resulted in groundwater contamination to reimburse property owners for the costs, up to \$250, for conducting tests for groundwater contamination.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0711 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0721 - Vehicle Laws - Bicycles, EPAMDs, and Motor Scooters - Rules of the Road**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0721 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a driver of a motor vehicle from overtaking and passing a bicycle, an electric personal assistive mobility device (EPAMD), or a motor scooter that is going in the same direction unless the driver can do so safely without endangering the rider of the bicycle, EPAMD, or motor scooter; prohibit a driver of a vehicle from intentionally interfering with the movement of a person who is riding a bicycle, EPAMD, or motor scooter; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0721 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0724 - Property Tax Assessment - Agricultural Use Property - Elderly or Disabled Property Owner**

**Sponsor/Status:** Chairman, House Ways & Means Committee (By Request - Departmental Bill). HB 0724 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the applicability of the gross income requirement for land less than 20 acres to qualify for agricultural use assessment for property tax purposes; and authorize the Director of Assessments and Taxation to grant a waiver from the requirements of specified provisions regarding valuation and assessment to property owners who are at least 70 years of age or are disabled and meet specified conditions regarding ownership.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0724 was approved by both houses, and signed into law by the Governor. It is now Chapter 98 of the Maryland Code.

### **HB 0727 - Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders - Exceptions**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Norman H. Conway (D-Wicomico Co., Worcester Co.), et. al. HB 0727 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide exceptions to the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without protective headgear; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0450) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0727 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0755 - Transportation - Passenger Railroad Service - Maryland Transit Pass (Smart Card) Program - Emergency Bill**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jean B. Cryor (R-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 0755 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the Maryland Transit Administration from installing a fare collection vending machine for the Maryland Transit Pass (Smart Card) program at specified stations for specified passenger railroad services unless the stations, on average, provide service for at least 15 passengers per day at each stop over a specified period of time.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0755 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 0756 - Transportation - Passenger Railroad Service Lines - Closure of MARC Train Stations - Emergency Bill**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jean B. Cryor (R-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 0756 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the Mass Transit Administration from closing a station on specified passenger railroad service lines before March 6, 2007; and require the Administration to conduct a specified review and report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly before closing specified rail stations.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0756 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0757 - Transportation - Passenger Railroad Service Lines - Station Closures - Emergency Bill**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jean B. Cryor (R-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 0757 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the Maryland Transit Administration from closing train stations that have historic or community value or recognition which are located on specified passenger railroad service lines until it holds a public hearing to solicit comments from persons impacted by the proposed closure and considers and gives due regard to the information it receives from the public on the matter; and make the Act an emergency measure.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0757 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 0769 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Easements - Program Requirements**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate J. B. Jennings (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et. al. HB 0769 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the maximum amount of funds available from the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation for matching purchases of easements; alter the period of time that land is required to remain within an agricultural district; require the county governing body to establish, by ordinance, a specified time period required for an agricultural district within its jurisdiction; repeal restrictions for the reapplication process for an easement; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0769 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0770 - Emergency Management - Evacuation Plans for Regulated Facilities**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate David D. Rudolph (D-Cecil Co.). HB 0570 was assigned to the House Health & Government Operations Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require local organizations for emergency management to coordinate with specified regulated facilities in the political subdivision to ensure that the regulated residence has an emergency evacuation plan and that the local organization has a copy of the plan; and require local organizations for emergency management to review the emergency evacuation plans and consult with local agencies and private ambulance services for specified purposes.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0770 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

## **HB 0773 - Income Tax - Credit for Motorized Shopping Carts**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Susan K. McComas (R-Harford Co.), et. al. HB 0773 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide for a credit against the State income tax for the purchase of motorized shopping carts for use by individuals with disabilities under specified conditions; provide for limitations of the number of credits that may be claimed for each business location during the taxable year; provide that the credit may not exceed the lesser of \$1,000 or the State income tax for that taxable year and that any unused credit may be carried over to another taxable year; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0773 died at the end of the session.

## **HB 0793 - Montgomery County - Highways - Prohibition on Use for Solicitation MC 606-06**

**Sponsor/Status:** Montgomery County Delegation. HB 0793 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a person from standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection in Montgomery County to solicit money or donations from an occupant of a vehicle.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0436) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0793 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

## **HB 0803 - Eminent Domain - Moving, Relocation, and Reestablishment Expenses**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Catherine E. Pugh (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 0803 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal the monetary maximum for payments to displaced persons for actual reasonable reestablishment expenses.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0385) was introduced in the 2004 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0803 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0810 - Solar Energy Tax Credit**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0810 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a credit against the State income tax for specified costs of equipment that uses solar energy to generate electricity or to heat or cool a structure or provide hot water for use in a structure; and prohibit the use of the credit if an individual or corporation receives a grant under the Solar Energy Grant Program.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0714) was introduced in the 2004 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0810 received an unfavorable report from the House Ways & Means Committee.

### **HB 0811 - Excise Tax - Tax-Free Period for Purchase of Advanced Technology Vehicles**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0811 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would designate a 7-day period in April 2007 during which the purchase of new advanced technology vehicles is exempt from the vehicle excise tax; require the Maryland Energy Administration to assist the Motor Vehicle Administration to administer the excise tax exemption; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0811 received an unfavorable report from the House Ways & Means Committee.

### **HB 0815 - Land Preservation - Repayment of Transfers to General Fund**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Mary-Dulany James (D-Cecil Co., Harford Co.), et. al. HB 0815 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would make applicable to fiscal years 2008 through 2011 a requirement scheduled to begin in fiscal 2012 that the Governor include in the annual budget bill a General Fund appropriation of a specified amount to a specified special fund; repeal an obsolete limitation on the requirement; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0815 received an unfavorable report from the House Appropriations Committee.

### **HB 0817 - Vehicle Laws - Commercial Vehicles - Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Driving - Prohibitions**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Darryl A. Kelley (D-Prince George's Co.), et. al. HB 0817 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a driver of a school vehicle that is in motion and carrying passengers from using a wireless communication device; prohibit a driver of a commercial motor vehicle that is in motion from using the driver's hands to use a wireless communication device; establish a \$250 fine for a violation of the Act; authorize a court to waive the fine under specified circumstances; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0817 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0820 - Higher Education - Land Preservation**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Mary-Dulany James (D-Cecil Co., Harford Co.), et. al. HB 0820 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Department of Planning to provide notice regarding specified excess property subject to the control of specified higher education institutions to specified committees of the General Assembly, specify members of the General Assembly, and specify adjacent property owners; require specified higher education institutions to include specified information regarding specified excess property in a specified notification; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0820 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 0821 - Drunk and Drugged Driving and Homicide or Life-Threatening Injury by Motor Vehicle or Vessel Offenses - Probation Before Judgment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate William A. Bronrott (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 0821 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would extend from 5 to 10 years the period during which a court is prohibited from staying the entry of judgment and placing a person on probation for a subsequent violation of specified alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses or specified homicide or life-threatening injury by motor vehicle or vessel offenses.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0888) was introduced in the 2004 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0821 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0825 - Alcoholic Beverage Violations - Drivers' Licenses and Driving Privileges - Suspensions**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate William A. Bronrott (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 0825 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require courts to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration if a child or adult under the age of 21 years is found to have committed or is found guilty of specified alcoholic beverage violations; authorize a court to order the Administration, after receiving a specified notice, to suspend a driver's license or driving privilege for specified periods; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0825 received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee.

### **HB 0832 - Vehicle Laws - Stopping, Standing, or Parking After Turning - Prohibition**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate K. Bennett Bozman (D-Wicomico Co., Worcester Co.), et. al. HB 0832 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle on a highway within 100 feet of an intersection after making a turn from another highway.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0832 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0856 - Clean Power Grant Fund - Maryland-Mined Coal Tax Credit**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Justin D. Ross (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 0856 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee, and the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the Clean Power Grant Fund; establish that the purpose of the Fund is to provide grants to specified electric generating facilities for 40% of the costs of acquiring and installing specified emission controls; require the

Secretary of the Environment to administer the Fund; establish the composition of the Fund; require the Department to adopt regulations for administering the Fund; provide for specified incremental reductions of the Maryland-mined coal tax credit; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0856 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

### **HB 0858 - Vehicle Laws - Baltimore County - Speed Monitoring Systems - Liberty Road**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Emmett C. Burns, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0858 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the placement of specified speed monitoring systems on that portion of Liberty Road, Route 26, that is within the boundaries of Baltimore County; make provisions of law relating to speed monitoring systems applicable to Baltimore County; provide for the distribution of revenues generated by the Act after specified costs are deducted; provide for the application of the Act; provide that existing obligations or contracts may not be impaired by the Act; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0630) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0858 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0888 - Vehicle Laws - Baltimore County Alleys - Maximum Speed Limit**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Richard K. Impallaria (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et. al. HB 0888 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a maximum speed limit of 10 miles an hour in alleys in Baltimore County.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0888 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 0890 - Motor Vehicle Laws - Alleys - Maximum Speed Limits**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Richard K. Impallaria (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et. al. HB 0890 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a maximum speed limit of 10 miles an hour in an alley.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 1180) was introduced in the 2005 session.)

**Final Disposition:** HB 0890 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0894 - Transportation - Task Force to Study General Aviation Issues in Maryland - Establishment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Darryl A. Kelley (D-Prince George's Co.), et. al. HB 0894 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the Task Force to Study General Aviation Issues in Maryland; provide for the membership of the Task Force; require the Task Force to examine specified environmental, safety, and security issues regarding general aviation in Maryland and to make appropriate recommendations; and require the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 30, 2007.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 1160) was introduced in the 2005 session.

### **HB 0898 - Real Property - Eminent Domain - Repurchase of Condemned Property**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Richard K. Impallaria (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.). HB 0898 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a condemnor that decides to sell the condemned property to first offer the property at a specified price to a condemnee or the condemnee's heirs or assignees; establish that a condemnee or the condemnee's heirs or assignees have the right to repurchase the condemned property within a specified period of time; and authorize the condemnor to sell the property to any other person if the offer is not accepted.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0898 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0927 - Prince George's County - Liquefied Natural Gas Storage Facilities PG 415-06 - Emergency Bill**

**Sponsor/Status:** Prince George's County Delegation. HB 0927 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the granting of a special exception in Prince George's County for a liquefied natural gas storage facility within a specified distance from specified population centers and specified public transportation centers as determined by the district council for the county; and provide for the application of the Act.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0927 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

### **HB 0940 - Property Tax - Assessment Freeze for Elderly Homeowners**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Sheila E. Hixson (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 0940 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit an increase in the property tax assessment of specified owner-occupied residential real property owned by an individual who is at least a specified age, under specified circumstances; define specified terms; and provide for the application of the Act.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0550) was introduced in the 1998 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0940 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0943 - Vehicle Laws - Bicycles and Motor Scooters - Operation and Equipment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 0943 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish an exception to the requirement that a bicycle or motor scooter traveling at a specified speed stay to the right side of the roadway; repeal provisions of law prohibiting, except under specified circumstances, a person from operating a bicycle or motor scooter on a roadway where there is a bike lane or a shoulder paved to a smooth surface; repeal provisions prohibiting a person operating a bicycle or motor scooter from leaving the bike lane or shoulder until specified conditions can be met; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0943 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 0961 - Condemnation - Speedy Trial - Relocation of Businesses**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 0961 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require that, on written request of any party, an action for condemnation shall be set for trial within 90 days after the case is at issue and shall take precedence over all other civil cases; and require that a representative of a displacing agency contact a business owner affected by a public project for which property is being acquired by condemnation and negotiate in good faith to provide an effective plan to relocate the business.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0961 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0962 - Condemnation - Moving and Relocation Assistance**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 0962 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal the \$10,000 limitation on the expenses that a displacing agency is required to pay to reestablish a displaced farm, nonprofit organization, or small business; and increase from \$20,000 to \$50,000 the alternative fixed payment that a displaced person may elect to accept.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0962 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0963 - Condemnation - Urban Renewal or Economic Development - Required Findings**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 0963 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would state the intent of the General Assembly concerning preservation of existing businesses when property is acquired by condemnation for urban renewal or economic development purposes; require a government unit to make specified findings with respect to affected businesses before condemning private property for urban renewal or economic development purposes; require the government unit to make a written record of its findings; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0963 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0964 - Condemnation - Time Period for Filing Action**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 0964 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require condemnation actions to be filed within 3 years after the date of the specific administrative determination to acquire the property; and require a new authorization to condemn the property if a condemnation action is not filed within that time period.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0964 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0965 - Maryland Transit Administration - Commuter Bus Lines - Anne Arundel and Queen Anne's Counties**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Mary Roe Walkup (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et. al. HB 0965 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Maryland Transit Administration to establish a commuter bus line connecting Anne Arundel County and Queen Anne's County; designate stops for the commuter bus line required under the Act; require the Administration to adopt a schedule at which buses arrive at and depart from each designated stop at least three times each morning and at least three times each afternoon; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0336) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0965 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0971 - Real Property - Condemnation Proceedings - Compensation for Business Owners**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Patrick N. Hogan (R-Frederick Co.), et. al. HB 0971 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require specified governmental units to make specified written findings before condemning and transferring private property to a private party for economic development purposes; establish that damages awarded for the taking of property used for a business or farm operation shall include damages for the loss of net operating income for a specified period of time; add specified payments to relocation costs; and require the Governor's Office of Business Advocacy and Small Business Assistance to assist business condemnees.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0971 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 0976 - Motor Vehicle Insurance - Accident Prevention Courses - Discount for Seniors**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Barry Glassman (R-Harford Co.). HB 0976 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require an insurer to provide a reduction in rates for motor vehicle personal injury and property damage coverage to an insured who is at least 55 years old and who, within the last 2 years, has completed a course in accident prevention; provide that the rate reduction does not apply to an insured who attends a course in accident prevention under a court order or as required by the Motor Vehicle Administration; and require the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt specified regulations.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0976 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 0981 - Transportation Funding - Mass Transit - Sales and Use Tax**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Charles E. Barkley (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 0981 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the distribution of sales and use tax revenue; create a Mass Transit Account within the Transportation Trust Fund; provide for the distribution of specified sales and use tax revenue to the Account; pledge specified taxes collected to pay the principal and interest on highway construction bonds; provide for periodic increases to the rate of the sales and use tax; limit the use of the Account to funding specified transit capital and operating expenses; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0981 received an unfavorable report from the House Ways & Means Committee.

### **HB 0997 - Income Tax - Credit for Hydrogen Fuel Cell Research and Development**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jeannie Haddaway (R-Caroline Co., Dorchester Co., Talbot Co., Wicomico Co.), et. al. HB 0997 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would allow a credit against the Maryland income tax for specified hydrogen fuel cell research and development expenses incurred by an

individual or corporation; provide for applications to the Department of Business and Economic Development for approval of the credit and certification by the Department to taxpayers of approved credit amounts; limit the total amount of credits that the Department may approve for any calendar year to \$3 million; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 1363) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 0997 received an unfavorable report from the House Ways & Means Committee.

### **HB 1007 - Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear for Motorcycle Riders - Required Warning**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate John W. E. Cluster, Jr. (R-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 1007 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Motor Vehicle Administrator to require protective headgear sold in the State for motorcyclists to bear a specified warning; and make the Act applicable to protective headgear sold in the State on or after June 1, 2006.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1007 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1013 - Income Tax Subtraction Modification for Cost of Employee Teleworking Expenses**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jean B. Cryor (R-Montgomery Co.). HB 1013 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for costs incurred by an employer for specified teleworking expenses of employees who are authorized to telework by the employer; provide that the subtraction modification of each employer may not exceed \$5,000; provide for applications to the Secretary of Transportation for approval of the credit and certification by the Secretary to employers of approved credit amounts; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0041) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1013 received an unfavorable report from the House Ways & Means Committee.

## **HB 1022 - Transportation - Mass Transit - Inspectors General and Governance of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Charles E. Barkley (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 1022 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish an Office of the Inspector General in the Maryland Transit Administration; provide that the Inspector General is the head of the Office; establish the duties of the Inspector General; increase the number of officers of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to include an inspector general; establish the duties of the inspector general of the Authority; require that specified payments of specified signatories be from specified sources of funding; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1022 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

## **HB 1023 - Task Force to Study the Sound Barrier Policy of the State Highway Administration**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Luiz R. S. Simmons (D-Montgomery Co.). HB 1023 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a Task Force to Study the Sound Barrier Policy of the State Highway Administration; specify the membership and duties of the Task Force; provide procedures that the Task Force shall follow; and require the Task Force to evaluate the effectiveness of the sound barrier policy and report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2007.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1023 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

## **HB 1025 - State Employee Teleworking Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jean B. Cryor (R-Montgomery Co.). HB 1025 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a Teleworking Implementation Program; require the Secretary of Budget and Management to establish a telework policy for agencies in the Executive Branch of State government; require each agency in the Executive Branch of State government to submit a telework plan to the Department of Budget and Management; specify the contents of the telework plan; require each agency to offer a specified percentage of eligible employees the opportunity to telework by a specified date; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0117) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1025 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 1031 - Mandatory Participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate William A. Bronrott (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 1031 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Governor to include the State in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative as soon as internal procedures exist for the addition of new member states.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1031 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 1039 - Baltimore County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority - Constitutional Amendment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Patrick L. McDonough (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et. al. HB 1039 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation proposes amendments to the Maryland Constitution to limit the condemnation of private property in Baltimore County under specified circumstances; define a specified term; and submit this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

### **HB 1042 - Real Property - Baltimore County - Eminent Domain - Repurchase of Condemned Property**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Richard K. Impallaria (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et. al. HB 1042 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a condemnor in Baltimore County that decides to sell condemned property to first offer the property to a condemnee or the condemnee's heirs or assignees; establish that the sales price of the condemned property to the condemnee is the amount of the compensation paid for the property; establish that a condemnee has the right to repurchase the condemned property within 90 days of the offer; authorize the condemnor to sell the property to any other person if the offer is not accepted; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1042 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

## **HB 1044 - Real Property - Harford County - Eminent Domain - Repurchase of Condemned Property**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Richard K. Impallaria (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et. al. HB 1044 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a condemnor in Harford County that decides to sell condemned property to offer the property first to a condemnee or the condemnee's heirs or assignees; establish that the sales price of the condemned property to the condemnee is the amount of the compensation paid for the property; establish that a condemnee has the right to repurchase the condemned property within 90 days of the offer; authorize the condemnor to sell the property to any other person if the offer is not accepted; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1044 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

## **HB 1047 - Transfer of State Real Property - Long-Term Lease of Protected Lands**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Mary-Dulany James (D-Cecil Co., Harford Co.). HB 1047 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee, and House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the Secretary of General Services from approving a lease of at least 20 years for specified real property, including any options to renew the lease, until the required information is provided to the budget committees for review and comment and 45 days have elapsed.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1047 died at the end of the session.

## **HB 1057 - Criminal Law - Reckless Endangerment - Use of a Motor Vehicle**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Christopher B. Shank (R-Washington Co.), et. al. HB 1057 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide that the prohibition against recklessly engaging in conduct that creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another does not apply to conduct involving the use of a motor vehicle if the exclusive proof of the reckless conduct would constitute a violation of specified provisions of law that prohibit driving while under the influence, of alcohol, or driving while impaired by any drug, a combination of drugs, or a combination of alcohol and drugs.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1057 died at the end of the session.

**HB 1095 - Prince George's County - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Approval Limitations PG/MC 111-06**

**Sponsor/Status:** Prince George's County Delegation, and Montgomery County Delegation. HB 1095 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the District Council of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Prince George's County from approving a special exception to construct specified liquefied natural gas storage facilities without a three-fourths majority vote of the District Council.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1095 died at the end of the session.

**HB 1117 - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - East County Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Project**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Joseph J. Minnick (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. (By Request - Baltimore County Administration). HB 1117 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of the road and sidewalk upgrades for the proposed bicycle and pedestrian access project; provide for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1117 received an unfavorable report from the House Appropriations Committee.

**HB 1119 - Condemnation - Urban Renewal or Economic Development - Required Findings - Judicial Review**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 1119 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would state the intent of the General Assembly concerning preservation of existing businesses when property is acquired by condemnation for urban renewal or economic development purposes; requiring a government unit to make specified findings with respect to affected businesses before condemning private

property for urban renewal or economic development purposes; requiring the government unit to make a written record of its findings; establishing a standard of judicial review of the government unit's findings; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1119 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1126 - Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program - Critical Area Commission - Authority**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Barbara A. Frush (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.) (Chair, Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area). HB 1126 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would clarify the authority of the Critical Area Commission and the chairman of the Critical Area Commission regarding program amendments and program refinements; alter the guidelines for local jurisdictions for the location of new intensely developed and limited development areas; alter the Commission's approval process for program amendments and program refinements; and clarify the procedures for growth allocation requests by local jurisdictions.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1126 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 1137 - Real Property - Condemnation - Procedures and Compensation**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Theodore J. Sophocleus (D-Anne Arundel Co.), et. al. HB 1137 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a specified government unit to make specified findings in writing before condemning and transferring private property to a private party for economic development purposes; establish a specified standard for judicial review of a government unit's findings; establish that damages awarded for the taking of property used for a business or farm operation may include specified damages for the loss of "goodwill" under specified circumstances; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1137 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1138 - Critical Areas Program - Resource Conservation Areas - Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge - Emergency Bill**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Barbara A. Frush (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.), et. al. HB 1138 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the use of growth allocation for the development of property in resource conservation areas that is located within 1,000 feet of a specified tributary in Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1138 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1141 - Land Use - Comprehensive Plans - Plan Elements**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Maggie McIntosh (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 1141 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a planning commission of a county or municipal corporation to include a water resources plan element when developing a comprehensive plan; require the water resources plan element and mineral resources plan element to be reviewed and approved by the Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources; require a sensitive areas plan element of a comprehensive plan to be reviewed and approved by them; and include wetlands in the description of sensitive areas.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1141 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 1143 - Condemnation - Damages - Compensation for Assets of Business**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 1143 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require that the damages to be awarded for the taking of land that includes a business shall include compensation to the business owner for the assets of the business under specified circumstances; and provide that the damages shall include, and may not duplicate, damages for the fair market value of the land.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1143 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1150 - Moving Violations - Death**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Carol S. Petzold (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 1150 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide that a person issued a traffic citation for a moving violation contributing to an accident that results in the death of another person may not comply with a notice to appear in court by prepayment of a fine and must appear in person; provide that, if a person is convicted of a moving violation and the trier of fact finds that the moving violation contributed to an accident that resulted in the death of another, the person is subject to specified penalties; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1150 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1156 - Cooperatives - Rural Broadband Telecommunication Services - Organization**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Sally Y. Jameson (D-Charles Co.), et. al. HB 1156 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the Rural Broadband Coordination Office in the Department of Business and Economic Development; require the Office to coordinate with specified entities for the establishment of rural broadband telecommunication services in rural and underserved areas; establish a Rural Broadband Assistance Fund as a special fund in the Office for specified purposes; authorize rural broadband nonprofit cooperatives to organize under the laws of the State; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1156 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 1159 - Land Use - Local Planning Commission Plans - Open Space**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Michael D. Smigiel, Sr. (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et. al. HB 1159 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit local land use plans that provide for open space from including areas with impervious or pervious surfaces that are unusable by the public for parks or recreation areas as open space; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1159 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1160 - Workforce Housing Grant Program - Establishment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Maggie McIntosh (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 1160 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the Workforce Housing Grant Program; requiring a county to meet specified criteria to participate in the Program; require qualifying counties to provide specified matching funds; establish specified criteria for distribution and use of Program funds; require counties to use Program funds for specified costs and in accordance with specified plans; authorize qualifying counties to transfer Program funds under specified circumstances; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1160 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 1171 - Task Force on Sewage Sludge as an Alternative Energy Source**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 1171 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a Task Force on Sewage Sludge as an Alternative Energy Source; require the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding methods of facilitating the use of sewage sludge as an alternative energy source, such as fuel for a cement kiln, by studying effects on revenues, environmental benefits and cost, potential for new markets, employment, economic development, and best practices for implementing a sewage sludge conversion program; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1171 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

### **HB 1196 - Vehicle Laws - Overtaking and Passing Vehicles**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Kevin Kelly (D-Allegany Co.). HB 1196 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require, under specified circumstances and on specified highways that have two or more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction, a vehicle in the far left lane that is being overtaken by another vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle; provide for specified exceptions; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0182) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1196 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

## **HB 1203 - Real Property - Condemnation - Procedures and Compensation**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D-Prince George's Co.), et. al. HB 1203 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a specified government unit to make specified findings in writing before condemning and transferring private property to a private party for economic development purposes; establish a specified standard of judicial review of a government unit's findings; establish that damages awarded for the taking of property used for a business or farm operation may include specified damages for the loss of "goodwill" under specified circumstances; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1203 died at the end of the session.

## **HB 1208 - Condemnation - Damages - Loss of Visibility**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 1208 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide that a business owner is entitled to compensation for a reduction in fair market value of specified property resulting from a loss of visibility caused by a public project for which the property or part of the property is taken by condemnation.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1208 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

## **HB 1211 - Task Force on Green Building**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 1211 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a Task Force on Green Building; require the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding studying low-impact development codes and green building techniques, evaluate best practices to improve communication regarding a green building program to communities, businesses, and developers, and identify statewide potential for low-impact development projects and potential for cost reduction for stormwater management, road building, and other infrastructure for communities in low-impact zoning areas; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1211 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

## **HB 1218 - Vehicle Laws - Driving While License Suspended - Causing Bodily Injury or Death**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Steven J. DeBoy, Sr. (D-Baltimore Co., Howard Co.), et. al. HB 1218 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit a person from causing an accident that results in bodily injury to or the death of another while operating a motor vehicle while the person's license or privilege to drive is suspended in the State; and establishing a penalty.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1218 received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee.

## **HB 1220 - Environment - Sewage Sludge - Evaluate Potential as Alternative Energy Source**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co., et. al. HB 1220 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a county or municipal corporation that has sewage sludge processing activities within its boundaries to evaluate the potential for converting sewage sludge into an alternative energy source; establish criteria that should be studied in the evaluation; require the county or municipal corporation to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Department of the Environment by a specific date; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1220 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

## **HB 1224 - Eminent Domain - Allegany County - Condemnation for Public Use and Repurchase of Condemned Property**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate George C. Edwards (R-Allegany Co., Garrett Co.), et. al. HB 1224 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish that private property may not be acquired in Allegany County by condemnation unless it is necessary for specified public uses; establish that private property acquired for a specified public use related to public health or safety may be used in any manner authorized by local zoning ordinances; require a condemnor in Allegany County that decides to sell condemned property to offer the property at a specified price first to a condemnee or the condemnee's heirs or assignees; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1224 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1233 - Eminent Domain - Garrett County - Condemnation for Public Use and Repurchase of Condemned Property**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate George C. Edwards (R-Allegany Co., Garrett Co.). HB 1233 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish that private property may not be acquired in Garrett County by condemnation unless it is necessary for specified public uses; establish that property acquired for a specified public use related to public health and safety may be used in any manner authorized by local zoning ordinances; require a condemnor in Garrett County that decides to sell condemned property to first offer the property at a specified price to a condemnee or the condemnee's heirs or assignees; etc.)

**Final Disposition:** HB 1233 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1239 - Annexation Planning and Procedures Act of 2006**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Rudolph C. Cane (D-Dorchester Co., Wicomico Co.), et. al. HB 1239 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize a county and a municipal corporation to enter into a joint planning agreement under specified circumstances; provide for the process by which a county and a municipal corporation may enter into a joint planning agreement; provide for the contents of a joint planning agreement; require a county and a municipal corporation to each designate representatives that are authorized and competent to discuss issues with regard to a joint planning agreement; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1239 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1241 - Environment - Sewage Sludge - Use as Alternative Energy Source**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.). HB 1241 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a county to include an alternative energy plan for converting sewage sludge that is treated within its boundaries in the county water and sewerage plan; require the plan to provide for at least 15% of sewage sludge to be

converted; require the county to submit an annual report by a specified date that details information on sewage sludge conversion; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1241 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1254 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and Rural Legacy Program - Bonus Density - Prohibition**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Michael D. Smigiel, Sr. (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et. al. HB 1254 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation from purchasing easements in specified zoning districts; prohibit counties from using specified funds for the purchase of easements in certain zoning districts; prohibit funds under the Rural Legacy Program from being used to purchase easements or acquire property in specified zoning districts; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1254 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1260 - Municipal Corporations - Building Excise Tax**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Kumar P. Barve (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 1260 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize municipal corporations to impose, by ordinance or resolution, a building excise tax on all types of building construction within a municipal corporation; require a municipal corporation to specify in the ordinance or resolution the types of building construction subject to tax, the criteria and formulas used to assess the tax, and the tax rates; authorize a municipal corporation to impose different rates of the building excise tax on different types of building construction subject to the tax; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1260 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1268 - Land Use - Transfer of Development Rights - Restriction**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Michael D. Smigiel, Sr. (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.). HB 1268 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the transfer of development rights to specified zoning districts; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1268 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1272 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and Rural Legacy Program - Priority Preservation Areas - Protecting Public Investment in Land Preservation**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Michael D. Smigiel, Sr. (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et. al. HB 1272 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the maximum amount that may be expended from the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation Fund for specified purchases of easements; provide that specified areas receive a specified portion of funding for specified purchases; require the Foundation and the Department of Planning to adopt regulations relating to the evaluation and certification of specified areas; require the Foundation and the Department to evaluate specified areas for certification in accordance with specified criteria; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1272 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1277 - Protected Lands - Local Land Use Applications - County Authority**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Mary-Dulany James (D-Cecil Co., Harford Co.), et. al. HB 1277 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize a county or municipal corporation to deny applications for local land use, under specified circumstances, when the land is protected under land conservation programs within the Department of Natural Resources.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1277 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 1305 - Transportation - Heavy Rail Transit - Federal Funding**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Salima Siler Marriott (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 1305 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter from two-thirds to 25% the minimum percentage of net project costs for heavy rail transit projects required to be paid by federal grants; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1305 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1306 - Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line - Required Considerations**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Salima Siler Marriott (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 1306 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Maryland Transit Administration, in conducting the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study of the Red Line, to evaluate specified alternatives, alignments, and transit modes, regardless of the associated costs.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1306 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1307 - Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory Council - Establishment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Salima Siler Marriott (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 1307 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory Council; require the Advisory Council to study, investigate, and monitor, and make recommendations to the Maryland Transit Administration with respect to, bus and rail transit in the Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District; provide for the membership, terms, chair, and staff of the Advisory Council; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1307 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1308 - Maryland Transit Administration - Public Hearings**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Salima Siler Marriott (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 1308 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Maryland Transit Administration to hold at least three public hearings each year; require, except under specified circumstances, the Administration to hold a public hearing before changing a bus or rail route alignment or bus stop location; require the Administration to hold a public hearing before changing a bus timetable or establishing or abandoning a rail transit station; limit the time period during which the Administration may implement a policy change on these matters; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1308 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1309 - Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line - Requirements**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Nathaniel T. Oaks (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 1309 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Maryland Transit Administration to consider the establishment of a fund to compensate property owners for damages incurred during the construction of a Red Line project; require the Administration to consider specified matters concerning alterations and areas surrounding the Red Line corridor in consultation with specified persons; require the Administration to establish a Red Line Project Community Advisory Committee; require the Administration to report by December 1, 2006; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1309 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 1315 - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Repeat Offenders - Special Registration Plates**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Herman L. Taylor, Jr. (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 1315 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue special license plates to identify a vehicle that is owned by an individual who has been convicted of specified drunk or drugged driving offenses two or more times; require the special registration plates to be distinctive and to include the letters "DUI"; require the Administration to recall the registration plates of all vehicles owned by an individual who has been convicted of specified drunk and drugged driving offenses two or more times; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1315 received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee.

### **HB 1323 - Electric Companies - Net Energy Metering - Accrual of Generated Electricity - Crediting to Customer's Account**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Mary Roe Walkup (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et. al. HB 1323 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would allow customer-generators that own and operate specified solar, biomass, or wind electric generating facilities and that have a net energy

metering contract with an electric company to accrue electricity generation credit for a specified period; require the electric company to carry forward a negative kilowatts per hour reading until the customer-generator begins to consume electricity from the grid; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 1553) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1323 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 1326 - Environment - Groundwater Contamination - Notification and Reimbursement of Costs**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Barbara A. Frush (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.). HB 1326 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would clarify procedures for the notification of groundwater contamination findings by the Department of the Environment; alter procedures for the notification of property owners of groundwater contamination findings by the Department and county; and alter the requirements for reimbursement by responsible persons.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1326 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 1341 - Northern Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing with Terminus in Kent County - Prohibition on Planning, Financing, and Construction**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Mary Roe Walkup (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et. al. HB 1341 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would repeal specified authority of the State Roads Commission to construct and finance a northern crossing of the Chesapeake Bay between Millers Island in Baltimore County and Kent County; prohibit the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority from including in specified plans and documents any reference or statement with respect to a crossing of the Chesapeake Bay that has a terminus that lies in Kent County; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1341 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1344 - Motor Fuel Tax - Exemption for Biodiesel Fuel - Government Vehicles**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Sheila E. Hixson (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 1344 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would exempt biodiesel fuel purchased for use in specified government vehicles from the State motor fuel tax; and terminate the Act in 4 years.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1344 was passed by the House, but received an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

### **HB 1345 - Transportation Funding - Mass Transit - Funding Study**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Sheila E. Hixson (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 1345 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Maryland Department of Transportation to conduct specified analyses of the operating and capital funding needs for transit over a specified period of time; require the Department to review the funding structures of specified transit services across the country and in specified cities outside the United States; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1345 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 1346 - Real Property - Condemnation - Computation of Damages for the Taking of Residential Real Property**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Eric M. Bromwell (D-Baltimore Co.). HB 1346 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide for the computation of damages for the taking of residential real property in specified condemnation proceedings; and define a specified term.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1346 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1351 - State Highway Administration - Bridges - Installation of Throwable Flotation Devices**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Mary Roe Walkup (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et. al. HB 1351 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the State Highway Administration to install a throwable flotation device on every bridge in the State that is part of a highway and extends over a body of water, includes a pedestrian walkway, and requires a construction permit from the United States Coast Guard; require the flotation device to be readily accessible by any person rendering assistance to a person in distress in the water; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1351 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1374 - Motor Vehicle Administration - Drivers' Licenses - Renew**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Adrienne A. Mandel (D-Montgomery Co.). HB 1374 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the period of time from 5 years to 2 years that the driver's license of an individual who is at least 71 years old shall remain valid; require an applicant for license renewal who is at least 66 years old to renew the license in person at an office of the Motor Vehicle Administration; and prohibit the Administration from renewing the driver's license of an individual under specified circumstances.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1374 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1377 - Real Property - Condemnation for Public Purpose - Requirements and Compensation**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate John G. Trueschler (R-Baltimore Co.). HB 1377 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a governmental unit in an action for condemnation of property for a public purpose to approve the taking in a development plan that is passed as law by the governmental unit; increase the damages to be awarded and the calculation of fair market value of the property in actions for condemnation for a public purpose; provide for the recalculation of damages if property is condemned for a public use and later transferred to be used for a public purpose; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1377 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1383 - Vehicle Laws - Right-of-Way - Penalties for Failure to Yield**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Kevin Kelly (D-Allegany Co.), et. al. HB 1383 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish that, if a person is convicted of failing to yield the right-of-way in violation of specified provisions of law and the violation contributes to an accident that results in bodily injury to another, the person is subject to a \$500 fine and a 90-day period of license suspension; establish a fine of \$1,000 and a 180-day period of license suspension if the violation contributes to an accident resulting in the death of another; provide that the penalties are in addition to other penalties provided by law; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (SB 0963) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1383 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1392 - Transportation Funding - Mass Transit - Sales and Use Tax**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Anne R. Kaiser (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 1392 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would alter the distribution of sales and use tax revenue; create a Mass Transit Account within the Transportation Trust Fund; provide for the distribution of specified sales and use tax revenue to the Account; pledge specified taxes collected to pay the principal of and interest on specified bonds; provide for periodic increases in the distribution rate of the sales and use tax revenue; limit the use of the Account to funding transit capital and operating expenses; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0001) was introduced in the 2000 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1392 received an unfavorable report from the House Ways & Means Committee.

### **HB 1402 - Maryland Transit Administration - Greater Baltimore Bus Initiative - Required Public Hearings - Emergency Bill**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D-Baltimore City), et. al. HB 1402 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Maryland Transit Administration to hold three public hearings at three different locations, and on three different dates, before action may be taken on proposed changes to the Baltimore metropolitan bus service

under the second phase of the Greater Baltimore Bus Initiative; make the Act an emergency measure; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1402 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1407 - Washington County - Building Excise Tax**

**Sponsor/Status:** Washington County Delegation. HB 1407 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide that for nonresidential addition construction, a building excise tax imposed in Washington County applies only to that portion of the construction that exceeds the gross square footage of the nonresidential building prior to the beginning of construction for which a building permit has been issued; authorize the County Commissioners of Washington County to provide for individual exemptions for specific construction projects; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1407 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 1410 - Property Protection Act of 2006 - Constitutional Amendment**

**Sponsor/Status:** The Minority Leader of the House, et. al. HB 1410 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would propose amendments to the Maryland Constitution to limit the condemnation of private property under specified circumstances; define "public use"; generally relating to the laws authorizing private property to be taken for public use after payment of just compensation; and submit this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1410 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1415 - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Subsequent Offenders - Penalties**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Anthony J. O'Donnell (R-Calvert Co., St. Mary's Co.), et. al. HB 1415 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would expand the types of alcohol- and drug-related driving offenses for which persons convicted of specified subsequent offenses are subject to specified mandatory minimum periods of imprisonment under specified circumstances;

alter the circumstances in which home detention is included in the meaning of "imprisonment" for the purpose of specified subsequent offender penalties; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 0808) was introduced in the 2005 session.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1415 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1427 - Real Property - Eminent Domain - Repurchase of Condemned Property**

**Sponsor/Status:** The Minority leader of the House, et. al. HB 1427 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require a condemnor that decides to sell condemned property to first offer the property at a specified price to the condemnee or the condemnee's heirs or assignees; establish that the condemnee or the condemnee's heirs or assignees have the right to repurchase the condemned property within a specified period of time; authorize the condemnor to sell the property to any other person if the offer is not accepted; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1427 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1444 - Taxpayers' Bill of Rights - Constitutional Amendment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Herbert H. McMillan (R-Anne Arundel Co.), et. al. HB 1444 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would propose an amendment to the Maryland Constitution that establishes a Bill of Rights for State individual income taxpayers; require voter approval for new State or local taxes, tax rate increases, and repeal of tax exemptions; impose specified spending limits on the State; require that specified revenues received in excess of specified estimates be paid to individual income taxpayers; and submit this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar legislation (HB 1206) was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1444 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1461 - Energy Conservation Act of 2006**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate John G. Trueschler (R-Baltimore Co.). HB 1461 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize each county and Baltimore City to develop an energy conservation plan, consisting of specified information, and submit the plan, on or before July 1, 2008, to the Maryland Energy Administration; require the Administration to review the plans and provide comments, under specified circumstances, within a specified time frame; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1461 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1463 - State Buildings Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Eric M. Bromwell (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 1463 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Department of General Services, in cooperation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to set specified energy performance standards to require reductions of energy consumption in State buildings by specified dates; require State agencies to conduct energy consumption analyses; require State agencies to update energy conservation plans; and generally relating to improving energy efficiency and conservation in State buildings.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1463 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 1469 - Transportation Facilities - Public-Private Partnerships**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Virginia P. Clagett (D-Anne Arundel Co.). HB 1469 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Department of Transportation to adopt regulations establishing a public-private partnership program for transportation facilities projects under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority; require the regulations adopted by the Department to contain specified provisions; and prohibit the regulations adopted by the Department from containing specified provisions; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1469 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1471 - Procurement - State-Owned Vehicles - Hybrid Vehicles**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate John G. Trueschler (R-Baltimore Co.). HB 1471 was assigned to the House Health & Government Operations Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require 75% of the State vehicle fleet to be hybrid vehicles beginning in fiscal year 2015; and provide that the Act does not apply to specified emergency vehicles.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1471 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 1498 - Income Tax Credit for Aging-in-Place Home Modifications**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate David D. Rudolph (D-Cecil Co.), et. al. HB 1498 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would allow a State income tax credit for the purchase of a single-family home with specified aging-in-place accessibility features, or the installation of specified aging-in-place accessibility features into a home; limit the amount of the credit that may be claimed; provide for the carryforward of unused credit under specified circumstances; authorize the Comptroller to adopt regulations; define specified terms; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1498 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1511 - Creation of a State Debt - Statewide Fiber Optic Network**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Sally Y. Jameson (D-Charles Co.). HB 1511 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$2,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Lower Shore Broadband Cooperative, Inc. for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, and installation of a statewide fiber optic network; provide for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establish a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1511 received an unfavorable report from the House Appropriations Committee.

### **HB 1540 - Low Speed Vehicles - Slow Moving Vehicle Emblem - Application**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate James E. Malone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co., Howard Co.). HB1540 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide that a requirement that specified vehicles display a slow moving vehicle emblem does not apply to specified low speed vehicles.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1540 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 1555 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Transportation Facilities Projects - Acquisition**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Sheila E. Hixson (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 1555 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the Maryland Transportation Authority from entering into an agreement authorizing a private entity to acquire and operate a transportation facilities project without specified approval from the General Assembly.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1555 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1559 - Vehicle Laws - Weight Violations on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge - Penalties**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Richard A. Sossi (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et. al. HB 1559 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish fines for specified vehicle weight limit violations on the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial (Chesapeake Bay) Bridge or its appurtenant approaches within the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1559 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 1576 - Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Marketing and Infrastructure Improvement Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate David D. Rudolph (D-Cecil Co.), et. al. HB 1576 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the BRAC Marketing and Infrastructure Improvement Program in the Department of Business and Economic Development; provide for the administration of the Program; provide for financial assistance for infrastructure improvements in specified counties; establish an advisory committee for

the Program; require the Governor to include a specified appropriation for the Program; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1576 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HB 1588 - Environment - Water Pollution Control - Patuxent River Watershed**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Sue Kullen (D-Calvert Co.), et. al. HB 1588 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the total maximum daily load for nitrogen within the Patuxent River Watershed as 1,200 pounds per day; alter the calculation of concentrations and weights of phosphorus and nitrogen for specified purposes; require the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations that adjust the concentration and flow levels to ensure that the total daily load for nitrogen is not exceeded; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1588 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 1632 - Transportation - Metrorail Green Line Extension to BWI - Study**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Brian R. Moe (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.), et. al. HB 1632 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study of the extension of the Green Line route of the Metrorail transit facility from the Greenbelt station to the Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1632 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1635 - Minorities Outreach and Involvement in the Environmental Community Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Rudolph C. Cane (D-Dorchester Co., Wicomico Co.), et. al. HB 1635 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish the Minorities Outreach and Involvement in the Environmental Community Program; require the Department of Natural Resources to administer the Program; and require the Chesapeake Bay Trust to provide funding for the Program.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1635 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

## **HB 1640 - Maryland Growth Management Act of 2006**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate K. Bennett Bozman (D-Wicomico Co., Worcester Co.), et. al. HB 1640 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require specified planning commissions to include growth boundaries as part of a specified comprehensive plan; authorize a county and a municipal corporation to enter in a specified joint planning agreement for specified purposes; provide for the contents of a joint planning agreement; provide that a joint planning agreement shall become effective on the enactment of specified ordinances by the county and municipal corporation; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1640 died at the end of the session.

## **HB 1657 - Local Government - Street Lighting Equipment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Richard S. Madaleno, Jr. (D-Montgomery Co.), et. al. HB 1657 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize a local government to purchase street lighting equipment from an electric company; require a local government to pay fair market value for the purchase of street lighting equipment; and provide that specified provisions of law regarding high voltage lines do not apply to the maintenance of street lighting equipment by a local government that owns the street lighting equipment.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1657 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

## **HB 1670 - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Approval for Construction or Operation - Baltimore County**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Joseph J. Minnick (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 1670 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the construction or operation of a liquefied natural gas facility without the approval of the Public Service Commission; and prohibit the Public Service Commission from granting regulatory approval for the construction or operation of a liquefied natural gas facility in Baltimore County that is located within a specified distance of a residence.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1670 died at the end of the session.

## **HB 1671 - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Approval for Construction or Operation**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Joseph J. Minnick (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 1671 was assigned to the House Rules & Executive Nominations Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would prohibit the construction or operation of a liquefied natural gas facility without the approval of the Public Service Commission; and prohibit the Public Service Commission from granting any regulatory approval for the construction or operation of a liquefied natural gas facility that is located within 2 miles of a residence.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1671 died at the end of the session.

## **HB 1683 - Local Government - Adequate Public Facilities Legislation - Requirements for Ordinance Adopted by a Municipal Corporation**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate William Daniel Mayer (R-Charles Co.). HB 1683 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would provide that until a municipal corporation adopts, implements, and enforces specified adequate public facilities legislation, the municipal corporation shall be governed by specified county adequacy of public facilities legislation; and require an adequacy of public facilities ordinance adopted by a municipal corporation to make provision for impact of growth and development on specified matters in the county.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1683 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

## **HB 1725 - Howard County - New Town Zoning District - Consolidation of Land - Emergency Bill**

**Sponsor/Status:** Howard County Delegation. HB 1725 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would authorize, under specified circumstances, a specified parcel of land located in a specified new town zoning district of Howard County that is not part of a village or town center to be consolidated into the village or town center in which the parcel of land is located; require an owner or developer to apply to a specified village or town center community association for consolidation; require specified entities to approve the consolidation and attachment; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1725 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.

### **HB 1732 - Transportation - Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee - Bicycle-Friendly Communities Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. HB 1732 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to develop a Bicycle-Friendly Communities Program; require the Program to include a specified application process, a system for evaluating a community's eligibility for designation as a bicycle-friendly community, and an award of a specified highway sign; establish criteria for determining a community's eligibility to be designated as a bicycle-friendly community; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1732 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

### **HB 1734 - State Highway Administration - Protection of Highway Construction and Maintenance Workers**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate James E. Malone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co., Howard Co.). HB 1734 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would require the State Highway Administration to develop specified procedures to ensure the safety of highway construction and maintenance workers during construction or maintenance work on specified highways; require the Administration or the appropriate local authority to incorporate the procedures into the project planning and construction phases of specified proposed highway projects; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1734 died at the end of the session.

### **HB 1739 - Statewide Blue Ribbon Commission on Base Realignment and Closures**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Brian R. Moe (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.). HB 1739 was assigned to the House Rules & Executive Nominations Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would establish a Statewide Blue Ribbon Commission on Base Realignment and Closures to study and make recommendations regarding the local impacts related to specified base realignment and closures; provide for the membership of the Commission; require the Governor to designate a chair of the

Commission; provide for the staffing of the Commission; prohibit a member of the Commission from receiving compensation, but authorizing a member of the Commission to receive specified reimbursements; etc.

**Final Disposition:** HB 1739 died at the end of the session.

## **2006 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

### **SJ 0001 - Air Pollution - Mercury Emissions Limits**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Paula C. Hollinger (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. SJ 0001 was assigned to the House Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** This resolution would support a lawsuit brought by environmental organizations and fifteen states to challenge the United States Environmental Protection Agency's mercury emissions limits for power plants.

**Final Disposition:** SJ 0001 died at the end of the session.

### **SJ 0014 - Ports - Delay of the Sale of Port Operations**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et. al. SJ 0014 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This resolution would request the President of the United States to delay the sale of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company to Dubai Ports World until there has been a thorough public review and disclosure of the transaction; and express the support of the General Assembly for a congressional moratorium on the sale and a congressional override if the President vetoes the moratorium legislation and refuses to delay the sale pending a thorough public review and disclosure.

**Final Disposition:** SJ 0014 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **SJ 0016 - Construction of a Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal and Pipeline at the Former Sparrows Point Shipyard in Baltimore County - Disapproval by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.). SJ 0016 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would urge the Maryland Congressional Delegation to take immediate and appropriate steps to ensure that the construction of a liquefied natural

gas terminal and pipeline at the former Sparrows Point shipyard in Baltimore County is rejected.

**Final Disposition:** SJ 0016 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

## **2006 HOUSE OF DELEGATES JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

### **HJ 0006 - USS Forrestal CVA-59 World Super Aircraft Carrier Museum**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate David G. Boschert (R-Anne Arundel Co.), et. al. HJ 0006 was assigned to the House Rules & Executive Nominations Committee.

**Purpose:** This resolution would express the support of the General Assembly for setting aside a pier and adjoining terminal land in the greater Baltimore Harbor area to establish the USS Forrestal CVA-59 World Super Aircraft Carrier Museum; and recommend that the Governor set aside the pier and terminal land area for the museum, contingent on specified events.

**Final Disposition:** HJ 0006 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

### **HJ 0007 - Chesapeake Bay - Cleanup and Restoration - Federal Funding**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Virginia P. Clagett (D-Anne Arundel Co.). HJ 0007 was assigned to the House Rules & Executive Nominations Committee.

**Purpose:** This resolution would urge the President of the United States to reconsider his recently released budget proposal and maintain the current levels of federal funding for Chesapeake Bay cleanup and restoration efforts, such as sewage treatment plant upgrades, oyster restoration, and other existing and beneficial programs that are designed to improve the health of the Bay.

**Final Disposition:** HJ 0007 was approved by both houses. It now awaits signature/veto by the Governor.