



Baltimore Metropolitan Council

**TRANSPORTATION, AIR QUALITY, AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-RELATED
LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE 2007 SESSION
OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

End of Session Report

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For the last fifteen years, the Baltimore Metropolitan Council has provided timely reports to the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, public agencies, and interested community groups 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 2007 session began on January 10 and adjourned on April 9. There are 47 Senators and 141 Delegates in the General Assembly.

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, and Purpose. Information about prior legislative history and final disposition of a bill has been included when necessary. A significance section has also been added for certain bills that could have a substantial effect on regional interests. Most of the information in this report is from the Maryland General Assembly, Department of Legislative Services.

For information on bills and resolutions introduced in prior sessions, refer to the BMC document entitled *Legislative Compendium of Maryland General Assembly - 1993-2006* at http://www.baltometro.org/legis/legis93_06.pdf.

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 <http://mlis.state.md.us>. This legislative report is for information purposes only.

NOTES FOR END OF SESSION LEGISLATIVE REPORT

All additions to and changes from the previous weekly legislative report are highlighted in **RED**, and enclosed in double parenthesis (()).

Final disposition status information in the index below is shown in **bold underlined** type.

In this *End of Session Report* the status of all bills, **as of adjournment**, are shown in both the index and text portion of this report.

CATEGORIES OF LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE 2007 SESSION OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Air Quality-Related

- SB 0051 Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007 - **((Died at end of session))**
- SB 0103 Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007 - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
- SB 0140 Queen Anne's County - Motor Fuel Tax - Exemption for Biodiesel Fuel - **Unfavorable Report**
- SB 0186 Solar Energy Grant Fund - **((Died at end of session))**
- SB 0187 Solar Energy Grant Program - **((Died at end of session))**
- SB 0261 Biodiesel Renewable Fuel Act - Amended title "Task Force on Renewable Alternative Fuels" - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
- SB 0293 Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard and Procurement of Renewable Energy - Solar Energy - **Unfavorable Report**
- SB 0295 Tax Credit - Electric and Hybrid Vehicles - **Unfavorable Report**
- SB 0333 Commission on Maryland's Energy Future - **((Died at end of session))**
- SB 0409 Global Warming Solutions - Reductions in Greenhouse Gas Emissions - **((Died at end of session))**
- SB 0562 Electric Companies - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Measures and Services - **Unfavorable Report**
- SB 0566 Public Utility Companies - Generating Stations - Wind - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
- SB 0595 Public Utility Companies - Net Energy Metering - Renewable Portfolio Energy Standard - Photovoltaic Power - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
- SB 0615 Tax General - Income Tax Credit - Energy-Efficient Residential Heating and Cooling Systems - **((Died at end of session))**
- SB 0674 Maryland Energy Efficiency Standards Act of 2007 - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
- SB 0771 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Credit - Electric and Hybrid Vehicles - **Unfavorable Report**
- SB 0776 Income Tax - Credit for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles - **((Died at end of session))**
- SB 0829 Renewable Fuels - Production Credits - British Thermal Units - **Withdrawn**
- SB 0853 Maryland Energy Independence Act of 2007 - **((Died at end of session))**
- HB 0044 Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007 - **Withdrawn**
- HB 0047 Motor Fuel Tax - Exemption for Biodiesel Fuel - Government Vehicles - **((Unfavorable Report))**
- HB 0074 Solar Energy Grant Program - Grant Awards - **((Died at end of session))**
- HB 0076 Solar Energy Tax Credit - **((Unfavorable Report))**
- HB 0124 Tax Credit - Fuel-Efficient Vehicles - **Unfavorable Report**
- HB 0126 Advanced Electric Meters - Residential Use - **Unfavorable Report**
- HB 0131 Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007 - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
- HB 0253 Solar Energy Grant Program - **Unfavorable Report**
- HB 0328 Solar Energy Grant Fund - **Unfavorable Report**
- HB 0504 Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program - Exemptions - Individuals with Disabilities - **Unfavorable Report**
- HB 0590 State Property Tax Exemption - Solar Energy Devices - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
- HB 0595 Tax General - Income Tax Credit - Energy-Efficient Residential Heating and Cooling Systems - **Unfavorable Report**
- HB 0608 Environment - Energy-Efficient Replacement Tires - **Unfavorable Report**
- HB 0631 Electric Companies - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Measures and Services - **Unfavorable Report**
- HB 0660 Biodiesel Renewable Fuel Act - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0703 Maryland Commission on Climate Change and Clean Energy Alternatives - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 0727 Task Force on Renewable Energy - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0737 Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative - Carbon Allowances - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0745 State-Owned Heavy Equipment and Heating Equipment - Biodiesel Fuel Requirement - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

HB 0858 Energy Companies - Net Energy Metering - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0870 Procurement - Diesel-Powered Nonroad Vehicles - Fuel and Technology Requirements - **Withdrawn**

HB 0890 Global Warming Solutions - Reductions in Greenhouse Gas Emissions - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 0909 Maryland Energy Efficiency Standards Act of 2007 - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 0928 Procurement - Environmentally Preferable Products and Equipment - Report and Purchase - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0952 Department of Energy - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0960 Solar and Geothermal Energy Grant Program - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0978 Maryland Energy Administration - Renewable Energy Small Business Grant Program - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 1016 Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Solar Energy - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

HB 1045 Biodiesel Production Credit - Eligibility and Amounts - **((Unfavorable Report))**

HB 1072 Public Utility Companies - Generating Stations - Wind - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 1218 Clean Air Fund - Permit Fees - **Withdrawn**

HB 1262 Renewable Fuels - Production Credits - British Thermal Units - **Withdrawn**

HB 1267 Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program - Vehicles Subject to Testing and Inspection - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 1294 Task Force to Study the Economic Development Benefits of the Clean Energy Industry in Maryland - **Unfavorable Report**

Bicycle and Pedestrian-Related

SB 0314 Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Heritage Trail and Saint Helena Park - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0317 Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Eastern Regional Greenway - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0484 Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - Pedestrian Improvements - **Withdrawn**

HB 0173 Vehicle Laws - Bicycles, EPAMDs, and Motor Scooters - Rules of the Road - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0205 Transportation - Pedestrian Right-of-Way - Parking Lots - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0240 Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Eastern Regional Greenway - **((Unfavorable Report))**

HB 0241 Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Heritage Trail and Saint Helena Park - **((Unfavorable Report))**

Community Development and "Smart Growth"- Related

SB 0003 Property Protection Act of 2007 - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

SB 0038 Environment - Dredged Material Management - Duties of Executive Committee - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0049 Program Open Space - Attainment of Acquisition Goals - Increased Allocation for Local Government - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0065 Community or Homeowners' Associations - Standing to Participate in Certain Proceedings - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0074 Baltimore County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority (Constitutional Amendment) - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0075 Harford County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority (Constitutional Amendment) - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0106 Real Property - Ground Rents - Prohibition on Creation of Ground Rent Leases for Residential Property - Emergency Bill - **Signed into law by Governor**

SB 0110 Base Realignment and Closure Subcabinet - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

SB 0159 Planning and Zoning Decisions - Standing to Appeal - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0196 Baltimore County - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Dredging, Construction, and Permitting - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0212 Anne Arundel County - Impact Fees - Workforce Housing - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0215 Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Areas Protection Program – Advisory Committee - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0218 Communication Towers - Zoning and Other Regulatory Approval - Adjacent Local Jurisdiction - Emergency Bill - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0224 Baltimore City - Property Tax Credit for Newly Constructed Dwellings - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

SB 0254 Environment - Groundwater Contamination - Notification and Reimbursement of Costs - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by the Governor))**

SB 0274 Garrett County - Property Tax Credit - New or Expanding Businesses - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by the Governor))**

SB 0277 Economic Development Opportunities (Sunny Day) Account - Extraordinary Economic Development Opportunity - Definition - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0294 Property Protection Act of 2007 (Constitutional Amendment) - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0298 Income Tax Credits for Green Buildings - Additional Credits Authorized - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0300 Proposed Capital Projects - High Performance Buildings - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0301 Education - New School Construction - Price Preference for High Performance Buildings - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0307 Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Impact Fee - County Services - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0332 High Performance Buildings Act - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

SB 0352 Environment - Golf Course Redevelopment - Environmental Assessment - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0390 Prince George's County - Special Taxing Districts - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

SB 0408 Anne Arundel County - Chesapeake Bay Critical Area - Violations of Local Law - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

SB 0498 Smart Growth - Priority Funding Areas - Rural Counties - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0499 Environment - Water Appropriation Permits - Groundwater Recharge Area - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0553 Environment - Landfills - Termination Date - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

SB 0558 Local Governments - Impact Fees and Building Excise Taxes - Workforce Housing Exemption - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0591 Municipal Corporations - Building Excise Tax - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0616 Land Preservation and School Construction Assistance Act of 2007 - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0636 Primary and Secondary Education - School Construction - Green School Buildings Fund - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0672 Residential Real Property Sales - Notice Requirements - Industrial Zoned Land - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0682 Cecil County - Purchase of Development Rights Program - General Obligation Installment Purchase Agreements - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

SB 0710 Affordable Housing - Enabling Authority for Counties and Municipalities - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

SB 0748 Creation of a State Debt - Anne Arundel County - Clay Street Revitalization - ((Died at end of session))

SB 0784 Stormwater Management Act of 2007 - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))

SB 0807 Property Protection Act of 2007 - ((Died at end of session))

SB 0811 Bay Restoration Fund - Statewide Demonstration Projects - **Withdrawn**

SB 0812 Bay Restoration Fund - Eastern Shore Demonstration Projects - ((Died at end of session))

SB 0827 Baltimore City - Property Tax Credit - Inclusionary Housing - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))

SB 0901 Chesapeake Bay Green Fund - ((Died at end of session))

SB 0970 Environment - Water Appropriation Permits - Penalties - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))

SB 0975 Oil Pollution and Tank Management - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))

SB 0996 Critical Area - Construction of a Facility - Prohibition - Emergency Bill - ((Died at end of session))

SB 0997 Liquefied Natural Gas and Liquefied Petroleum Gas - Liability - ((Died at end of session))

SB 1030 Critical Areas - Applications for Variances - Local Jurisdictions - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))

SB 1031 Environment - Landfills - Prohibition - ((Died at end of session))

HB 0004 Income Tax Credit for Restaurants in Arts and Entertainment Districts - ((Died at end of session))

HB 0009 State Property Tax - Homestead Tax Credit Percentage Reduction - ((Died at end of session))

HB 0031 Community or Homeowners' Associations - Standing to Participate in Certain Proceedings - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0034 Planning and Zoning Decisions - Standing to Appeal - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0049 Communications Towers - Zoning and Other Regulatory Approval - Adjacent Local Jurisdiction - Emergency Bill - ((Died at end of session))

HB 0069 Program Open Space - Attainment of Acquisition Goals - Increased Allocation for Local Government - ((Unfavorable Report))

HB 0072 Environment - Groundwater Contamination - Notification and Reimbursement of Costs - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))

HB 0087 Real Property - Condemnation Proceedings - Valuation of Property - ((Died at end of session))

HB 0118 State Government - Priority Funding for Public School and Transportation Projects for BRAC - ((Unfavorable Report))

HB 0136 Base Realignment and Closure Subcabinet - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))

HB 0143 Queen Anne's County - Property Tax Credits - Commercial Investment and Economic Development - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))

HB 0172 Real Property - Ground Rents - Prohibition on Creation of Ground Rent Leases for Residential Property - Emergency Bill - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))

HB 0185 Environment - Grading or Building Permit - Patuxent River Watershed - **Withdrawn**

HB 0251 Baltimore City - Property Tax Credit for Newly Constructed Dwellings - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))

HB 0256 Harford County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority (Constitutional Amendment) - ((Died at end of session))

HB 0257 Property Protection Act of 2007 (Constitutional Amendment) - ((Died at end of session))

HB 0258 Baltimore County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority - ((Died at end of session))

HB 0363 Environment - Landfills - Termination Date - **((Died at end of session))**
 HB 0376 Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Users - **Unfavorable Report**
 HB 0417 Environment - Golf Course Redevelopment - Environmental Assessment - **((Died at end of session))**
 HB 0423 Workforce Housing Grant Program - Fund Establishment - Administrative Clarifications - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
 HB 0476 Environment - Stormwater, Flood Control, Watershed, and Sediment Management - **((Unfavorable Report))**
 HB 0486 Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund - **((Died at end of session))**
 HB 0516 Local Governments - Impact Fees and Building Excise Taxes - Workforce Housing Exemption - **((Died at end of session))**
 HB 0523 Municipal Corporations - Building Excise Tax - **((Died at end of session))**
 HB 0549 Anne Arundel County - Chesapeake Bay Critical Area - Violations of Local Law - **((Died at end of session))**
 HB 0550 Anne Arundel County - Impact Fees - Workforce Housing - **Withdrawn**
 HB 0598 Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
 HB 0612 Task Force to Study the Enforcement of the Open Meetings Act - **Withdrawn**
 HB 0622 Prince George's County - Special Taxing Districts PG 428-07 - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
 HB 0626 Prince George's County - Property Tax Credit for Restaurants in Arts and Entertainment Districts PG 412-07 - **((Died at end of session))**
 HB 0657 Cecil County - Purchase of Development Rights Program - General Obligation Installment Purchase Agreements - **((Died at end of session))**
 HB 0724 Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Impact Fee - County Services - **((Died at end of session))**
 HB 0741 Income Tax - Employer-Assisted Housing Credit - **((Died at end of session))**
 HB 0773 Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development - Membership and Charge - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
 HB 0778 Income Tax Credits for Green Buildings - Additional Credits Authorized - **Unfavorable Report**
 HB 0784 Affordable Housing - Enabling Authority for Counties and Municipalities - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
 HB 0786 Stormwater Management Act of 2007 - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
 HB 0802 Baltimore County and Harford County - Limitation of Condemnation Authority - **((Died at end of session))**
 HB 0813 Baltimore City - Property Tax Credit - Inclusionary Housing - **((Died at end of session))**
 HB 0841 Real Property - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority - **((Died at end of session))**
 HB 0842 Real Property - Eminent Domain - Limitations on Condemnation Authority (Constitutional Amendment) - **((Died at end of session))**
 HB 0863 Proposed Capital Projects - Planning - High Performance Buildings - **Withdrawn**
 HB 0893 Bay Restoration Fund - Wastewater Treatment Facilities Upgrades - Reporting Requirements - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
 HB 0901 Education - New School Construction - Price Preference for High Performance Buildings - **Withdrawn**
 HB 0942 High Performance Buildings Act - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
 HB 0976 Income Tax Credit - Qualified Homes - **((Died at end of session))**
 HB 0977 Task Force on a Statewide Stormwater Management and Sediment Control Initiative - **Unfavorable Report**
 HB 0983 Economic Development and Tax Incentive Act - **Unfavorable Report**
 HB 1015 Eminent Domain - Limitations on the Condemnation of Private Property - **Withdrawn**
 HB 1021 Property Tax - Assessment Growth Limit - **Withdrawn**

HB 1024 Income Tax - Credit for Low Impact Development - ((Died at end of session))
 HB 1028 Task Force on Improving Local Stormwater Management Practices - Withdrawn
 HB 1034 Maryland Healthy Places Act - ((Died at end of session))
 HB 1041 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund - Grants to Counties - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))
 HB 1043 Real Property - Condemnation - Procedures and Compensation - ((Died at end of session))
 HB 1100 Residential Real Property Sales - Notice Requirements - Industrial Zoned Land - Unfavorable Report
 HB 1111 Town of Sudlersville (Queen Anne's County) - Urban Renewal Authority for Slum Clearance - Repeal - ((Died at end of session))
 HB 1220 Chesapeake Bay Green Fund - ((Died at end of session))
 HB 1224 Program Open Space - Use of Acquisition Funds - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))
 HB 1268 Bay Restoration Fund - Disbursement of Funds - ((Died at end of session))
 HB 1295 Harford County - Property Tax Credit for Homes Near a Refuse Disposal System - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))
 HB 1300 Arts and Entertainment Districts - Tax Benefits - ((Died at end of session))
 HB 1312 Baltimore County - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Dredging, Construction, and Permitting - ((Died at end of session))
 HB 1320 Joint Committee on Base Realignment and Closure - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))
 HB 1330 Bay Restoration Fund - Eastern Shore Demonstration Projects - ((Died at end of session))
 HB 1331 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Removal of Districts - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))
 HB 1350 Environment - Water Pollution Control - Funding - ((Died at end of session))
 HB 1353 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund - ((Died at end of session))
 HB 1354 Certification of County Priority Preservation Areas - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))
 HB 1355 Washington County - Building Excise Tax - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))
 HB 1362 Town of Eldorado (Dorchester County) - Urban Renewal Authority for Slum Clearance - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))
 HB 1403 Critical Area - Construction of a Facility - Prohibition - ((Died at end of session))

Elderly and Individuals With Disabilities-Related

SB 0465 Vehicle Laws - Motorized Wheelchairs and Scooters - Guidelines - ((Died at end of session))
 SB 0530 Motor Vehicle Insurance - Accident Prevention Courses - Discount for Seniors - Unfavorable Report
 SB 0611 Statewide Empowerment Zones for Seniors Commission - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))
 SB 0700 The Baby Boomer Initiative Act - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))
 SB 0852 Income Tax - Credit for Motorized Shopping Carts - ((Died at end of session))
 SB 0861 Task Force - Urban Senior Care Communities in Baltimore City - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))
 SB 1018 Task Force to Study Rent Stabilization for the Elderly in Prince George's County - ((Died at end of session))
 HB 0547 Motor Vehicle Insurance - Accident Prevention Courses - Discount for Seniors - Withdrawn
 HB 0599 The Baby Boomer Initiative Act - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))
 HB 0605 Statewide Empowerment Zones for Seniors Commission - ((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))

- HB 0627 Task Force to Study Rent Stabilization for the Elderly in Prince George's County PG 405-07 - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
- HB 0716 Local Property Tax - Credit for Individuals at Least 65 Years Old - **((Died at end of session))**
- HB 0721 Local Property Tax - Credit for Individuals at Least 70 Years Old - **((Died at end of session))**
- HB 0729 Vehicle Laws - Registration Fees - Discount for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - **Unfavorable Report**
- HB 1189 Transportation - Maryland Senior Rides Program - Repeal of Grant Limitations - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
- HB 1282 Driver Education Program Deaf and Hard of Hearing Access Fund - **((Died at end of session))**
- HB 1329 Income Tax - Credit for Motorized Shopping Carts - **((Died at end of session))**
- HB 1423 Department of Aging - Continuing Care Fund - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

Highway-Related

- SB 0035 Transportation - Highways - Federal Property - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
- SB 0040 Maryland Transportation Authority - Chesapeake Bay Bridge - Tolls - **Unfavorable Report**
- SB 0042 Northern Chesapeake Bay Crossing with Terminus in Kent County - Prohibition on Planning, Financing, and Construction - **((Died at end of session))**
- SB 0313 Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Eastern Boulevard - **((Died at end of session))**
- SB 0326 Cecil County - Bridge or Road Construction or Repair Contracts - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
- SB 0327 Toll Collection - Hatem Bridge and JFK Memorial Highway - Rush Hour - Exemption - **((Died at end of session))**
- SB 1004 Vehicle Laws - Penalty for Failure to Pay Electronic Toll - Limitation - **((Died at end of session))**
- HB 0200 Frederick County - Road Projects - Repeal of State Match Requirement - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
- HB 0227 Maryland Transportation Authority - Public-Private Partnerships - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
- HB 0246 Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Eastern Boulevard - **((Unfavorable Report))**
- HB 0662 Transportation Facilities - Public-Private Partnerships - **Unfavorable Report**
- HB 0907 Cecil County - Bridge or Road Construction or Repair Contracts - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
- HB 0981 Northern Bay Crossing - **Unfavorable Report**
- HB 1026 Maryland Transportation Authority - Susquehanna River Region E-Z Pass - **((Died at end of session))**
- HB 1405 Vehicle Laws - Penalty for Failure to Pay Electronic Toll - Limitation - **Unfavorable Report**

Other Transportation-Related

- SB 0039 Maryland Port Administration - Transfer to Department of Business and Economic Development - Amended title "Maryland Port Administration - Strategic Plan and Membership" - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**
- SB 0125 Fines for Parking Violations - Late Fees - Restrictions in Baltimore City - **Unfavorable Report**
- SB 0246 Transportation - Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge - Second Companion Span - **((Died at end of session))**

- SB 0423 Local Government - Street Lighting Equipment - ([\(\(Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor\)\)](#))
- SB 0924 Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Historic Main Street Ellicott City Parking Garage Ho. Co. 4-07 - ([\(\(Died at end of session\)\)](#))
- HB 0154 Income Tax Credit for Employer-Provided Child Care for Employees - ([\(\(Died at end of session\)\)](#))
- HB 0255 Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Historic Main Street Ellicott City Parking Garage Ho. Co. 4-07 - ([\(\(Unfavorable Report\)\)](#))
- HB 0501 Prince George's County - Commercial Vehicles Parked in Residential Areas - Citation PG 301-07 - ([\(\(Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor\)\)](#))
- HB 0641 Vehicle Laws - Towing or Removal of Vehicles from Parking Lots - **Unfavorable Report**
- HB 0738 Commercial Law - Maryland Energy Consumer Protection Act - **Withdrawn**
- HB 0875 Local Government - Street Lighting Equipment - ([\(\(Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor\)\)](#))
- HB 1077 Calvert County - Highway User Revenues - Special Taxing Districts - ([\(\(Died at end of session\)\)](#))

Public Transportation-Related

- SB 0167 Transportation Funding - Mass Transit Account - **Unfavorable Report**
- SB 0438 Maryland Transit Administration - Continuation of Passenger Railroad Service on Amtrak and CSX Lines - ([\(\(Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor\)\)](#))
- SB 0439 Maryland Transit Administration - Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory Council - ([\(\(Died at end of session\)\)](#))
- SB 0463 Maryland Transit Administration - Public Hearings - ([\(\(Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor\)\)](#))
- SB 0977 Maryland Transit Administration - Passenger Railroad Services Contracts - Resolution of Contract Disputes - **Withdrawn**
- HB 0393 Sales and Use Tax - Rates - Mass Transit Funding - ([\(\(Died at end of session\)\)](#))
- HB 0434 Transportation Funding - Mass Transit Funding - Sales and Use Tax - **Unfavorable Report**
- HB 0674 State Report on Transportation - Mass Transit - Required Element - **Unfavorable Report**
- HB 0681 Maryland Transit Administration - BRAC - MARC Penn Line Extension - ([\(\(Died at end of session\)\)](#))
- HB 0770 Maryland Transit Administration - Continuation of Passenger Railroad Service on Amtrak and CSX Lines - ([\(\(Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor\)\)](#))
- HB 0868 Maryland Transit Administration - Public Hearings - ([\(\(Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor\)\)](#))
- HB 0874 Maryland Transit Administration - Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory Council - **Withdrawn**
- HB 0914 Transportation Study - Monorail System from Annapolis to Kent Island and Points South on the Eastern Shore - **Unfavorable Report**
- HB 1130 Maryland Transit Administration - Limits of Liability - **Withdrawn**
- HB 1357 Maryland Transit Administration - Limitation of Tort Liability - Performance of Third Party Contracts - ([\(\(Died at end of session\)\)](#))
- HB 1422 Property Tax - Exemptions - Bus Passenger Shelters - ([\(\(Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor\)\)](#))

Telecommuting and Travel Substitution-Related

- HB 1150 Maryland Department of Transportation - Evaluation of the Telework Partnership with Employers Initiative - ([\(\(Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor\)\)](#))

HB 1151 Department of Transportation - Telework Partnership with Employers Program - Budget - **Unfavorable Report**

Traffic Operations, Public Safety, and Transportation Safety-Related

SB 0030 Vehicle Laws - Distracted Driving and Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Driving - Prohibitions - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0041 Vehicle Laws - Study of the Effectiveness of Traffic Control Signal and Speed Monitoring Systems - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0044 Vehicle Laws - Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Driving - Prohibitions - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0139 Maryland Video Surveillance Camera Deployment Commission and Fund - Establishment - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0184 Vehicle Laws - Drivers' Licensing of Illegal Aliens - Restrictions - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0198 Task Force to Combat Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

SB 0226 Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders - Exceptions - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0252 Roadside Solicitation of Money or Donations from Occupants of Vehicles in Anne Arundel County - Prohibition - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

SB 0383 Motor Vehicle Administration - Driver's License Provisions - Safe Driving Credit System - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0482 Motor Vehicles - All-Terrain Vehicles - Protective Headgear - **Withdrawn**

SB 0517 Vehicle Laws - Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0524 Motor Vehicle Administration - Driver Improvement Program/Point System Conferences (DIP/PSC) Pilot Program - **Withdrawn**

SB 0544 Vehicle Laws - Railroad Crossings Cameras - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0551 Public Service Commission - For-Hire Driver's License - Review of Driving Record of Applicant - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0576 Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

SB 0589 First Responders Fund - **Withdrawn**

SB 0699 State Highway Administration - Protection of Highway Construction and Maintenance Workers - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

SB 0730 Vehicle Laws - Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems and Speed Monitoring Systems - Defenses - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0799 REAL ID Act of 2005 - Implementation by Regulation or Policy - Prohibition - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0863 Vehicle Laws - Right-of-Way - Penalties for Failure to Yield - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0935 Vehicle Laws - Traffic Control Signals - Exit Ramps - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

SJ 0005 REAL ID Act of 2005 - Protest and Repeal - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 0011 Vehicle Laws - Drivers' Licensing of Illegal Aliens - Restrictions - **Withdrawn**

HB 0086 Vehicle Laws - Distracted Driving and Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Driving - Prohibitions - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0174 Vehicle Laws - Distracted Driving and Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Driving - Prohibitions - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0250 Anne Arundel County - Highways - Solicitation of Money or Donations from Occupants of Vehicles - Prohibition - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 0261 Motor Vehicles - All-Terrain Vehicles - Protective Headgear - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0276 Roadside Solicitation of Money or Donations from Occupants of Vehicles in Anne Arundel County - Prohibition - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 0291 Criminal Law - Manslaughter by Vehicle or Vessel - Criminal Negligence - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 0472 Prince George's County - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems PG 308-07 - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 0509 Prince George's County - Railroad Grade Crossings - Automated Enforcement Systems PG 320-07 - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

HB 0537 Vehicle Laws - Drivers' Licensing of Illegal Aliens - Restrictions - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0671 Vehicle Laws - Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 0689 Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

HB 0717 Andrew's Law - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 0728 Motor Vehicle Administration - Driver Improvement Program/Point System Conferences (DIP/PSC) Pilot Program - **Withdrawn**

HB 0758 Task Force to Combat Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

HB 0795 Vehicle Laws - Railroad Grade Crossings - Automated Enforcement Systems - **Withdrawn**

HB 0827 Vehicle Laws - Right-of-Way - Penalties for Failure to Yield - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 0900 First Responders Fund - **Withdrawn**

HB 0908 Prince George's County - Public Safety Surcharge - Increased Distribution of Revenue to Municipal Corporations PG 414-07 - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

HB 0927 Public Safety - Emergency Management - Essential Goods and Services - Emergency Bill - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 1039 Baltimore County - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 1096 Vehicle Laws - Highway Work Zones - Signs, Offenses, and Penalties - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 1127 Vehicle Laws - Distracted Driving - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 1135 Income Tax - Credit for Security Expenses - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 1251 Public Service Commission - For-Hire Driver's License - Review of Driving Record of Applicant - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 1276 Task Force to Study the Establishment of Annual Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections - **((Approved by House, but failed on Senate floor))**

HB 1307 Vehicle Laws - Operation of Low Speed Vehicles - Highway Restrictions - **Unfavorable Report**

HB 1367 Vehicle Laws - Emergency Vehicles - Green Flashing Lights - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

HB 1381 Motor Vehicle Administration - Federal REAL ID Act of 2005 - Cost Estimate Report - **((Died at end of session))**

HB 1417 Vehicle Laws - Fatality or Life-Threatening Injury - Mandatory Tests for Alcohol, Drugs, or Controlled Dangerous Substances - **((Died at end of session))**

HJ 0003 REAL ID Act of 2007 - Protest and Repeal - **Withdrawn**

Transportation Funding-Related

SB 0055 Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2008) - **((Died at end of session - HB 0050 adopted as state budget for FY 2008.))**

SB 0073 Maryland Transportation Authority - Intercounty Connector - Funding - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0080 Motor Fuel Tax - Refunds - Motor Fuel Used to Operate Vessels - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0292 State Budget - Modifications - Reporting - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0908 Anne Arundel County - Tax on Short-Term Automobile Rentals - **Unfavorable Report**

SB 0942 Taxpayers' Bill of Rights - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0949 Transportation Funding Act of 2007 - **((Died at end of session))**

SB 0992 Maryland Aviation Administration - Airport Improvement Program Funds - **((Approved by General Assembly. Awaits signature / veto by Governor))**

SB 0995 Maryland Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2007 - ((Died at end of session))
HB 0050 Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2008) - ((Approved by General Assembly. It becomes law without signature of Governor as per Maryland Constitution))
HB 0057 Maryland Transportation Authority - Intercounty Connector - Funding - ((Unfavorable Report))
HB 0259 Motor Fuel Tax Refunds - Motor Fuel Used to Operate Vehicles – Unfavorable Report
HB 0444 Transportation Trust Fund (Constitutional Amendment) - Unfavorable Report
HB 0530 State Budget - Modifications - Reporting - ((Unfavorable Report))
HB 0761 Vehicle Excise Tax - Rate - ((Died at end of session))
HB 0809 Taxpayers' Bill of Rights (Constitutional Amendment) - ((Died at end of session))
HB 0821 Transportation - Tax Revenues - ((Died at end of session))
HB 0963 Vehicle Laws - Off-Highway Vehicles - Titling and Registration - ((Died at end of session))
HB 1275 Anne Arundel County - Tax on Short-Term Automobile Rentals - ((Died at end of session))

2007 SENATE BILLS

SB 0003 - Property Protection Act of 2007

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

Purpose: This legislation would require a government unit to make specified findings in writing before condemning and transferring private property to a private party for economic development purposes; establish a 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 shall include damages for loss of "goodwill" under specified circumstances and for damages for loss of net operating income for a specified time; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0003) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((**Final Disposition:** SB 0003 was approved by the General Assembly. It awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0030 - Vehicle Laws - Distracted Driving and Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Driving - Prohibitions

Sponsor/Status: Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.). SB 0030 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the offense of distracted driving; prohibit a driver of a specified school vehicle from using a wireless communication device; prohibit a holder of a learner's instructional permit or a provisional driver's license who

is 18 years of age or older from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless communication device; prohibit the driver of a motor vehicle that is in motion from using the driver's hands to use a wireless communication device; provide for exceptions to the prohibitions of the Act; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0030) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0030 died at end of session.))

SB 0035 - Transportation - Highways - Federal Property

Sponsor/Status: Senator Brian E. Frosh (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0035 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the definition of "highway" for the purposes of the application of State laws to include a specified part of any way or thoroughfare owned, leased, or controlled by the United States government and located in the State.

((Final Disposition: SB 0035 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0038 - Environment - Dredged Material Management - Duties of Executive Committee

Sponsor/Status: Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.). SB 0038 was assigned to the 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 review, in conjunction with stakeholders, the State's dredging needs and placement requirements and make specified recommendations to the Governor.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0787) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: SB 0038 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

SB 0039 - Maryland Port Administration - Transfer to Department of Business and Economic Development (Amended title "Maryland Port Administration - Strategic Plan and Membership")

Sponsor/Status: Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.). SB 0039 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose (Original): 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 the Maryland Port Administration Fund; alter the composition of the Maryland Port Commission; etc.

Purpose (Amended): This legislation would require the Maryland Economic Development Commission to incorporate the Maryland Port Administration strategic plan when developing a strategic plan for economic development; increase the membership of the Maryland Port Commission to include the Secretary of Business and Economic Development as a nonvoting ex officio member; clarify language; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0788) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0039 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0040 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Chesapeake Bay Bridge - Tolls

Sponsor/Status: Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.). SB 0040 was assigned to 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 0511) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: SB 0040 received an unfavorable report by the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

SB 0041 - 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., Q. Anne's Co.). SB 0041 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.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0750) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: SB 0041 received an unfavorable report from the House Judicial Proceedings Committee.

SB 0042 - Northern Chesapeake Bay 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., Q. Anne's Co.). SB 0042 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 northern crossing of the Chesapeake Bay that has a terminus that lies in Kent County; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0864 and HB 1341) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0042 died at end of session.))

SB 0044 - Vehicle Laws - Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Driving - Prohibitions

Sponsor/Status: Senator Mike Lenett (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0044 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit a driver of a specified school vehicle from using wireless communication devices; prohibit a holder of a learner's instructional permit or provisional driver's license who is 18 years of age or older from driving a motor vehicle while using wireless communication devices; prohibit a driver of a motor vehicle that is in motion from using the driver's hands to use specified wireless

communication devices except under specified circumstances; establish penalties for specified violations; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0030) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0040 died at end of session.))

SB 0049 - Program Open Space - Attainment of Acquisition Goals - Increased Allocation for Local Government

Sponsor/Status: Senator Thomas M. Middleton (D-Charles Co.), et al. SB 0049 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would increase the amount a local government can spend on development projects after it has attained its acquisition goals under Program Open Space.

Final Disposition: SB 0049 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

SB 0051 - Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007

Sponsor/Status: Senator Brian E. Frosh (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0051 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Department of the Environment and the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations by December 31, 2007, to establish a low emissions vehicle program applicable to vehicles of the model year 2011 and thereafter under specified circumstances; require the Administration and the Department to establish motor vehicle emissions standards and compliance requirements; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0366) was introduced in the 2005 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0051 died at end of the session.))

SB 0055 - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2008)

Sponsor/Status: The President of the Senate (By request - Administration). SB 0055 was assigned to the Senate Budget Taxation Committee. In 2007, the House Appropriations Committee is responsible for the review of the annual budget bill. Upon

passage of both chambers, the budget bill automatically becomes law as per Maryland Constitution.

Purpose: This legislation would make the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0055 died at end of session. HB 0050 was approved by General Assembly as state budget for FY 2008.))

SB 0065 - Community or Homeowners' Associations - Standing to Participate in Certain Proceedings

Sponsor/Status: Senator James Brochin (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. SB 0065 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize a community or homeowners' association to institute, defend, intervene, or participate in specified governmental proceedings or forms of alternative dispute resolution; authorize a community or homeowners' association to assert a claim in its name on behalf of its members under specified circumstances; etc.

Final Disposition: SB 0065 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

SB 0073 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Intercounty Connector - Funding

Sponsor/Status: The President of the Senate (By Request - Administration). SB 0073 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter a requirement that a specified sum be appropriated to the Maryland Transportation Authority for the Intercounty Connector for fiscal year 2008.

((Final Disposition: SB 0073 died at end of session.))

SB 0074 - Baltimore County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority (Constitutional Amendment)

Sponsor/Status: Senator Andrew P. Harris (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et al. SB 0074 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 Baltimore County under specified circumstances; define "public use"; and submit the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0619) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0074 died at end of session.))

SB 0075 - Harford County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority (Constitutional Amendment)

Sponsor/Status: Harford County Senators. SB 0075 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 the amendment to the qualified voters for their adoption or rejection.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0619) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0075 died at end of session.))

SB 0080 - Motor Fuel Tax - Refunds - Motor Fuel Used to Operate Vessels

Sponsor/Status: Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. SB 0080 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would allow a refund of motor fuel tax paid on motor fuel that is used to operate a vessel; etc.

Final Disposition: SB 0080 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

SB 0103 - Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007

Sponsor/Status: The President of the Senate (By Request - Administration) and Senator Brian E. Frosh (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0103 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Department of the Environment and the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations by December 31, 2007, to establish a low emissions vehicle program applicable to vehicles of the model year 2011 and thereafter under specified circumstances; require the Administration and the Department to establish motor vehicle emissions standards and compliance requirements; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0366) was introduced in the 2005 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0103 was approved by the General Assembly. It now waits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0106 - Real Property - Ground Rents - Prohibition on Creation of Ground Rent Leases for Residential Property - Emergency Bill

Sponsor/Status: Senator George W. Della, Jr. (D-Baltimore City), and the President of the Senate (By Request - Administration), et al. SB 0106 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit, on or after January 22, 2007, the creation of a lease or sublease for single-family residential property improved by four or fewer single-family units that has an initial term of 99 years renewable forever and that creates a leasehold estate or subleasehold estate subject to the payment of an annual ground rent; and make the Act an emergency measure.

Final Disposition: SB 0106 was approved by the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor. It is now Chapter 1 of the Maryland Code.

SB 0110 - Base Realignment and Closure Subcabinet

Sponsor/Status: The President of the Senate (By Request - Administration) and Senator Thomas M. Middleton (D-Charles Co.), et al. SB 0110 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the Base Realignment and Closure Subcabinet in State government; provide for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Subcabinet; provide for the duties and responsibilities of the Subcabinet; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0110 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0125 - Fines for Parking Violations - Late Fees - Restrictions in Baltimore City

Sponsor/Status: Senator George W. Della, Jr. (D-Baltimore City). SB 0125 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 a specified amount.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0177) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: SB 0125 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

SB 0139 - Maryland Video Surveillance Camera Deployment Commission and Fund - Establishment

Sponsor/Status: Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.). SB 0139 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the Maryland Video Surveillance Camera Deployment Commission; establish a specified fund to pay for specified costs of the Commission; establish the purpose, membership, and duties and powers of the Commission; provide specified funding for the Commission; exempting specified facilities from the oversight or regulation of the Commission; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0790) was introduced in the 2006 session.

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

SB 0140 - Queen Anne's County - Motor Fuel Tax - Exemption for Biodiesel Fuel

Sponsor/Status: Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.). SB 0140 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; and terminate the Act at the end of June 30, 2010.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0050) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: SB 0140 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

SB 0159 - Planning and Zoning Decisions - Standing to Appeal

Sponsor/Status: Senator James Brochin (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. SB 0159 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the standing requirements for an aggrieved person, a community association, and a homeowners association to appeal to the circuit court a decision of a local board of appeals, a zoning action of a local legislative body, or any matter arising under the planning and zoning laws of a local jurisdiction; impose specified requirements on an appeal heard by the circuit court on planning and zoning matters; provide for the construction of the Act; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

Final Disposition: SB 0159 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

SB 0167 - Transportation Funding - Mass Transit Account

Sponsor/Status: Senator Rona E. Kramer (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0167 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would create a Mass Transit Account within the Transportation Trust Fund; provide for the distribution of sales and use tax revenue to the Account; pledge specified taxes to pay the principal and interest on specified bonds; limit the use of the Account to funding specified transit expenses; provide that sales and use revenues distributed to the Account are in addition to and may not supplant other funds for mass transit; state a specified intent of the General Assembly; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0850) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: SB 0167 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

SB 0184 - Vehicle Laws - Drivers' Licensing of Illegal Aliens - Restrictions

Sponsor/Status: Senator Janet Greenip (R-Anne Arundel Co.), et al. SB 0184 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit, in order to facilitate compliance with the federal Real ID Act, the Motor Vehicle Administration from issuing a new driver's license to an individual who cannot provide specified documentation certifying that the individual is lawfully present in the United States in accordance with federal law, except under specified circumstances; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0184 died at end of session.))

SB 0186 - Solar Energy Grant Fund

Sponsor/Status: Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0186 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, subject to oversight by the Public Service Commission; specify the sources of the Fund; authorize the Fund to be used for grants to eligible projects; provide that money expended from the Fund is supplemental to funding that otherwise would be appropriated for the Solar Energy Grant Program; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0186 died at end of the session.))

SB 0187 - Solar Energy Grant Program

Sponsor/Status: Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0187 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the amounts of specified grants awarded under the Solar Energy Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration; repeal provisions relating to the Geothermal Heat Pump Grant Program; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0187 died at end of session.))

SB 0196 - Baltimore County - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Dredging, Construction, and Permitting

Sponsor/Status: Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. SB 0196 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the restrictions on dredging projects in the Baltimore Harbor and waters of Baltimore County under specified circumstances; prohibit the Board of Public Works from approving licenses for dredging projects in a

specified area under specified circumstances; require the Governor to designate the Public Service Commission as the agency to consult with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under specified circumstances; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0196 died at end of session.))

SB 0198 - Task Force to Combat Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol

Sponsor/Status: Senator Jennie M. Forehand (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0198 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the Task Force to Combat Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol; provide for the membership of the Task Force; designate the chair of the Task Force; provide for the staffing for the Task Force; provide that a member of the Task Force may not receive specified compensation, but is entitled to a specified reimbursement; establish the duties of the Task Force; require the Task Force to submit interim and final reports to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before specified dates; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0198 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0212 - Anne Arundel County - Impact Fees - Workforce Housing

Sponsor/Status: Chair, Anne Arundel County Senators. SB 0212 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the County Council of Anne Arundel County by ordinance to grant exemptions from or credits against development impact fees for developments that include workforce housing, as defined by the County Council.

((Final Disposition: SB 0212 died at end of session.))

SB 0215 - Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program - Advisory Committee

Sponsor/Status: Senator Richard F. Colburn (R-Caroline Co., Dorchester Co., Talbot Co., Wicomico Co.), et al. SB 0215 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish an advisory committee to study and recommend reforms of the growth allocation process within the Chesapeake and

Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program; provide for the membership and staffing of the Advisory Committee; and require the Advisory Committee to report its findings and recommendations to specified persons on or before December 1, 2008.

((Final Disposition: SB 0215 died at end of session.))

SB 0218 - Communications Towers - Zoning and Other Regulatory Approval - Adjacent Local Jurisdiction - Emergency Bill

Sponsor/Status: Senator Lisa A. Gladden (D-Baltimore City). SB 0218 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit a local jurisdiction from granting zoning or other regulatory approval to a communications tower located 500 yards or less from another local jurisdiction unless that communications tower satisfies the zoning and other regulatory requirements of each local jurisdiction; prohibit a local jurisdiction from granting zoning or other regulatory approval to a communications tower subject to the Act unless the person seeking approval of the tower submits a specified written statement of approval from an adjacent jurisdiction; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0218 died at end of session.))

SB 0224 - Baltimore City - Property Tax Credit for Newly Constructed Dwellings

Sponsor/Status: Senator Nathaniel J. McFadden (D-Baltimore City) (By Request - Baltimore City Administration). SB 0224 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would extend from June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2009, the termination date applicable to provisions authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the local property tax imposed on newly constructed dwellings under specified circumstances; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0224 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0226 - Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders - Exceptions

Sponsor/Status: Senator Alexander X. Mooney (R-Frederick Co., Washington Co.), et al. SB 0226 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.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0163) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0226 died at end of session.))

SB 0246 - Transportation - Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge - Second Companion Span

Sponsor/Status: Senator Roy P. Dyson (D-Calvert Co., Charles Co., St. Mary's Co.). SB 0246 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 2008 through 2013 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 2008, through a special fund deficiency, for the planning and design of the second companion span; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0338) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0246 died at end of session.))

SB 0252 - Roadside Solicitation of Money or Donations from Occupants of Vehicles in Anne Arundel County - Prohibition

Sponsor/Status: Chair, Anne Arundel County Senators. SB 0252 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit a person from standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection in Anne Arundel County to solicit money or donations from an occupant of a vehicle; repeal the authority of the Anne Arundel County Council to enact, by ordinance, a licensing program for specified persons or organizations to solicit money or donations from an occupant of a vehicle by standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection in Anne Arundel County; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0793) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0252 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0254 - Environment - Groundwater Contamination - Notification and Reimbursement of Costs

Sponsor/Status: Senator Joan Carter Conway (D-Baltimore City). SB 0254 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

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

((Final Disposition: SB 0254 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0261 - Biodiesel Renewable Fuel Act Amended title - “Task Force on Renewable Alternative Fuels”

Sponsor/Status: Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.) et al. SB 0261 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose (Original): This legislation would require retail service station dealers to sell a specified percentage of biodiesel in diesel fuel on an annual basis under specified circumstances; provide for the increase in the percentage of biodiesel that must be sold in the State; require the Secretary of Agriculture to make specified determinations; require specified retail service station dealers to provide specified evidence; require the establishment of an Advisory Committee; and require the Advisory Committee to make an annual report.

Purpose (Amended): This legislation would establish a Task Force on Renewable Alternative Fuels; provide for the membership of the Task Force; require the Secretary of Agriculture to chair the Task Force; require the Department of Agriculture to provide staff for the Task Force; prohibit members of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation; provide for the duties of the Task Force; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0261 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0274 - Garrett County - Property Tax Credit - New or Expanding Businesses

Sponsor/Status: Senator George C. Edwards (R-Allegany Co., Garrett Co., Washington Co.). SB 0274 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the governing body of Garrett County to grant, by law, a county property tax credit for real property that is new construction or an improvement to real property owned or occupied by a commercial or industrial business in Garrett County under specified circumstances; authorize the governing body to provide for the amount and duration of the credit, qualifications and application procedures for the credit, and other provisions for the credit, subject to specified limitations and requirements; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0274 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0277 - Economic Development Opportunities (Sunny Day) Account - Extraordinary Economic Development Opportunity - Definition

Sponsor/Status: Senator Richard S. Madaleno, Jr. (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0277 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the definition of an extraordinary economic development opportunity as it relates to the retention, expansion, establishment, or attraction of specified public or private institutions through the use of the Economic Development Opportunities Program Account.

((Final Disposition: SB 0277 died at end of session.))

SB 0292 - State Budget - Modifications - Reporting

Sponsor/Status: Senator Richard S. Madaleno, Jr. (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0292 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the State budget books to include a separate section listing, for specified fiscal years, specified changes in policy or administration that will reduce the level of funding, level of services, or scope of services provided in any program or program area; require the section to include, for a specified fiscal year, a summary of specified changes reducing funding or services below specified levels; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0292 died at end of session.))

SB 0293 - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard and Procurement of Renewable Energy - Solar Energy

Sponsor/Status: Senator Mike Lenett (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0293 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the renewable energy portfolio standard by requiring that specified portions of electricity derived from Tier 1 sources be derived from solar energy in specified years; repeal a provision that provides that an electricity supplier receive double credit toward meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard for energy derived by solar energy sources under specified circumstances; alter the amount of a specified compliance fee; etc.

Final Disposition: SB 0293 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

SB 0294 - Property Protection Act of 2007 (Constitutional Amendment)

Sponsor/Status: Senator Allan H. Kittleman (R-Carroll Co., Howard Co.), et al. SB 0294 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.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0173) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0294 died at end of session.))

SB 0295 - Tax Credit - Electric and Hybrid Vehicles

Sponsor/Status: Senator Alexander X. Mooney (R-Frederick Co., Washington Co.), et al. SB 0295 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish a period of eligibility for a credit against the motor vehicle excise tax for electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles from July 2007, to July 1, 2011, etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0212) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: SB 0295 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

SB 0298 - Income Tax Credits for Green Buildings - Additional Credits Authorized

Sponsor/Status: Senator Brian E. Frosh (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0298 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter eligibility requirements for the green building tax credits; allow an individual or business entity to transfer green building tax credits to another individual or business entity under specified circumstances; authorize an individual or business entity to whom a green building tax credit is transferred to claim a credit against the Maryland income tax; increase the maximum annual and aggregate amount of initial credit certificates that the Maryland Energy Administration may issue; define the term "business entity"; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 1009) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0298 died at end of session.))

SB 0300 - Proposed Capital Projects - High Performance Buildings

Sponsor/Status: Senator Brian E. Frosh (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0300 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require specified buildings to be high performance buildings unless a unit of State government obtains a waiver from the Department of Budget and Management; require the Department to establish a waiver process on or before December 1, 2007; and provide for the minimum requirements of the waiver process.

((Final Disposition: SB 0300 died at end of session.))

SB 0301 - Education - New School Construction - Price Preference for High Performance Buildings

Sponsor/Status: Senator Brian E. Frosh (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0301 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would provide a price preference as an incentive for the construction of new school buildings as high performance buildings; require the Board of Public Works to adopt specified regulations; prohibit the State or a county board of education from authorizing an appropriation for the preliminary planning of a proposed capital project for new school construction for a high performance building until a specified program is submitted to the Department of Budget and Management; define a term; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0301 died at end of session.))

SB 0307 - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Impact Fee - County Services

Sponsor/Status: Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.). SB 0307 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Public Service Commission to collect an impact fee from a liquefied natural gas facility under specified circumstances; authorizing a county to assess an impact fee or to obtain an assessment from an independent third party for specified purposes; require the impact fee to provide for specified services in the county; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0307 died at end of session.))

SB 0313 - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Eastern Boulevard

Sponsor/Status: Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et al (By Request - Baltimore County Administration). SB 0313 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee).

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, repair, and renovation of the 200 through 600 blocks of Eastern Boulevard, located in Essex; provide for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0313 died at end of session.))

SB 0314 - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Heritage Trail and Saint Helena Park

Sponsor/Status: Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et al (By Request - Baltimore County Administration). SB 0314 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the design, construction, and capital equipping of a heritage trail and capital improvements to Saint Helena Park, both located in Dundalk; 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 0314 died at end of session.))

SB 0317 - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Eastern Regional Greenway

Sponsor/Status: Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et al (By Request - Baltimore County Administration). SB 0317 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 design, construction, and capital equipping of the Eastern Regional Greenway trail; 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 (HB 1420) was introduced in the 2004 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0317 died at end of session.))

SB 0326 - Cecil County - Bridge or Road Construction or Repair Contracts

Sponsor/Status: Cecil County Senators. SB 0326 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the threshold amount of specified expenditures that are required to be made by competitively bid contracts in Cecil County; and repeal a limitation on the amount of specified contracts that a contractor may be awarded during a 2-month period.

((Final Disposition: SB 0326 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0327 - Toll Collection - Hatem Bridge and JFK Memorial Highway - Rush Hour - Exemption

Sponsor/Status: Cecil County Senators. SB 0327 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit the Maryland Transportation Authority from collecting a toll during weekday rush hours at the toll stations for the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway; require the Authority to obtain a modification of a trust agreement if necessary to implement the Act; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0327 died at end of session.))

SB 0332 - High Performance Buildings Act

Sponsor/Status: Senator Brian E. Frosh (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0332 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require specified buildings to be constructed or renovated to be high performance buildings; exempt specified building types from specified high performance building standards; require specified buildings rented by the State to be high performance buildings; and provide for the applicability of the Act.

((Final Disposition: SB 0332 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by Governor.))

SB 0333 - Commission on Maryland's Energy Future

Sponsor/Status: Senator Brian E. Frosh (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0333 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish a Commission on Maryland's Energy Future; provide for the membership, leadership, and duties of the Commission; require the Commission to meet within 1 month after enactment of the Act; require the Commission to report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a specified date; and provide for the termination of the Act.

((Final Disposition: SB 0333 died at end of session.))

SB 0352 - Environment - Golf Course Redevelopment - Environmental Assessment

Sponsor/Status: Senator Joan Carter Conway (D-Baltimore City), et al. SB 0352 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require a person who is proposing to redevelop property that was previously used as a commercial golf course to commission a specified assessment of the property before construction; provide for the requirements of the assessment; require the Department of the Environment to establish an

independent panel to review and approve the testing plan and to evaluate sampling results; require the Department to make notice and provide for a hearing; and require remediation under specified circumstances.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0019) was introduced in the 2005 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0352 died at end of session.))

SB 0383 - Motor Vehicle Administration - Driver's License Provisions - Safe Driving Credit System

Sponsor/Status: Senator Larry E. Haines (R-Baltimore Co., Carroll Co.). SB 0383 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Motor Vehicle Administration to maintain a safe driving credit system for all licensees; require the Administration to award a safe driving credit, up to a specified limit, to licensees who meet specified safe driving standards; require the Administration to apply safe driving credits in a specified manner to offset specified points assessed against a licensee; and provide for the invalidation of a safe driving credit under specified circumstances.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0745) was introduced in the 2005 session.

Final Disposition: SB 0383 was approved by the Senate, but received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

SB 0390 - Prince George's County - Special Taxing Districts

Sponsor/Status: Senator Ulysses Currie (D-Prince George's Co.), et al. SB 0390 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize Prince George's County to use specified special taxing district and tax increment financing authority to provide financing, refinancing, or reimbursement for the costs of renovation, rehabilitation, and repair of existing buildings, building systems, and components for existing residential condominiums designated as workforce housing; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0390 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0408 - Anne Arundel County - Chesapeake Bay Critical Area - Violations of Local Law

Sponsor/Status: Anne Arundel County Senators. SB 0408 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require that a prosecution for an offense that occurs in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and is a violation of a specified local law in Anne Arundel County that relates to environmental protection or natural resource conservation be instituted within 3 years after the commission of the offense.

((Final Disposition: SB 0408 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0409 - Global Warming Solutions - Reductions in Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Sponsor/Status: Senator Paul G. Pinsky (D-Prince George's Co.), et al. SB 0409 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish limits on emissions of greenhouse gases; require the Department of the Environment to determine the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level from 1990 and establish a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit based on that level; require the Department to prepare a plan that identifies and recommends specified measures after consulting with other state agencies; establish the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Fund; create the Office of Climate Change within the Department and specifying its duties; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0409 died at end of session.))

SB 0423 - Local Government - Street Lighting Equipment

Sponsor/Status: Senator Richard S. Madaleno, Jr. (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0423 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.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0296) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((**Final Disposition:** SB 0423 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0438 - Maryland Transit Administration - Continuation of Passenger Railroad Service on Amtrak and CSX Lines

Sponsor/Status: Senator Catherine E. Pugh (D-Baltimore City) (By Request), et al. SB 0438 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Maryland Transit Administration to continue to operate passenger railroad service on specified railroad lines at levels equivalent to the levels established as of specified dates; prohibit the Administration from closing a station before a specified date, subject to an exception; require the Administration to hold a public hearing under specified circumstances and to give notice of the hearing; prohibit the Administration from taking certain actions if inadequate notice is given; etc.

((**Final Disposition:** SB 0438 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0439 - Maryland Transit Administration - Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory Council

Sponsor/Status: Senator Catherine E. Pugh (D-Baltimore City) (By Request), et al. SB 0439 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, 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; require State and local agencies to comply with specified requests; and provide for reimbursement for the expenses of an Advisory Council member.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0655) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((**Final Disposition:** SB 0439 died at end of session.))

SB 0463 - Maryland Transit Administration - Public Hearings

Sponsor/Status: Senator Catherine E. Pugh (D-Baltimore City) (By Request), et al. SB 0463 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Maryland Transit Administration to hold a public hearing before changing a bus or rail route alignment or bus stop location, or before establishing or abandoning a rail transit station; limit the time period during which the Administration may implement a policy change; establish specified notice requirements; require a public hearing to be at a specified location and time; and require the People's Counsel to the Public Service Commission to appear at public hearings called by the Administration; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0828) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((**Final Disposition:** SB 463 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0465 - Vehicle Laws - Motorized Wheelchairs and Scooters - Guidelines

Sponsor/Status: Senator Catherine E. Pugh (D-Baltimore City) (By Request), et al. SB 0465 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and update, on or before December 1, 2007, and in consultation with one or more community organizations for individuals with disabilities, guidelines for the appropriate use on streets of motor-driven wheelchairs, scooters, and other devices designed to provide mobility assistance for individuals with disabilities; require the Administration to provide for distribution of the guidelines; etc.

((**Final Disposition:** SB 0465 died at end of session.))

SB 0482 - Motor Vehicles - All-Terrain Vehicles - Protective Headgear

Sponsor/Status: Senator Jennie M. Forehand (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0482 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit an individual under a specified age from operating or riding on an all-terrain vehicle unless the individual is wearing protective headgear that meets specified standards; etc.

Final Disposition: SB 0482 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

SB 0484 - Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - Pedestrian Improvements

Sponsor/Status: Senator Jennie M. Forehand (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0484 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rockville for the planning and design of pedestrian improvements at MD 355 near the Rockville Metro; 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 0484 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

SB 0498 - Smart Growth - Priority Funding Areas - Rural Counties

Sponsor/Status: Senator David R. Brinkley (R-Carroll Co., Frederick Co.). SB 0498 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & 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 0749) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: SB 0498 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

SB 0499 - Environment - Water Appropriation Permits - Groundwater Recharge Area

Sponsor/Status: Senator David R. Brinkley (R-Carroll Co., Frederick Co.), et al. SB 0499 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter requirements for obtaining a permit for the appropriation and use of State groundwater; require the Department of the Environment to include specified lands, under specified circumstances, for the lands considered to be under the control of a municipal corporation for purposes of the calculation of a groundwater recharge area for a water appropriation permit; etc.

Final Disposition: SB 0499 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

SB 0517 - Vehicle Laws - Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act

Sponsor/Status: Senator Nancy Jacobs (R-Cecil Co., Harford Co.), et al. SB 0517 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

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

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0937) was introduced in the 2005 session.

Final Disposition: SB 0517 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

SB 0524 - Motor Vehicle Administration - Driver Improvement Program/Point System Conferences (DIP/PSC) Pilot Program

Sponsor/Status: Senator James Brochin (D-Baltimore Co.). SB 0524 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit the Motor Vehicle Administration, unless specifically authorized by law, from offering or authorizing the Driver Improvement Program/Point System Conferences Pilot Program or Program provided over the Internet; and provide for the termination of the Act.

Final Disposition: SB 0524 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

SB 0530 - Motor Vehicle Insurance - Accident Prevention Courses - Discount for Seniors

Sponsor/Status: Senator Thomas M. Middleton (D-Charles Co.). SB 0530 was assigned to the Senate Finance 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 two years, has completed a specified course in accident prevention; provide that the Act does not apply to an insured who attends a

course in accident prevention under a court order or as required by the Motor Vehicle Administration for a specified violation; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0978) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: SB 0530 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

SB 0544 - Vehicle Laws - Railroad Crossings Cameras

Sponsor/Status: Senator Paul G. Pinsky (D-Prince George's Co.). SB 0544 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would provide for the use of automated railroad grade crossing enforcement systems to determine compliance with specified vehicle laws; require a specified recording; establish specified penalties; require a specified notice; establish the burden of proof for adjudication; provide for specified defenses; provide for the suspension of the vehicle registration in specified cases; identify specified ways a violation may impact driving records or insurance coverage; delegate to the District Court specified responsibilities; etc.

Final Disposition: SB 0544 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

SB 0551 - Public Service Commission - For-Hire Driver's License - Review of Driving Record of Applicant

Sponsor/Status: Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0551 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

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

((Final Disposition: SB 0551 died at end of session.))

SB 0553 - Environment - Landfills - Termination Date

Sponsor/Status: Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et al. SB 0553 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would expand a prohibition against issuing a specified permit to construct or operate a landfill within a specified distance of specified areas; and repeal the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to landfills in the State.

((Final Disposition: SB 0553 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0558 - Local Governments - Impact Fees and Building Excise Taxes - Workforce Housing Exemption

Sponsor/Status: Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0558 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee, and the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

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

((Final Disposition: SB 0558 died at end of session.))

SB 0562 - Electric Companies - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Measures and Services

Sponsor/Status: Senator Brian E. Frosh (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0562 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

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

Final Disposition: SB 0562 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

SB 0566 - Public Utility Companies - Generating Stations - Wind

Sponsor/Status: Senator Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. (D-Calvert Co., Prince George's Co.), et al. SB 0566 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would exempt a specified person from having to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a generating station that produces electricity from wind; and require a person to obtain approval from the Public Service Commission prior to any construction of a generating station that produces electricity from wind.

((Final Disposition: SB 0566 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0576 - Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Sponsor/Status: Senator Nancy Jacobs (R-Cecil Co., Harford Co.). SB 0576 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

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

((Final Disposition: SB 0576 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0589 - First Responders Fund

Sponsor/Status: Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0589 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the First Responders Fund; establish that the purpose of the Fund is to provide grants to counties and municipal corporations to pay for equipment and personnel for fire, rescue, and emergency medical services entities and local law enforcement agencies; require the Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to administer the Fund; establish the composition of the Fund; limit the uses of the Fund; provide for investment of money in the Fund; etc.

Final Disposition: SB 0589 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

SB 0591 - Municipal Corporations - Building Excise Tax

Sponsor/Status: Senator Richard S. Madaleno, Jr. (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0591 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 the governing body of a municipal corporation to hold a public hearing before adopting a specified ordinance or resolution; prohibit a municipal corporation from imposing a building excise tax if the municipal corporation imposes any type of impact fee; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0591 died at end of session.))

SB 0595 - Public Utility Companies - Net Energy Metering - Renewable Portfolio Energy Standard - Photovoltaic Power

Sponsor/Status: Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0595 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would increase the maximum installed capacity available for net energy metering to eligible customer-generators in the State; increase the amount of generating capacity of an electric generating system that an individual eligible customer-generator may use for net metering; establish a Tier 3 renewable portfolio energy standard for solar energy applying only to electric companies under specified circumstances; provide for compliance fees for shortfalls in required Tier 3 renewable sources; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0595 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0611 - Statewide Empowerment Zones for Seniors Commission

Sponsor/Status: Senator Thomas M. Middleton (D-Charles Co.). SB 0611 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the Statewide Empowerment Zones for Seniors Commission; provide for the membership of the Commission; authorize the Commission to consult with specified individuals and entities; authorize the Secretary of Aging to perform specified duties; require the Commission to make specified recommendations; provide for the requirements for a qualifying comprehensive empowerment zone for seniors plan; require the Department of Aging to staff the Commission; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0611 was approved by the General Assembly. It awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0615 - Tax General - Income Tax Credit - Energy-Efficient Residential Heating and Cooling Systems

Sponsor/Status: Senator Richard S. Madaleno, Jr. (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB 0615 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would allow individuals and corporations specified credits against the State income tax for costs associated with the purchase and installation of energy-efficient residential heating and cooling systems for a specified period of time; specify standards to qualify for the credit; limit the total credits that an individual may be allowed for any taxable year; authorize the Maryland Energy Administration to adopt regulations to establish and implement the program; provide for the application of the Act; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0615 died at end of session.))

SB 0616 - Land Preservation and School Construction Assistance Act of 2007

Sponsor/Status: Senator Ulysses Currie (D-Prince George's Co.), et al. SB 0616 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would impose recordation and transfer taxes on the transfer of controlling interest in a corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, other unincorporated form of doing business, or a trust that owns interests in real property in Maryland that constitute at least 80% of the value of its assets and has an aggregate value of at least \$500,000; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 120) was introduced in the 2003 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0616 died at end of session.))

SB 0636 - Primary and Secondary Education - School Construction - Green School Buildings Fund

Sponsor/Status: Senator Jamie Raskin (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0636 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the Green School Buildings Fund; provide for the purpose of the Fund; require the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; require the Governor to include \$1,000,000 in the operating budget or capital budget submission beginning in fiscal year 2009 for the

Fund; require the Board of Public Works to administer the Fund and to adopt specified regulations; etc.

Final Disposition: SB 0636 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

SB 0672 - Residential Real Property Sales - Notice Requirements - Industrial Zoned Land

Sponsor/Status: Senator Andrew P. Harris (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et al. SB 0672 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require a contract for the sale of residential real property in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, or Anne Arundel County to contain a specified statement notifying the buyer that the property may be located near industrial zoned land; and provide for the application and construction of the Act.

Final Disposition: SB 0672 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

SB 0674 - Maryland Energy Efficiency Standards Act of 2007

Sponsor/Status: Senator Paul G. Pinsky (D-Prince George's Co.), et al. SB 0674 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations on the purchase of equipment; require the Maryland Energy Administration to adopt regulations to establish minimum energy efficiency standards for new products sold in the State; prohibit new products from being sold, offered for sale, or installed in the State unless the products meet standards after specified dates; authorize the Administration to adopt regulations for exemptions; and require the Administration to apply for specified waivers.

((Final Disposition: SB 0674 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0682 - Cecil County - Purchase of Development Rights Program - General Obligation Installment Purchase Agreements

Sponsor/Status: Cecil County Senators. SB 0682 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the County Commissioners of Cecil County to enter into general obligation installment purchase agreements for an aggregate purchase price of not more than \$4,000,000, plus interest, to acquire development rights in tracts or parcels of agricultural land in Cecil County, as part of the County's Purchase of Development Rights Program; etc.

((**Final Disposition:** SB 0682 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0699 - State Highway Administration - Protection of Highway Construction and Maintenance Workers

Sponsor/Status: Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.). SB 0699 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.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 1035) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((**Final Disposition:** SB 0699 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0700 - The Baby Boomer Initiative Act

Sponsor/Status: Senator Roy P. Dyson (D-Calvert Co., Charles Co., St. Mary's Co.). SB 0700 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish a Baby Boomer Initiative Council; establish the membership of the Council; require the Governor to appoint the chair of the Council; establish the duties of the Council; require the Council to make specified recommendations; require the Council to provide specified reports to the Governor and General Assembly on or before specified dates; provide for the termination of the Act; and define specified terms.

((**Final Disposition:** SB 0700 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0710 - Affordable Housing - Enabling Authority for Counties and Municipalities

Sponsor/Status: Senator Joan Carter Conway (D-Baltimore City), et al. SB 0710 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize counties and municipalities to take specified actions to support, foster, or promote an affordable housing program for individuals or families of low or moderate income.

((Final Disposition: SB 0710 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0730 - Vehicle Laws - Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems and Speed Monitoring Systems - Defenses

Sponsor/Status: Senator Alexander X. Mooney (R-Frederick Co., Washington Co.). SB 0730 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would add specified defenses to the list of defenses that the District Court may consider in defense of a violation of a specified offense recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system; and add the defense of responding to a health-related emergency to the list of defenses that the District Court may consider in defense of a violation of a specified offense recorded by a speed monitoring system.

((Final Disposition: SB 0730 died at end of session.))

SB 0748 - Creation of a State Debt - Anne Arundel County - Clay Street Revitalization

Sponsor/Status: Senator John C. Astle (D-Anne Arundel Co.). SB 0748 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 Commissioners of The Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis, Inc. for the construction, reconstruction, repair, and renovation of a residential community for low and moderate income individuals, located in Annapolis; 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 0748 died at end of session.))

SB 0771 - Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Credit - Electric and Hybrid Vehicles

Sponsor/Status: Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. SB 0771 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would remove the restriction that specified electric and hybrid vehicles be titled before July 1, 2004, in order to be eligible for a credit against the motor vehicle excise tax; etc.

Final Disposition: SB 0771 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

SB 0776 - Income Tax - Credit for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles

Sponsor/Status: Senator Alexander X. Mooney (R-Frederick Co., Washington Co.). SB 0776 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would provide an individual or corporation with a credit against the State income tax in an amount equal to 10% of the cost of a qualified hybrid or qualified electric vehicle, subject to a maximum credit of \$4,000 per vehicle; providing that unused credits may not be carried forward; applying the Act to tax years after 2006; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0776 died at end of session.))

SB 0784 - Stormwater Management Act of 2007

Sponsor/Status: Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.), et al. SB 0784 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require local governments to update zoning ordinances to allow for the implementation of environmental site design techniques in specified stormwater management practices; require the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations that establish a model ordinance or model regulation for specified purposes; require the Department to adopt regulations that specify criteria for stormwater management plans and stormwater control ordinances; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0784 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0799 - REAL ID Act of 2005 - Implementation by Regulation or Policy - Prohibition

Sponsor/Status: Senator Jennie M. Forehand (D-Montgomery Co.). SB 0799 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit the Department of Transportation or the Motor Vehicle Administration from adopting any regulation or instituting any policy to implement provisions of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, unless the General Assembly enacts specified legislation.

((Final Disposition: SB 0799 died at end of session.))

SB 0807 - Property Protection Act of 2007

Sponsor/Status: Senator Roy P. Dyson (D-Calvert Co., Charles Co., St. Mary's Co.). SB 0807 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 0807 died at end of session.))

SB 0811 - Bay Restoration Fund - Statewide Demonstration Projects

Sponsor/Status: Senator Richard F. Colburn (R-Caroline Co., Dorchester Co., Talbot Co., Wicomico Co.), et al. SB 0811 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the use of specified Bay Restoration funds for specified demonstration projects in the State for the extension of sewer from a publicly owned wastewater facility under specified circumstances.

Final Disposition: SB 0811 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

SB 0812 - Bay Restoration Fund - Eastern Shore Demonstration Projects

Sponsor/Status: Senator Richard F. Colburn (R-Caroline Co., Dorchester Co., Talbot Co., Wicomico Co.), et al. SB 0812 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the use of specified Bay Restoration funds for specified demonstration projects in specified counties for the extension of sewer from a publicly owned wastewater facility under specified circumstances.

((Final Disposition: SB 0812 died at end of session.))

SB 0827 - Baltimore City - Property Tax Credit - Inclusionary Housing

Sponsor/Status: Senator Nathaniel J. McFadden (D-Baltimore City). SB 0827 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on mixed-income rental residential developments that offer affordable units and are owned by specified owners; authorize Baltimore City to provide by law for eligibility criteria for the tax credit, the amount and duration of the tax credit, and regulations and procedures; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0827 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0829 - Renewable Fuels - Production Credits - British Thermal Units

Sponsor/Status: Senator Richard F. Colburn (R-Caroline Co., Dorchester Co., Talbot Co., Wicomico Co.). SB 0829 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would expand specified production credits to include British Thermal Units that are produced from specified renewable resources; establish the application procedures for certification of the production credits; require an application to contain specified information; prohibit the Renewable Fuels Incentive Board from paying for production credits after a specified date; etc.

Final Disposition: SB 0829 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

SB 0852 - Income Tax - Credit for Motorized Shopping Carts

Sponsor/Status: Senator J. Robert Hooper (R-Harford Co.), et al. SB 0852 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.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0272) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0852 died at end of session.))

SB 0853 - Maryland Energy Independence Act of 2007

Sponsor/Status: Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et al. SB 0853 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require an electric company to operate its own peak-load or other generating facility for standard offer service; require specified percentages of an electric company's standard offer service to be generated within the State over a specified period; require the Public Service Commission to determine a specified statewide level of electricity usage from 2007 and to establish a baseline electricity level from it; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0853 died at end of session.))

SB 0861 - Task Force - Urban Senior Care Communities in Baltimore City

Sponsor/Status: Senator Catherine E. Pugh (D-Baltimore City). SB 0861 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Developing Urban Senior Care Communities in Baltimore City; specify the membership of the Task Force; specify the duties of the Task Force; provide for the staffing of the Task Force; provide that members of the Task Force may receive reimbursement for travel expenses; require the Task Force to issue a report by December 31, 2007, to the Senate Finance Committee; provide for the termination of the Act; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0861 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0863 - Vehicle Laws - Right-of-Way - Penalties for Failure to Yield

Sponsor/Status: Senator Larry E. Haines (R-Baltimore Co., Carroll Co.), et al. SB 0863 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 serious 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 0429) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0863 died at end of session.))

SB 0901 - Chesapeake Bay Green Fund

Sponsor/Status: Senator Joan Carter Conway (D-Baltimore City), et al. SB 0901 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee, and the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish a Chesapeake Bay Green Fund; prohibit a local government from granting specified permits until a person pays an Impervious Surface Fee; establish a fee for development inside or outside specified areas; exempt specified projects; prohibit money in the Fund from reverting or being transferred to the General Fund; require the Comptroller to distribute the Fund to specified units of State government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust; establish a Chesapeake Bay Green Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0901 died at end of session.))

SB 0908 - Anne Arundel County - Tax on Short-Term Automobile Rentals

Sponsor/Status: Senator John C. Astle (D-Anne Arundel Co.). SB 0908 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize Anne Arundel County to impose a sales and use tax on specified short-term automobile rentals under specified circumstances; provide that the tax does not apply to the rental of a replacement vehicle for a vehicle that is being serviced or repaired under specified circumstances; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0342) was introduced in the 2005 session.

Final Disposition: SB 0908 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation.

SB 0924 - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Historic Main Street Ellicott City Parking Garage Ho. Co. 4-07

Sponsor/Status: Howard County Senators. SB 0924 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 Howard County Revenue Authority for the planning and construction of a parking garage to serve the historic Main Street business district; 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 0924 died at end of session.))

SB 0935 - Vehicle Laws - Traffic Control Signals - Exit Ramps

Sponsor/Status: Senator James N. Robey (D-Howard Co.), et al. SB 0935 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require vehicular traffic approaching a highway from an exit ramp from an expressway and facing a nonfunctioning traffic control signal to stop at a specified location and to remain stopped until it is safe to continue onto the highway; provide for the assessment of specified points for a violation of the Act; and establish that a specified penalty applies to a violation of the Act.

((Final Disposition: SB 0935 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0942 - Taxpayers' Bill of Rights

Sponsor/Status: Senator J. Robert Hooper (R-Harford Co.). SB 0942 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 the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1444) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: SB 0942 died at end of session.))

SB 0949 - Transportation Funding Act of 2007

Sponsor/Status: Senator Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. (D-Calvert Co., Prince George's Co.). SB 0949 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would increase the motor fuel tax rates by 12 cents per gallon for motor fuel other than aviation fuel; provide for specified increases in the motor fuel tax rates for motor fuel other than aviation fuel under specified circumstances for specified periods based on the Comptroller's determinations as to the average wholesale price per gallon of motor fuel; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0949 died at end of session.))

SB 0970 - Environment - Water Appropriation Permits - Penalties

Sponsor/Status: Chairman of the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request - Departmental). SB 0970 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter permit requirements relating to the appropriation and use of State groundwater; exempt specified users from permit requirements; provide for specified penalties for misappropriation or misuse of groundwater; provide for the issue of specified orders and notices; alter specified criminal penalties; require specified funds to be paid into the Maryland Clean Water Fund; alter the uses of the Maryland Clean Water Fund; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0970 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0975 - Oil Pollution and Tank Management

Sponsor/Status: Chairman of the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request - Departmental). SB 0975 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would amend the definition of "oil" to include ethanol and any edible oils intended to be used as a motor fuel or fuel source; require an underground

storage facility to be in substantial compliance with State law and regulations before oil may be sold to or received by the facility; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0975 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0977 - Maryland Transit Administration - Passenger Railroad Services Contracts - Resolution of Contract Disputes

Sponsor/Status: Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee (By Request - Departmental). SB 0977 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would exempt specified disputes arising from specified Maryland Transit Administration contracts for passenger railroad services from specified provisions of law; and provide that resolution of disputes arising from specified Maryland Transit Administration contracts for passenger railroad services shall be by binding arbitration under specified circumstance.

Final Disposition: SB 0977 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

SB 0992 - Maryland Aviation Administration - Airport Improvement Program Funds

Sponsor/Status: Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee (By Request - Departmental). SB 0992 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Purpose: This legislation repeals a prohibition against a political subdivision of the State submitting specified project applications under federal law without approval of the Secretary of Transportation; repeal a requirement that the Maryland Aviation Administration act as agent for political subdivisions of the State with respect to the receipt of specified federal funds; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0992 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 0995 - Maryland Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2007

Sponsor/Status: Senator Alexander X. Mooney (R-Frederick Co., Washington Co.), et al. SB 0995 was assigned to the Senate Rules Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Department of Budget and Management to develop and operate a searchable website that includes specified information for State financial assistance and expenditures over \$25,000; specify parameters of the website;

authorize the Secretary of Budget and Management to designate agencies to participate in the development, operation, or support of the website; etc.

SB 0996 - Critical Area - Construction of a Facility - Prohibition - Emergency Bill

Sponsor/Status: Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. SB 0996 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit a facility from being located or constructed on land designated as Critical Area in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County; make the Act an emergency measure; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0996 died at end of session.))

SB 0997 - Liquefied Natural Gas and Liquefied Petroleum Gas - Liability

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

Purpose: This legislation would establish the liability for a person that stores, transports, or converts liquefied natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas in the State; provide that a person's liability may not be limited by specified actions or conditions; provide for immunity for a person that is called to assist or advise during an emergency under specified circumstances; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 0997 died at end of session.))

SB 1004 - Vehicle Laws - Penalty for Failure to Pay Electronic Toll - Limitation

Sponsor/Status: Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.). SB 1004 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would limit to \$2,000 the total amount of civil penalties and administrative fees that may be imposed on a person by the Maryland Transportation Authority in connection with a single failure to pay an electronic toll; and provide for the retroactive application of the Act.

((Final Disposition: SB 1004 died at end of session.))

SB 1018 - Task Force to Study Rent Stabilization for the Elderly in Prince George's County

Sponsor/Status: Senator C. Anthony Muse (D-Prince George's Co.). SB 1018 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would create a Task Force to Study Rent Stabilization for the Elderly in Prince George's County; provide for the composition of the Task Force; require Prince George's County to provide staffing for the Task Force; require the Task Force to examine the issues and information regarding the enactment of rent stabilization laws for the elderly in Prince George's County; require the Task Force to report to the County Council by Nov. 1, 2007; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 1018 died at end of session.))

SB 1030 - Critical Areas - Applications for Variances - Local Jurisdictions

Sponsor/Status: Senator Roy P. Dyson (D-Calvert Co., Charles Co., St. Mary's Co.). SB 1030 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would clarify that specified provisions of law apply to a local jurisdiction during the consideration, processing, and decision on an application for a specified variance notwithstanding any provision, or lack of provision, in the local jurisdiction's local laws and ordinances; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 1030 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

SB 1031 - Environment - Landfills - Prohibition

Sponsor/Status: Senator Gwendolyn T. Britt (D-Prince George's Co.), et al. SB 1031 was assigned to the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter a prohibition against issuing a specified permit to construct or operate a landfill to include any location in Prince George's County; expand a specified prohibition against issuing a specified permit to construct or operate a landfill within a specified distance of specified areas in Queen Anne's County; etc.

((Final Disposition: SB 1031 died at end of session.))

2007 HOUSE OF DELEGATES BILLS

HB 0004 - Income Tax Credit for Restaurants in Arts and Entertainment Districts

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Victor R. Ramirez (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 0004 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would provide a credit against the State income tax for a taxpayer operating a restaurant in an arts and entertainment district under specified circumstances; provide for a limited duration for the credit; provide for a reduction of the allowable amount of the credit over 5 years; provide for the carryover of specified unused credit under specified circumstances; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1616) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0004 died at end of session.))

HB 0009 - State Property Tax - Homestead Tax Credit Percentage Reduction

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Susan W. Krebs (R-Carroll Co.). HB 0009 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee).

Purpose: This legislation would reduce from 110% to 105% the homestead property tax credit percentage for the State property tax; and apply the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2008.

((Final Disposition: HB 0009 died at end of session.))

HB 0011 - Vehicle Laws - Drivers' Licensing of Illegal Aliens - Restrictions

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Ron George (R-Anne Arundel Co.). HB 0011 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit, in order to facilitate compliance with the federal Real ID Act, the Motor Vehicle Administration from issuing a new driver's license to an individual who cannot provide specified documentation certifying that the individual is lawfully present in the United States in accordance with federal law, except under specified circumstances; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1443) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: HB 0011 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 0031 - Community or Homeowners' Associations - Standing to Participate in Certain Proceedings

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Dan K. Morhaim (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0031 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize a community or homeowners' association to institute, defend, intervene, or participate in specified governmental proceedings or forms of alternative dispute resolution; authorize a community or homeowners' association to assert a claim in its name on behalf of its members under specified circumstances; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0031 received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee.

HB 0034 - Planning and Zoning Decisions - Standing to Appeal

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Dan K. Morhaim (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0034 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the standing requirements for an aggrieved person, a community association, and a homeowners association to appeal to the circuit court a decision of a local board of appeals, a zoning action of a local legislative body, or any matter arising under the planning and zoning laws of a local jurisdiction; impose specified requirements on an appeal heard by the circuit court on planning and zoning matters; provide for the construction of the Act; provide for the application of the Act; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0034 received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee.

HB 0044 - Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Elizabeth Bobo (D-Howard Co.), et al. HB 0044 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Department of the Environment and the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations by December 31, 2007, to establish a low emissions vehicle program applicable to vehicles of the model year 2011 and thereafter under specified circumstances; require the Administration and the Department to establish motor vehicle emissions standards and compliance requirements; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0366) was introduced in the 2005 session.

Final Disposition: HB 0044 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 0047 - Motor Fuel Tax - Exemption for Biodiesel Fuel - Government Vehicles

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Sheila E. Hixson (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0047 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would exempt specified biodiesel fuel purchased for use in specified government vehicles from a specified percentage of the State motor fuel tax; require the Comptroller to adopt regulations; and terminate the Act in 3 years.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1344) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0047 was approved by the House, but received an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.))

HB 0049 - Communications Towers - Zoning and Other Regulatory Approval - Adjacent Local Jurisdiction - Emergency Bill

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Nathaniel T. Oaks (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 0049 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit a local jurisdiction from granting zoning or other regulatory approval to a communications tower located 500 yards or less from another local jurisdiction unless that communications tower satisfies the zoning and other regulatory requirements of each local jurisdiction; prohibit a local jurisdiction from granting zoning or other regulatory approval to a communications tower subject to the Act unless the person seeking approval of the tower submits a certain written statement of approval from an adjacent jurisdiction; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0049 died at end of session.))

HB 0050 - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2008)

Sponsor/Status: The Speaker of the House (By Request - Administration). HB 0050 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee. In 2007, the House Appropriations Committee is responsible for the review of the annual budget bill. Upon

passage of both chambers, the budget bill automatically becomes law as per Maryland Constitution.

Purpose: This legislation would make the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

HB 0057 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Intercounty Connector - Funding

Sponsor/Status: The Speaker of the House (By Request - Administration). HB 0057 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter a requirement that a specified sum be appropriated to the Maryland Transportation Authority for the Intercounty Connector for fiscal year 2008.

((Final Disposition: HB 0057 received an unfavorable report from the House Appropriations Committee.))

HB 0069 - Program Open Space - Attainment of Acquisition Goals - Increased Allocation for Local Government

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Rudolph C. Cane (D-Dorchester Co., Wicomico Co.), et al. HB 0069 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would increase the amount a local government can spend on development projects after it has attained its acquisition goals under Program Open Space.

((Final Disposition: HB 0069 was approved by the House, but received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.))

HB 0072 - Environment - Groundwater Contamination - Notification and Reimbursement of Costs

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Maggie McIntosh (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 0072 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

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

((**Final Disposition:** HB 0072 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0074 - Solar Energy Grant Program - Grant Awards

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Susan W. Krebs (R-Carroll Co.), et al. HB 0074 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the maximum amount of specified grants made under the Solar Energy Grant Program administered by the Maryland Energy Administration; etc.

((**Final Disposition:** HB 0074 died at end of session.))

HB 0076 - Solar Energy Tax Credit

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0076 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish a period of eligibility for a credit against the State income tax for specified costs of equipment that uses solar energy to generate electricity, to heat or cool a structure or provide hot water for use in a structure, or to provide solar process heat; provide for the amount of the credit; prohibit the use of the credit if an individual or corporation receives a grant under the Solar Energy Grant Program; apply the Act to tax years beginning after December 31, 2007; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0810) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((**Final Disposition:** HB 0076 was approved by the House, but received an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.))

HB 0086 - Vehicle Laws - Distracted Driving and Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Driving - Prohibitions

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Tanya Thornton Shewell (R-Carroll Co.), et al. HB 0086 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the offense of distracted driving; prohibit a driver of a specified school vehicle from using a wireless communication device; prohibit a holder of a learner's instructional permit who is 18 years of age or older from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless communication device; prohibit the driver

of a motor vehicle that is in motion from using the driver's hands to use a wireless communication device; provide for exceptions to the prohibitions of the Act; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0030) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: HB 0086 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 0087 - Real Property - Condemnation Proceedings - Valuation of Property

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Tanya Thornton Shewell (R-Carroll Co.), et al. HB 0087 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; include specified costs in calculating diminution in value for specified property; and alter the payment for relocation costs in a condemnation proceeding by eliminating specified monetary limitations.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0187) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0087 died at end of session.))

HB 0118 - State Government - Priority Funding for Public School and Transportation Projects for BRAC

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Barry Glassman (R-Harford Co.), et al. HB 0118 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee. HB 0118 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Interagency Committee on School Construction, in making specified recommendations, to make a high priority the funding of any project needed to accommodate projected student population growth resulting from recommendations of the 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC); require the Maryland Department of Transportation, in its Consolidated Transportation Program, to include as a priority any capital project needed to accommodate projected transportation needs resulting from recommendations of the BRAC; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1576) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((**Final Disposition:** HB 0118 received an unfavorable report from the House Appropriations Committee.))

HB 0124 - Tax Credit - Fuel-Efficient Vehicles

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0124 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish a credit against the motor vehicle excise tax for qualified fuel-efficient vehicles for a specified period; establish fuel economy ratings for specified vehicles to qualify for the credit; repeal an expired credit against the motor vehicle excise tax for specified electric vehicles and specified hybrid vehicles; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0124 received an unfavorable report from the House Ways & Means Committee.

HB 0126 - Advanced Electric Meters - Residential Use

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0126 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations to require electric companies to make advanced electric meters available to residential customers by a specified date; and limit the charge that an electric company may impose for specified costs.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0010) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: HB 0126 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

HB 0131 - Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007

Sponsor/Status: The Speaker of the House (By Request - Administration), Delegate Elizabeth Bobo (D-Howard Co.), et al. HB 0131 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Department of the Environment and the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations by December 31, 2007, establish a low emissions vehicle program applicable to vehicles of the model year 2011 and thereafter under specified circumstances; require the Administration and the

Department to establish motor vehicle emissions standards and compliance requirements; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0366) was introduced in the 2005 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0131 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0136 - Base Realignment and Closure Subcabinet

Sponsor/Status: The Speaker of the House (By Request - Administration), Delegate John L. Bohanan, Jr. (D-St. Mary's Co.), et al. HB 0136 was assigned to the House Economic Matters & Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the Base Realignment and Closure Subcabinet in State government; provide for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Subcabinet; provide for the duties and responsibilities of the Subcabinet; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0136 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0143 - Queen Anne's County - Property Tax Credits - Commercial Investment and Economic Development

Sponsor/Status: Queen Anne's County Delegation. HB 0143 was assigned to the House Ways & Means 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.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0512) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0143 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0154 - Income Tax Credit for Employer-Provided Child Care for Employees

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Joseph J. Minnick (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0154 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would allow a State income tax credit in an amount equal to 25% of the expenses paid or incurred by an employer during the taxable year to provide on-site child care for employees at the employer's business location in this State; limit the credit to the State income tax imposed; apply the Act to tax years after 2006; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0154 died at end of session.))

HB 0172 - Real Property - Ground Rents - Prohibition on Creation of Ground Rent Leases for Residential Property - Emergency Bill

Sponsor/Status: The Speaker of the House (By Request - Administration), Delegate Maggie McIntosh (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 0172 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit, on or after January 22, 2007, the creation of a lease or sublease for single-family residential property improved by four or fewer single-family units that has an initial term of 99 years renewable forever and that creates a leasehold estate or subleasehold estate subject to the payment of an annual ground rent; and make the Act an emergency measure.

((Final Disposition: HB 0172 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0173 - Vehicle Laws - Bicycles, EPAMDs, and Motor Scooters - Rules of the Road

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0173 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 0173 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 0174 - Vehicle Laws - Distracted Driving and Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Driving - Prohibitions

Sponsor/Status: Delegate John Olszewski, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0174 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 specified circumstances is guilty of distracted driving; prohibit a driver of a specified school vehicle from using specified wireless communication devices; prohibit a specified driver of a motor vehicle that is in motion from using the driver's hands to use specified wireless communication devices; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0174 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 0185 - Environment - Grading or Building Permit - Patuxent River Watershed

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Robert A. Costa (R-Anne Arundel Co.), et al. HB 0185 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize Anne Arundel County to issue a grading or building permit within the Patuxent River Watershed only under specified circumstances; establish specified conditions for the approval of specified development plans by the Department; and prohibit the construction, relocation, or enlargement of State, county, or municipal roads, buildings, or structures within the Patuxent River Watershed until plans have been submitted to and approved by the soil conservation district.

Final Disposition: HB 0185 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 0200 - Frederick County - Road Projects - Repeal of State Match Requirement

Sponsor/Status: Frederick County Delegation. HB 0200 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would repeal a prohibition that prevents the Frederick County Commissioners from expending specified funds for a road project on a State highway unless the State matches at least the same amount of funds for the same project.

((Final Disposition: HB 0200 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0205 - Transportation - Pedestrian Right-of-Way - Parking Lots

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Michael D. Smigiel, Sr. (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et al. HB 0205 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require a driver of a vehicle to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian in a parking lot.

Final Disposition: HB 0205 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 0227 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Public-Private Partnerships

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Sheila E. Hixson (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0227 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require that the Maryland Transportation Authority provide notice and information to committees of the General Assembly and the Department of Legislative Services prior to issuing a public notice of procurement related to specified public-private partnership arrangements or entering into specified public-private partnership arrangements; prohibit the Authority from entering into specified public-private partnership arrangements without approval from the General Assembly; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1555) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0227 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0240 - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Eastern Regional Greenway

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Eric M. Bromwell (D-Baltimore Co.) (By Request - Baltimore County Administration), et al. HB 0240 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 design, construction, and capital equipping of the Eastern Regional Greenway trail; 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 (HB 1420) was introduced in the 2004 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0240 received an unfavorable report from the House Appropriations Committee.))

HB 0241 - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Heritage Trail and Saint Helena Park

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Eric M. Bromwell (D-Baltimore Co.) (By Request - Baltimore County Administration), et al. HB 0241 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the design, construction, and capital equipping of a heritage trail and capital improvements to Saint Helena Park, both located in Dundalk; 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 (HB 1420) was introduced in the 2004 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0241 received an unfavorable report from the House Appropriations Committee.))

HB 0246 - Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Eastern Boulevard

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Eric M. Bromwell (D-Baltimore Co.) (By Request - Baltimore County Administration), et al. HB 0246 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, repair, and renovation of the 200 through 600 blocks of Eastern Boulevard, located in Essex; provide for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0246 received an unfavorable report from the House Appropriations Committee.))

HB 0250 - Anne Arundel County - Highways - Solicitation of Money or Donations from Occupants of Vehicles - Prohibition

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.), et al. HB 0250 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 Anne Arundel County to solicit money or donations from an occupant of a vehicle; repeal the authority of the Anne Arundel County Council to enact, by ordinance, a licensing program for persons or organizations to solicit money or donations from an occupant of a vehicle by standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection in Anne Arundel County; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0793) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0250 died at end of session.))

HB 0251 - Baltimore City - Property Tax Credit for Newly Constructed Dwellings

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Curtis S. Anderson (D-Baltimore City) (By Request - Baltimore City Administration), et al. HB 0251 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would extend from June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2009, the termination date applicable to provisions authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the local property tax imposed on newly constructed dwellings under specified circumstances; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1513) was introduced in the 2005 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0251 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0253 - Solar Energy Grant Program

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Nancy J. King (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0253 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the amounts of specified grants awarded under the Solar Energy Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration; repeal provisions relating to the Geothermal Heat Pump Grant Program; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0233) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: HB 0253 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

HB 0255 - Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Historic Main Street Ellicott City Parking Garage Ho. Co. 4-07

Sponsor/Status: Howard County Delegation. HB 0255 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 Howard County Revenue Authority for the planning and construction of a parking garage to serve the historic Main Street business district; 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 (HB 0466) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0255 received an unfavorable report from the House Appropriations Committee.))

HB 0256 - Harford County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority (Constitutional Amendment)

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Richard K. Impallaria (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et al. HB 0256 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 the amendment to the qualified voters for their adoption or rejection.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0619) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0256 died at end of session.))

HB 0257 - Property Protection Act of 2007 (Constitutional Amendment)

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Richard K. Impallaria (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et al. HB 0257 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 the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0173) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0257 died at end of session.))

HB 0258 - Baltimore County - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Richard K. Impallaria (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et al. HB 0258 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 Baltimore County under specified circumstances; define "public use"; and submit the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1039) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0258 died at end of session.))

HB 0259 - Motor Fuel Tax - Refunds - Motor Fuel Used to Operate Vessels

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Richard K. Impallaria (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et al. HB 0259 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would allow a refund of motor fuel tax paid on motor fuel that is used to operate a vessel; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0259 received an unfavorable report from the House Ways & Means Committee.

HB 0261 - Motor Vehicles - All-Terrain Vehicles - Protective Headgear

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Sue Kullen (D-Calvert Co.), et al. HB 0261 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit an individual under a specified age from operating or riding on an all-terrain vehicle unless the individual is wearing protective headgear that meets specified standards; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0261 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 0276 - Roadside Solicitation of Money or Donations from Occupants of Vehicles in Anne Arundel County - Prohibition

Sponsor/Status: Anne Arundel County Delegation. HB 0276 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 Anne Arundel County to solicit money or donations from an occupant of a vehicle; repeal the authority of the Anne Arundel County Council to enact, by ordinance, a licensing program for specified persons or organizations to solicit money or donations from an occupant of a vehicle by standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection in Anne Arundel County; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0793) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0276 died at end of session.))

HB 0291 - Criminal Law - Manslaughter by Vehicle or Vessel - Criminal Negligence

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Luiz R. S. Simmons (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0291 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.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0550) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0291 died at end of session.))

HB 0328 - Solar Energy Grant Fund

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Ann Marie Doory (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 0328 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, subject to oversight by the Public Service Commission; specify the sources of the Fund; authorize the Fund to be used for grants to eligible projects; provide that money expended from the Fund is supplemental to funding that otherwise would be appropriated for the Solar Energy Grant Program; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0328 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

HB 0363 - Environment - Landfills - Termination Date

Sponsor/Status: Queen Anne's County Delegation. HB 0363 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would expand a prohibition against issuing a specified permit to construct or operate a landfill within a specified distance of specified areas; and repeal the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to landfills in the State.

((Final Disposition: HB 0263 died at end of session.))

HB 0376 - Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Users

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Wendell R. Beitzel (R-Allegany Co., Garrett Co.), et al. HB 0376 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the definition of "user" to include any person discharging wastewater to an onsite sewage disposal system or sewage holding tank located in a drainage basin or watershed that flows into the Chesapeake Bay.

Final Disposition: HB 0376 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 0393 - Sales and Use Tax - Rates - Mass Transit Funding

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Sheila E. Hixson (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0393 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would create a Mass Transit Account within the Transportation Trust Fund; provide for the distribution of specified sales and use tax revenue to the Mass Transit Account; pledge specified taxes collected to pay the principal and interest on specified bonds; alter the rate of the sales and use tax; limit the use of the Mass Transit Account to funding specified transit expenses; provide that specified revenues distributed to the Mass Transit Account are in addition to and may not supplant other funds for mass transit; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0393 died at end of session.))

HB 0417 - Environment - Golf Course Redevelopment - Environmental Assessment

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Nancy J. King (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0417 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require a person who is proposing to redevelop property that was previously used as a commercial golf course to commission a specified assessment of the property before construction; provide for the requirements of the assessment; require the Department of the Environment to establish an independent panel to review and approve the testing plan and to evaluate sampling results; require the Department to make notice and provide for a hearing; and require remediation under specified circumstances.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0019) was introduced in the 2005 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0417 died at end of session.))

HB 0423 - Workforce Housing Grant Program - Fund Establishment - Administrative Clarifications

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Maggie McIntosh (D-Baltimore City). HB 0423 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would create the Workforce Housing Fund in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide funds for the operation of the

Workforce Housing Grant Program; alter the factors that the Department may consider in determining whether a local government has met the match requirement under the Program; clarify that the Department may redistribute Program funds among qualifying local governments under specified circumstances; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0423 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0434 - Transportation Funding - Mass Transit Funding - Sales and Use Tax

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Charles E. Barkley (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0434 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would create a Mass Transit Account within the Transportation Trust Fund; provide for the distribution of specified sales and use tax revenue to the account; alter the sales and use tax rate; pledge specified taxes collected to pay the principal and interest on specified 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.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0981) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: HB 0434 received an unfavorable report from the House Ways & Means Committee.

HB 0444 - Transportation Trust Fund (Constitutional Amendment)

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Susan W. Krebs (R-Carroll Co.), et al. HB 0444 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would propose an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to provide that money contained in the Transportation Trust Fund may not be transferred or diverted to the General Fund unless the Governor takes specified actions; specify the applicability of a provision; and submit this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

Final Disposition: HB 0444 received an unfavorable report from the House Ways & Means Committee.

HB 0472 - Prince George's County - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems PG 308-07

Sponsor/Status: Prince George's County Delegation. HB 0472 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the placement of specified speed monitoring systems on specified highways in Prince George's County; make specified provisions of law relating to the enforcement of speed limit laws with specified speed monitoring systems applicable in Prince George's County; require specified local police departments in Prince George's County to mail citations to the owners of vehicles that are recorded by speed monitoring systems in the county in violation of specified speed limit laws; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0472 died at end of session.))

HB 0476 - Environment - Stormwater, Flood Control, Watershed, and Sediment Management

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Robert A. Costa (R-Anne Arundel Co.). HB 0476 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the purpose of a specified erosion and sediment control fund to allow for the award of grants to upgrade existing erosion and sediment control projects; increase the amount of civil, criminal, and administrative penalties that may be imposed for specified violations relating to stormwater, flood control, and watershed management; establish the Stormwater Restoration Fund; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0476 was approved by the House, but received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.))

HB 0486 - Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Maggie McIntosh (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 0486 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund and the Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund Board; require the Board to use the Fund in specified ways to support, foster, and promote affordable housing; specify the source of moneys of the Fund; require that the Board annually allocate money from the Fund to specified local governments and to the Department of Housing and Community Development in a specified manner; impose an annual State tax on specified property at a specified rate; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0486 died at end of session.))

HB 0501 - Prince George's County - Commercial Vehicles Parked in Residential Areas - Citation PG 301-07

Sponsor/Status: Prince George's County Delegation. HB 0501 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require a police officer who discovers a specified commercial vehicle parked in a specified residential zone to deliver a citation to the driver or, if the vehicle is unattended, attach the citation to the vehicle in a specified manner; require the police officer to keep a copy of a specified citation; make a prohibition against parking a commercial vehicle in a residential zone applicable to municipal corporations in Prince George's County; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1119) was introduced in the 2005 session, and was signed into law by the Governor.

((Final Disposition: HB 0501 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0504 - Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program - Exemptions - Individuals with Disabilities

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Brian K. McHale (D-Baltimore City) (By Request), et al. HB 0504 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would exempt from the mandatory inspection and testing requirements of the vehicle emissions inspection program a motor vehicle for which a parking placard for individuals with disabilities has been issued if the owner of the vehicle meets specified disability requirements, the vehicle is driven 5,000 miles or less annually, and the exemption is not prohibited by federal law; specify application procedures; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1482) was introduced in the 2005 session.

Final Disposition: HB 0504 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 0509 - Prince George's County - Railroad Grade Crossings - Automated Enforcement Systems PG 320-07

Sponsor/Status: Prince George's County Delegation. HB 0509 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would provide for the use of automated railroad grade crossing enforcement systems in Prince George's County to determine compliance with specified vehicle laws; require a specified recording; specify the contents of the recording; specify the method for making the recording; establish specified penalties; require a specified notice of the violation; provide for a specified manner and time in which liability may be contested in the District Court; provide for the suspension of the registration of a motor vehicle; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0509 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0516 - Local Governments - Impact Fees and Building Excise Taxes - Workforce Housing Exemption

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Kumar P. Barve (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0516 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

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

((Final Disposition: HB 0516 died at end of session.))

HB 0523 - Municipal Corporations - Building Excise Tax

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Kumar P. Barve (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0523 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 the governing body of a municipal corporation to hold a public hearing before adopting a specified ordinance or resolution; prohibit a municipal corporation from imposing a building excise tax if the municipal corporation imposes any type of impact fee; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1260) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0523 died at end of session.))

HB 0530 - State Budget - Modifications - Reporting

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Adrienne A. Jones (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0530 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the State budget books to include a separate section listing, for specified fiscal years, specified changes in policy or administration that will reduce the level of funding, level of services, or scope of services provided in any program or program area; require the section to include, for a specified fiscal year, a summary of specified changes reducing funding or services below specified levels; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0530 received an unfavorable report from the House Appropriations Committee.))

HB 0537 - Vehicle Laws - Drivers' Licensing of Illegal Aliens - Restrictions

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Ron George (R-Anne Arundel Co.), et al. HB 0537 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit in order to facilitate compliance with the federal Real ID Act, the Motor Vehicle Administration from issuing a new drivers' license to an individual who cannot provide specified documentation certifying that the individual is lawfully present in the United States in accordance with federal law; authorize the Administration to issue a new driver's license under certain circumstances to an individual whose documentation certifying lawful presence in the United State has expired; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1443) was introduced in the 2005 session.

Final Disposition: HB 0537 received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee.

HB 0547 - Motor Vehicle Insurance - Accident Prevention Courses - Discount for Seniors

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Mary Ann E. Love (D-Anne Arundel Co.). HB 0547 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 two years, has completed a specified course

in accident prevention; provide that the Act does not apply to an insured who attends a course in accident prevention under a court order or as required by the Motor Vehicle Administration for a specified violation; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0976) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: HB 0547 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 0549 - Anne Arundel County - Chesapeake Bay Critical Area - Violations of Local Law

Sponsor/Status: Anne Arundel County Delegation. HB 0549 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require that a prosecution for an offense that occurs in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and is a violation of a specified local law in Anne Arundel County that relates to environmental protection or natural resource conservation be instituted within 3 years after the commission of the offense.

((Final Disposition: HB 0549 died at end of session.))

HB 0550 - Anne Arundel County - Impact Fees - Workforce Housing

Sponsor/Status: Anne Arundel County Delegation. HB 0550 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the County Council of Anne Arundel County by ordinance to grant exemptions from or credits against development impact fees for developments that include workforce housing, as defined by the County Council.

Final Disposition: HB 0550 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 0590 - State Property Tax Exemption - Solar Energy Devices

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Joseph R. Bartlett (R-Frederick Co.), et al. HB 0590 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation exempt from the State property tax real property that is a solar energy device installed to heat or cool a dwelling, generate electricity to be used in the dwelling, or provide hot water for use in the dwelling; and apply the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2007.

((**Final Disposition:** HB 0590 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0595 - Tax General - Income Tax Credit - Energy-Efficient Residential Heating and Cooling Systems

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0595 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would allow individuals and corporations specified credits against the State income tax for costs associated with the purchase and installation of energy-efficient residential heating and cooling systems for a specified period of time; specify standards to qualify for the credit; limit the total credits that an individual may be allowed for any taxable year; authorize the Maryland Energy Administration to adopt regulations to establish and implement the program; provide for the application of the Act; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0595 received an unfavorable report from the House Ways & Means Committee.

HB 0598 - Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Sheila E. Hixson (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0598 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter provisions for the award of initial credit certificates under the Heritage Tax Credit; require the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust to adopt regulations to establish criteria for plans of proposed rehabilitation for purposes of the Maryland heritage structure rehabilitation tax credits; increase from 50% to 75% the percentage of the total credits under initial credit certificates for any fiscal year that may be issued for projects in a single jurisdiction; extend the credit to July 1, 2010; etc.

((**Final Disposition:** HB 0598 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0599 - The Baby Boomer Initiative Act

Sponsor/Status: Delegate James W. Hubbard (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 0599 was assigned to the House Health & Government Operations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish a Baby Boomer Initiative Council; establish the membership of the Council; require the Governor to appoint the chair of the

Council; establish the duties of the Council; require the Council to make specified recommendations; require the Council to provide specified reports to the Governor and General Assembly on or before specified dates; provide for the termination of the Act; and define specified terms.

((Final Disposition: HB 0599 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0605 - Statewide Empowerment Zones for Seniors Commission

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Sue Kullen (D-Calvert Co.), et al. HB 0605 was assigned to the House Health & Government Operations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the Statewide Empowerment Zones for Seniors Commission; provide for the membership of the Commission; authorize the Commission to consult with specified individuals and entities; authorize the Secretary of Aging to perform specified duties; require the Commission to make specified recommendations; provide for the requirements for a qualifying comprehensive empowerment zone for seniors plan; require the Department of Aging to staff the Commission; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0605 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0608 - Environment - Energy-Efficient Replacement Tires

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0608 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Department of the Environment to establish a program for energy-efficient replacement tires; require the Department to develop specified procedures and a rating system; require the Department to maintain a specified database; require the Department to adopt and implement regulations by specified dates; require that the energy-efficient replacement tires program include specified energy standards and consumer information; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0608 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 0612 - Task Force to Study the Enforcement of the Open Meetings Act

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Michael D. Smigiel, Sr. (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et al. HB 0612 was assigned to the House Health & Government Operations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish a Task Force to Study the Enforcement of the Open Meetings Act; establish the membership of the Task Force; require the members of the Task Force to designate the chair of the Task Force; require the Office of the Attorney General to provide staffing for the Task Force; require the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified issues; require the Task Force to submit a report regarding its findings and recommendations to specified officials by December 31, 2007; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0612 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 0622 - Prince George's County - Special Taxing Districts PG 428-07

Sponsor/Status: Prince George's County Delegation. HB 0622 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize Prince George's County to use specified special taxing district and tax increment financing authority to provide financing, refinancing, or reimbursement for the costs of renovation, rehabilitation, and repair of existing buildings, building systems, and components for existing residential condominiums designated as workforce housing; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0622 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0626 - Prince George's County - Property Tax Credit for Restaurants in Arts and Entertainment Districts PG 412-07

Sponsor/Status: Prince George's County Delegation. HB 0626 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the governing body of Prince George's County to grant a property tax credit for real property that is located in an arts and entertainment district in Prince George's County and is constructed or renovated for use as a restaurant under specified circumstances; specify the amount and duration of the credit; define specified terms; apply the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2007; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0626 died at end of session.))

HB 0627 - Task Force to Study Rent Stabilization for the Elderly in Prince George's County PG 405-07

Sponsor/Status: Prince George's County Delegation. HB 0627 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would create a Task Force to Study Rent Stabilization for the Elderly in Prince George's County; provide for the composition of the Task Force; require Prince George's County to provide staffing for the Task Force; require the Task Force to examine the issues and information regarding the enactment of rent stabilization laws for the elderly in Prince George's County; require the Task Force to report to the County Council by Nov. 1, 2007; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0627 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0631 - Electric Companies - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Measures and Services

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Brian J. Feldman (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0631 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

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

Final Disposition: HB 0631 was passed by the House, but received an unfavorable report from the Senate Finance Committee.

HB 0641 - Vehicle Laws - Towing or Removal of Vehicles from Parking Lots

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Melvin L. Stukes (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 0641 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would apply statewide specified provisions of law concerning the towing or removal of vehicles from parking lots; require a parking lot owner to provide a specified notice to a vehicle owner that the vehicle will be towed or removed, subject to an exception; require the inclusion of specified information in the notice of towing or removal of a vehicle from a parking lot; preempt conflicting local laws; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0641 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 0657 - Cecil County - Purchase of Development Rights Program - General Obligation Installment Purchase Agreements

Sponsor/Status: Cecil County Delegation. HB 0657 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the County Commissioners of Cecil County to enter into general obligation installment purchase agreements for an aggregate purchase price of not more than \$4,000,000, plus interest, to acquire development rights in tracts or parcels of agricultural land in Cecil County, as part of the County's Purchase of Development Rights Program; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0657 died at end of session.))

HB 0660 - Biodiesel Renewable Fuel Act

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0660 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require retail service station dealers to sell a specified percentage of biodiesel in diesel fuel on an annual basis under specified circumstances; provide for the increase in the percentage of biodiesel that must be sold in the State; require the Secretary of Agriculture to make specified determinations; require specified retail service station dealers to provide specified evidence; require the establishment of an Advisory Committee; and require the Advisory Committee to make an annual report.

Final Disposition: HB 0660 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

HB 0662 - Transportation Facilities - Public-Private Partnerships

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Galen R. Clagett (D-Frederick Co.), et al. HB 0662 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 0662 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 0671 - Vehicle Laws - Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Susan K. McComas (R-Harford Co.), et al. HB 0671 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

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

HB 0674 - State Report on Transportation - Mass Transit - Required Element

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D-Prince George's Co.), et al. HB 0674 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Maryland Department of Transportation to include in the Consolidated Transportation Program the projected mass transit needs of the State and a list of any mass transit projects planned for specified years; require the Department to include a 20-year forecast of the State's transportation needs for each modal administration and a summary of projects and programs proposed to accomplish specific goals and objectives for each modal administration in the Maryland Transportation Plan; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0674 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 0681 - Maryland Transit Administration - BRAC - MARC Penn Line Extension

Sponsor/Status: Delegate David D. Rudolph (D-Cecil Co.), et al. HB 0681 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Maryland Transit Administration to provide, by a specified date, passenger railroad service to Elkton by negotiating a contract with Amtrak; declare that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Administration provide passenger railroad service to Elkton, Aberdeen, Edgewood, and the Town of

North East by specified dates; and declare the intent of the General Assembly that the Administration enter into discussions with specified entities to provide passenger railroad service to Wilmington, Delaware.

((Final Disposition: HB 0681 died at end of session.))

HB 0689 - Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Sponsor/Status: Harford County Delegation. HB 0689 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

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

((Final Disposition: HB 0689 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0703 - Maryland Commission on Climate Change and Clean Energy Alternatives

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Virginia P. Clagett (D-Anne Arundel Co.), et al. HB 0703 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would create the Maryland Commission on Climate Change and Clean Energy Alternatives; provide for the membership and terms of the Commission; provide for the duties of the Commission; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0703 died at end of session.))

HB 0716 - Local Property Tax - Credit for Individuals at Least 65 Years Old

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Gail H. Bates (R-Howard Co.), et al. HB 0716 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 an individual at least 65 years old and of limited income under

specified circumstances; authorize the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount, duration, eligibility criteria, regulations, procedures, and any other provision necessary to carry out the Act; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0716 died at end of session.))

HB 0717 - Andrew's Law

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Gail H. Bates (R-Howard Co.), et al. HB 0717 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Motor Vehicle Administration to allow an applicant for a driver's license or identification card to designate up to three individuals as emergency contacts if the applicant becomes incapacitated; require the Administration to make a notation on a driving record or record of application for an identification card indicating the fact that an applicant has designated an emergency contact; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0358) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0717 died at end of session.))

HB 0721 - Local Property Tax - Credit for Individuals at Least 70 Years Old

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Susan L. M. Aumann (R-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0721 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on specified residential real property owned by and used as the principle residence of an individual at least 70 years old and having specified income; require the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount, duration, and eligibility criteria for the credit; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0721 died at end of session.))

HB 0724 - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Impact Fee - County Services

Sponsor/Status: Delegate John Olszewski, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0724 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee, and the Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Public Service Commission to collect an impact fee from a liquefied natural gas facility under specified circumstances; authorize a county to assess an impact fee or to obtain an assessment from an independent third party for specified purposes; require the impact fee to provide for specified services in the county; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0724 died at end of session.))

HB 0727 - Task Force on Renewable Energy

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0727 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish a Task Force on Renewable Energy; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force; authorizing the Task Force to establish specified subcommittees; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding specified issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a preliminary and final report to the Governor and General Assembly and its committees regarding the recommendations by specified dates; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0727 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

HB 0728 - Motor Vehicle Administration - Driver Improvement Program/Point System Conferences (DIP/PSC) Pilot Program

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Michael H. Weir, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.). HB 0728 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit the Motor Vehicle Administration, unless specifically authorized by law, from offering or authorizing the Driver Improvement Program/Point System Conferences Pilot Program provided over the Internet; and provide for the termination of the Act.

Final Disposition: HB 0728 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 0729 - Vehicle Laws - Registration Fees - Discount for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Michael H. Weir, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0729 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would provide for a specified reduction of annual motor vehicle registration fees for specified individuals who meet specified requirements; 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.

Final Disposition: HB 0729 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 0737 - Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative - Carbon Allowances

Sponsor/Status: Delegate James W. Hubbard (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 0737 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require carbon dioxide emission allowances allocated to the State under the cap and trade mechanism of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative to be sold in an auction open to the public; require the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to establish a specified auction system; require the proceeds from the auction to be used for specified purposes; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0737 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

HB 0738 - Commercial Law - Maryland Energy Consumer Protection Act

Sponsor/Status: Delegate James W. Hubbard (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 0738 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would the sale of crude oil, gasoline, or petroleum distillates at an unconscionably excessive price; require specified circumstances to be taken into account in determining whether specified products have been sold at an unconscionably excessive price; require specified circumstances to be considered as mitigating factors in determining whether specified products have been sold at an unconscionably excessive price; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0053) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: HB 0738 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 0741 - Income Tax - Employer-Assisted Housing Credit

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Kumar P. Barve (D-Montgomery Co.). HB 0741 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would provide employers a credit against the State income tax for specified costs related to housing benefits provided to eligible employees; apply the Act to tax years after December 31, 2006; terminate the Act if a federal tax credit relating to employer-assisted housing benefits is adopted; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0741 died at end of session.))

HB 0745 - State-Owned Heavy Equipment and Heating Equipment - Biodiesel Fuel Requirement

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Dana D. Stein (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0745 was assigned to the House Health & Government Operations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the State to ensure that at least 50% of the heating equipment using specified heating oil in State buildings and 50% of the heavy equipment owned by the State using diesel fuel use a blend of fuel containing at least 5% biodiesel fuel; and exempt specified heating equipment and heavy equipment from this requirement.

((Final Disposition: HB 0745 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0758 - Task Force to Combat Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Kathleen M. Dumais (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0758 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the Task Force to Combat Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol; provide for the membership of the Task Force; designate the chair of the Task Force; provide for the staffing for the Task Force; provide that a member of the Task Force may not receive specified compensation, but is entitled to a specified reimbursement; establish the duties of the Task Force; require the Task Force to submit interim and final reports to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before specified dates; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0758 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0761 - Vehicle Excise Tax - Rate

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Sheila E. Hixson (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0761 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would increase the vehicle excise tax rate for motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers from 5% to 6% of the fair market value of the vehicle.

((Final Disposition: HB 0761 died at end of session.))

HB 0770 - Maryland Transit Administration - Continuation of Passenger Railroad Service on Amtrak and CSX Lines

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Keith E. Haynes (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 0770 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Maryland Transit Administration to continue to operate passenger railroad service on specified railroad lines at levels equivalent to the levels established as of specified dates; prohibit the Administration from closing a station before a specified date, subject to an exception; require the Administration to hold a public hearing under specified circumstances and to give notice of the hearing; prohibit the Administration from taking specified actions if inadequate notice is given; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0770 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto of the Governor.))

HB 0773 - Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development - Membership and Charge

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Stephen W. Lafferty (R-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0773 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the membership of the Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development; alter the requirements of the Task Force to include specified examinations, recommendations, and determinations concerning specified growth-related issues; require the Task Force to submit a preliminary report on or before December 1, 2007; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0773 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0778 - Income Tax Credits for Green Buildings - Additional Credits Authorized

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 0778 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter eligibility requirements for the green building tax credits; allow an individual or business entity to transfer green building tax credits to another individual or business entity under specified circumstances; authorize an individual or business entity to whom a green building tax credit is transferred to claim a credit against the Maryland income tax; increase the maximum annual and aggregate amount of initial credit certificates that the Maryland Energy Administration may issue; define the term "business entity"; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0778 received an unfavorable report from the House Ways & Means Committee.

HB 0784 - Affordable Housing - Enabling Authority for Counties and Municipalities

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Jane E. Lawton (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0784 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize counties and municipalities to take specified actions to support, foster, or promote an affordable housing program for individuals or families of low or moderate income.

((Final Disposition: HB 0784 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0786 - Stormwater Management Act of 2007

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Jane E. Lawton (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0786 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.)

Purpose: This legislation would require local governments to update zoning ordinances to allow for the implementation of environmental site design techniques in specified stormwater management practices; require the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations that establish a model ordinance or model regulation for specified purposes; require the Department to adopt regulations that specify criteria for stormwater management plans and stormwater control ordinances; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0786 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0795 - Vehicle Laws - Railroad Grade Crossings - Automated Enforcement Systems

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Anne Healey (D-Prince Georges Co.), et al. HB 0795 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would provide for the use of automated railroad grade crossing enforcement systems at railroad grade crossings to determine compliance with specified vehicle laws; authorize law enforcement agencies to mail a citation; authorize the sending of a warning in lieu of a citation; require the District Court to prescribe a specified citation form and a civil penalty to be indicated on the citation for specified purposes; establish specified defenses; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0795 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 0802 - Baltimore County and Harford County - Limitation of Condemnation Authority

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Richard K. Impallaria (R-Baltimore Co., Harford Co.), et al. HB 0802 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish that private property may not be acquired in Baltimore County and Harford County by condemnation unless it is necessary for specified public uses; and define "public use".

((Final Disposition: HB 0802 died at end of session.))

HB 0809 - Taxpayers' Bill of Rights (Constitutional Amendment)

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Warren E. Miller (R-Howard Co.), et al. HB 0809 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 the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1444) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0809 died at end of session.))

HB 0813 - Baltimore City - Property Tax Credit - Inclusionary Housing

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 0813 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county [City] property tax imposed on mixed-income rental residential developments that offer affordable units and are owned by specified owners; authorize Baltimore City to provide by law for eligibility criteria for the tax credit, the amount and duration of the tax credit, and regulations and procedures; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0813 died at end of session.))

HB 0821 - Transportation - Tax Revenues

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Sheila E. Hixson (D-Montgomery Co.). HB 0821 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would increase the motor fuel tax rates for gasoline, special fuel, and clean-burning fuel by 10 cents per gallon and for aviation gasoline and turbine fuel by 3 cents per gallon; repeal the sales and use tax exemption for the sale of motor fuel that is subject to the motor fuel tax; alter a motor carrier tax rate to include a per gallon sales and use tax equivalent rate; provide for the prepayment of the sales and use tax for motor fuel by a person who is required to pay the motor fuel tax for that fuel; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0821 died at end of session.))

HB 0827 - Vehicle Laws - Right-of-Way - Penalties for Failure to Yield

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Norman H. Conway (D-Wicomico Co., Worcester Co.), et al. HB 0827 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 serious 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 any other penalty provided by law; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (SB 0429) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0827 died at end of session.))

HB 0841 - Real Property - Eminent Domain - Limitation on Condemnation Authority

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Joseph C. Boteler III (R-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0841 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would limit the condemnation of private property to purposes related to public use; define the term "public use"; require a condemnor that does not use and wants to sell specified condemned property to first offer the property at a specified price to the condemnee or the condemnee's heirs or assignees; establish that the sales price is the amount of the award of compensation paid for the property less specified expenses; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0080) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0841 died at end of session.))

HB 0842 - Real Property - Eminent Domain - Limitations on Condemnation Authority (Constitutional Amendment)

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Joseph C. Boteler III (R-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0842 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; prohibit the General Assembly from enacting any law for the taking of private property for public use without requiring the condemning authority to issue a statement of the public necessity for the taking; and submit the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0079) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0842 died at end of session.))

HB 0858 - Energy Companies - Net Energy Metering

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Joseph C. Boteler III (R-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0858 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would remove a specified limitation on the number of eligible customer generators that may enter into a net energy metering contract or tariff; require a specified net energy metering contract or tariff to require a specified electric company to purchase all excess energy generated by an eligible customer-generator during each monthly cycle; repeal a limitation on the period of time that a specified customer generator may accrue generation credit; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0858 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

HB 0863 - Proposed Capital Projects - Planning - High Performance Buildings

Sponsor/Status: Delegate William A. Bronrott (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0863 was assigned to the House Health & Government Operations Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require specified buildings to be high performance buildings unless a unit of State government obtains a waiver from the Department of Budget and Management; require the Department to establish a waiver process on or before a December 1, 2007; and provide for the minimum requirements of the waiver process.

Final Disposition: HB 0863 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 0868 - Maryland Transit Administration - Public Hearings

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Keith E. Haynes (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 0868 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Maryland Transit Administration to hold a public hearing before changing a bus or rail route alignment or bus stop location, or before establishing or abandoning a rail transit station; limit the time period during which the Administration may implement a policy change; establish specified notice requirements; require a public hearing to be at a specified location and time; and require the People's Counsel to the Public Service Commission to appear at public hearings called by the Administration; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0868 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0870 - Procurement - Diesel-Powered Nonroad Vehicles - Fuel and Technology Requirements

Sponsor/Status: Delegate James W. Hubbard (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 0870 was assigned to the House Health & Government Operations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require on or after April 1, 2008, that specified diesel-powered nonroad vehicles be powered by ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel; require on or after October 1, 2008, that specified diesel-powered nonroad vehicles utilize the best available technology for reducing the emission of pollutants; provide for specified exceptions to the requirements to use ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel and best available technology for reducing the emission of pollutants; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0038) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: HB 0870 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 0874 - Maryland Transit Administration - Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory Council

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Keith E. Haynes (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 0874 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District Advisory Council; requiring the Advisory Council to study, investigate, monitor, and make recommendations to the Maryland Transit Administration with respect to bus and rail transit in the Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District; providing for the membership, terms, chair, and staff of the Advisory Council; requiring State and local agencies to comply with specified requests; and providing for reimbursement for the expenses of an Advisory Council member.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1307) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: HB 0874 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 0875 - Local Government - Street Lighting Equipment

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Jane E. Lawton (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0875 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.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1657) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0875 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0890 - Global Warming Solutions - Reductions in Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Kumar P. Barve (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0890 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee, and the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish limits on emissions of greenhouse gases; require the Department of the Environment to determine the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level from 1990 and establish a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit based on that level; require the Department to prepare a plan that identifies and recommends specified measures after consulting with other state agencies; establish the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Fund; create the Office of Climate Change within the Department and specifying its duties; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0890 died at end of session.))

HB 0893 - Bay Restoration Fund - Wastewater Treatment Facilities Upgrades - Reporting Requirements

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Mary-Dulany James (D-Cecil Co., Harford Co.). HB 0893 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Department of the Environment and the Department of Planning annually to make a joint report on or before a specified date regarding the impact of upgraded wastewater treatment facilities on growth, schools, hospitals, and other public facilities in municipalities.

((Final Disposition: HB 0893 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0900 - First Responders Fund

Sponsor/Status: Delegate William A. Bronrott (D-Montgomery Co.). HB 0900 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the First Responders Fund; establish that the purpose of the Fund is to provide grants to counties and municipal corporations to pay for equipment and personnel for fire, rescue, and emergency medical services entities and local law enforcement agencies; require the Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to administer the Fund; establish the composition of the Fund; limit the uses of the Fund; provide for investment of money in the Fund; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0900 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 0901 - Education - New School Construction - Price Preference for High Performance Buildings

Sponsor/Status: Delegate William A. Bronrott (D-Montgomery Co.). HB 0901 was assigned to the House Health & Government Operations Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would provide a price preference as an incentive for the construction of new school buildings as high performance buildings; require the Board of Public Works to adopt specified regulations; prohibit the State or a county board of education from authorizing an appropriation for the preliminary planning of a proposed capital project for new school construction for a high performance building until a specified program is submitted to the Department of Budget and Management; define a term; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0901 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 0907 - Cecil County - Bridge or Road Construction or Repair Contracts

Sponsor/Status: Cecil County Delegation. HB 0907 was assigned to the House Education Health & Government Operations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the threshold amount of specified expenditures that are required to be made by competitively bid contracts in Cecil County; and repeal a limitation on the amount of specified contracts that a contractor may be awarded during a 2-month period.

((Final Disposition: HB 0907 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0908 - Prince George's County - Public Safety Surcharge - Increased Distribution of Revenue to Municipal Corporations PG 414-07

Sponsor/Status: Prince George's County Delegation. HB 0908 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would increase to 50% the percentage of revenue from the public safety surcharge on construction located in a municipal corporation that is distributed to the municipal corporation's police department.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1129) was introduced in the 2005 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0908 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0909 - Maryland Energy Efficiency Standards Act of 2007

Sponsor/Status: Delegate William A. Bronrott (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0909 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations on the purchase of equipment; require the Maryland Energy Administration to adopt regulations to establish minimum energy efficiency standards for new products sold in the State; prohibit specified new products from being sold, offered for sale, or installed in the State unless the products meet standards after specified dates; authorize the Administration to adopt regulations for exemptions; and require the Administration to apply for specified waivers.

((Final Disposition: HB 0909 died at end of session.))

HB 0914 - Transportation Study - Monorail System from Annapolis to Kent Island and Points South on the Eastern Shore

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Michael D. Smigiel, Sr. (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et al. HB 0914 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Department of Transportation to examine the feasibility of preserving and acquiring rights-of-way for a future monorail transit system extending from Annapolis to Kent Island and points south on the Eastern Shore and to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by a specified date; and providing for the termination of the Act.

Final Disposition: HB 0914 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 0927 - Public Safety - Emergency Management - Essential Goods and Services - Emergency Bill

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D-Baltimore City). HB 0927 was assigned to the House 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; 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 0580) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: HB 0927 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

HB 0928 - Procurement - Environmentally Preferable Products and Equipment - Report and Purchase

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Dan K. Morhaim (D-Baltimore Co.). HB 0928 was assigned to the House Health & Government Operations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require each State unit to purchase environmentally preferable products and equipment if they meet or exceed specified performance standards; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt specified regulations by December 31, 2009, and to maintain and make available a specified listing; requiring the Secretary of General Services to review, evaluate, and report by October 1, 2008, regarding specified aspects of the procurement and use of environmentally preferable products and equipment; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0928 received an unfavorable report from the House Health & Government Operations Committee.

HB 0942 - High Performance Buildings Act

Sponsor/Status: Delegate William A. Bronrott (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0942 was assigned to the House Health & Government Operations, and House Appropriations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require specified buildings to be constructed or renovated to be high performance buildings; exempt specified building types from specified high performance building standards; require specified buildings rented by the State to be high performance buildings; and provide for the applicability of the Act.

((Final Disposition: HB 0942 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 0952 - Department of Energy

Sponsor/Status: Delegate William A. Bronrott (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 0952 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would redesignate the Maryland Energy Administration as the Department of Energy; establish the Department of Energy as a principal department of State government; establish the Secretary of Energy as the head of the Department of Energy; provide for the appointment, powers, duties, and salary of the Secretary; require the Attorney General to assign a specified number of assistant attorneys general to perform specified duties and functions in the Department of Energy; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0952 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

HB 0960 - Solar and Geothermal Energy Grant Program

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Joseph R. Bartlett (R-Frederick Co.), et al. HB 0960 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 and Geothermal Energy Grant Program; provide specified grants to individuals, local governments, and businesses for portions of the costs of acquiring and installing geothermal property; alter the amounts of specified grants awarded under the Program; limit the amount of specified grants awarded under the Program for geothermal property; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0960 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

HB 0963 - Vehicle Laws - Off-Highway Vehicles - Titling and Registration

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Michael H. Weir, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0963 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would create an Off-Highway Vehicle Fund in the Department of Natural Resources; define "off-highway vehicle"; provide for titling and registration with the Motor Vehicle Administration for off-highway vehicles; exempt specified off-highway vehicles from registration requirements; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1370) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 0963 died at end of session.))

HB 0976 - Income Tax Credit - Qualified Homes

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Justin D. Ross (D-Prince Georges Co.). HB 0976 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would provide individuals a credit against the State income tax for the purchase of an owner-occupied home in a priority funding area; apply the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 0976 died at end of session.))

HB 0977 - Task Force on a Statewide Stormwater Management and Sediment Control Initiative

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Robert A. Costa (R-Anne Arundel Co.). HB 0977 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish a Task Force on a Statewide Stormwater Management and Sediment Control Initiative; establish the membership and staffing of the Task Force; require the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force; authorize the Task Force to establish subcommittees; require the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding specified issues; require the Task Force to submit a final report to the Governor and General Assembly regarding the recommendations by July 1, 2008; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 0977 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee).

HB 0978 - Maryland Energy Administration - Renewable Energy Small Business Grant Program

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Dana D. Stein (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0978 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the Renewable Energy Small Business Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to provide grants to specified small businesses for the usage of renewable energy resources; require the Maryland Energy Administration to administer the Program, establish specified procedures, and award grants from the Program in a specified manner; establish the intent of the General Assembly regarding funding for the Program; and define specified terms.

Final Disposition: HB 0978 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

HB 0981 - Northern Bay Crossing

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Mary Roe Walkup (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et al. HB 0981 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would repeal the authority of the State Roads Commission concerning the construction and financing of a northern crossing of the Chesapeake Bay with a terminus in Kent County; prohibiting the Maryland Department of Transportation and other specified units from including in specified plans and other documents any reference or statement with respect to a crossing of the Chesapeake Bay with a terminus that lies in whole or in part in Kent County; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1341) was introduced in the 2006 session.

Final Disposition: HB 0981 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 0983 - Economic Development and Tax Incentive Act

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Adrienne A. Jones (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 0983 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to submit a Unified Property Tax Exemption and Credit Report on or before a specified date each year; specify the contents of the property tax report; require the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to publish the property tax report in

both written and electronic formats; require the Department of Business and Economic Development to submit a Unified Economic Development and Tax Incentive Report on or before a specified date each year; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 1066) was introduced in the 2005 session.

Final Disposition: HB 0983 was approved by House, but receive an unfavorable report from the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

HB 1015 - Eminent Domain - Limitations on the Condemnation of Private Property

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Carolyn J. B. Howard (D-Prince George's Co.). HB 1015 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters 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 providing the limitation in the Act does not apply to specified condemnations of private property under specified circumstances.

Final Disposition: HB 1015 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 1016 - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Solar Energy

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Sue Hecht (D-Frederick Co.), et al. HB 1016 was assigned to the House Economic Mattes Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the Tier 1 renewable energy portfolio standard by requiring that specified portions of electricity in the standard be derived from solar energy; extend the deadlines within the renewable energy portfolio standard for specified requirements; repeal a provision that provided an electricity supplier to receive a double credit toward meeting a renewable energy portfolio standard for energy derived by solar energy sources; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1016 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 1021 - Property Tax - Assessment Growth Limit

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Herman L. Taylor, Jr. (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 1021 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would limit the annual increase in the property tax assessment of real property owned by an individual who has occupied and maintained the property as the owner's principal residence for at least 25 years to the annual percentage increase in a specified Consumer Price Index; apply the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2008; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 1021 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 1024 - Income Tax - Credit for Low Impact Development

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Justin D. Ross (D-Prince Georges Co.). HB 1024 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would allow a State income tax credit for the costs of using low impact development techniques in construction projects; require the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations establishing eligibility standards for the tax credit; provide for issuance of initial credit certificates by the Department; limit to \$9,000,000 the aggregate amount of initial credit certificates that the Department may issue; require the Department to establish an Advisory Committee; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1024 died at end of session.))

HB 1026 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Susquehanna River Region E-Z Pass

Sponsor/Status: Delegate David D. Rudolph (D-Cecil Co.). HB 1026 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Maryland Transportation Authority to provide for a Susquehanna River Region E-Z Pass for use at the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge and portions of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway within Cecil County and Harford County; limit use to two-axle vehicles and requiring registration in person; prohibit use of this E-Z Pass for vehicles towed or being towed; establish a maximum fee of \$10; authorize the Authority to adopt rules and regulations for implementation; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1026 died at end of session.))

HB 1028 - Task Force on Improving Local Stormwater Management Practices

Sponsor/Status: Delegate David D. Rudolph (D-Cecil Co.). HB 1028 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish a Task Force on Improving Local Stormwater Management Practices; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force; authorizing the Task Force to establish subcommittees; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding specified issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly regarding the recommendations by a specified date; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 1028 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 1034 - Maryland Healthy Places Act

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Nathaniel T. Oaks (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 1034 was assigned to the House Health & Government Operations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish an Interagency Working Group to discuss environmental health concerns; provide for the membership, appointments, and duties of the Interagency Working Group; require the Secretary to establish a specified pilot program; require that a specified pilot program be funded through a specified appropriation; require that a specified pilot program provide funding and technical assistance to specified eligible entities to prepare specified health impact assessments; etc.

HB 1039 - Baltimore County - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems

Sponsor/Status: Delegate A. Wade Kach (R-Baltimore Co.). HB 1039 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the placement of specified speed monitoring systems on specified highways in Baltimore County; make specified provisions of law concerning the enforcement of speed limit laws with specified speed monitoring systems applicable in Baltimore County; authorize a person who receives a citation under the Act to pay the civil penalty to the Baltimore County Office of Budget and Finance or elect to stand trial; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1039 died at end of session.))

HB 1041 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund - Grants to Counties

Sponsor/Status: Delegate David D. Rudolph (D-Cecil Co.). HB 1041 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to make grants to counties from the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund under specified circumstances; and prohibit the counties from using the grants except under specified circumstances.

((Final Disposition: HB 1041 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 1043 - Real Property - Condemnation - Procedures and Compensation

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 1043 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would eliminate, in specified condemnation proceedings, monetary limits on payments made to specified displaced residential owners and renters to secure replacement dwellings; establish the payment of damages in condemnation proceedings for the loss of net income for a specified period of time; eliminate monetary limits for reestablishing specified businesses in new sites; establish the payment of damages for moving a business or farm operation under specified circumstances and for substitute tangible personal property; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1043 died at end of session.))

HB 1045 - Biodiesel Production Credit - Eligibility and Amounts

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Karen S. Montgomery (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 1045 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the eligibility of a production credit for specified biodiesel products; alter the maximum amount of a production credit authorized for specified biodiesel products; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1045 was approved by the House, but received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee.))

HB 1072 - Public Utility Companies - Generating Stations - Wind

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Brian K. McHale (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 1072 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would exempt a specified person from having to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a generating station that produces

electricity from wind; and require a person to obtain approval from the Public Service Commission prior to any construction of a generating station that produces electricity from wind.

((Final Disposition: HB 1072 died at end of session.))

HB 1077 - Calvert County - Highway User Revenues - Special Taxing Districts

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Anthony J. O'Donnell (R-Calvert Co., St. Mary's Co.). HB 1077 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would clarify that no provision of law may be construed as prohibiting Calvert County from accepting an easement for public travel on a highway in a special taxing district, including in the county's inventory of county roads any highway in a special taxing district in the county, or distributing a portion of the county's highway user revenues to a special taxing district in the county; clarify that, for purposes of specified provisions of this Act, a specified highway includes a gravel road; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1077 died at end of session.))

HB 1096 - Vehicle Laws - Highway Work Zones - Signs, Offenses, and Penalties

Sponsor/Status: Delegate James E. Malone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co., Howard Co.), et al. HB 1096 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require a county, municipal corporation, or the State Highway Administration to dedicate specified moneys to the management and oversight of highway work zone safety; require the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend for 15 days the driver's license of a person who exceeds a specified speed limit by 11 miles per hour or more in an active highway work zone or who fails to drive at a safe speed resulting in an accident in an active work zone; provide that specified fines may be doubled for specified violations; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1096 died at end of session.))

HB 1100 - Residential Real Property Sales - Notice Requirements - Industrial Zoned Land

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Michael H. Weir, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 1100 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require a contract for the sale of residential real property in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, or Anne Arundel County to contain a specified statement notifying the buyer that the property may be located near industrial zoned land; and providing for the application and construction of the Act.

Final Disposition: HB 1100 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 1111 - 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 1111 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.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0335) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 1111 died at end of session.))

HB 1127 - Vehicle Laws - Distracted Driving

Sponsor/Status: Delegate James E. Malone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co., Howard Co.). HB 1127 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit a person from driving a motor vehicle in an inattentive manner resulting in the unsafe operation of the motor vehicle where the inattention is caused by the person engaging in any activity that distracts the person's attention from the driving task; provide that a violation of the Act is not a moving violation for the purpose of assessing specified points; and authorize a police officer to enforce the Act only as a secondary offense.

((Final Disposition: HB 1127 died at end of session.))

HB 1130 - Maryland Transit Administration - Limits of Liability

Sponsor/Status: Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee (By Request - Departmental). HB 1130 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would limit the liability of the Maryland Transit Administration in a tort action to \$1,000,000 to a single claimant for injuries arising from a single incident or occurrence; and provide that the Act shall apply prospectively to actions arising from incidents occurring on or after October 1, 2007.

Final Disposition: HB 1130 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 1135 - Income Tax - Credit for Security Expenses

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Melvin L. Stukes (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 1135 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would allow specified business entities a credit for specified years against the State income tax for specified expenses incurred for the purchase and installation of specified security devices under specified circumstances; limit the total amount of credits a business entity may claim in any taxable year to \$10,000; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0050) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 1135 died at end of session.))

HB 1150 - Maryland Department of Transportation - Evaluation of the Telework Partnership with Employers Initiative

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Saqib Ali (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 1150 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require that, subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, the Maryland Department of Transportation engage the services of an independent consultant to evaluate the Department's Telework Partnership with Employers initiative; and specify that the Department require the consultant, on or before a specified date, to issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

((Final Disposition: HB 1150 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 1151 - Department of Transportation - Telework Partnership with Employers Program - Budget

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Saqib Ali (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 1151 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Secretary of Transportation to budget specified funds for the Telework Partnership with Employers Program for specified purposes; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 1151 received an unfavorable report from the House Appropriations Committee.

HB 1189 - Transportation - Maryland Senior Rides Program - Repeal of Grant Limitations

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Elizabeth Bobo (D-Howard Co.), et al. HB 1189 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would repeal specified caps on the annual and total number of grants that a participant in the Maryland Senior Rides Program may receive; repeal specified caps on the total dollar amount and the dollar amount per applicant that the Maryland Transit Administration may award annually under the Program; and repeal a specified cap on the dollar amount that the Administration may award annually under the Program for use in specified regions of the State.

((Final Disposition: HB 1189 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 1218 - Clean Air Fund - Permit Fees

Sponsor/Status: Chairman of the Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental). HB 1218 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would repeal the current limits on the amount of permit fees, established by regulation by the Department of the Environment, for specified sources of air pollution; and repeal the current limit on the amount of money that can be maintained in the Clean Air Fund.

Final Disposition: HB 1218 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 1220 - Chesapeake Bay Green Fund

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Maggie McIntosh (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB 1220 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish a Chesapeake Bay Green Fund; prohibit a local government from granting specified permits until a person pays an Impervious Surface Fee; establish a fee for development inside or outside specified areas; exempt specified projects; prohibit money in the Fund from reverting or being transferred to the General Fund; require the Comptroller to distribute the Fund to specified units of State government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust; establish a Chesapeake Bay Green Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1220 died at end of session.))

HB 1224 - Program Open Space - Use of Acquisition Funds

Sponsor/Status: Chairman of the House Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental). HB 1224 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the use of Program Open Space acquisition funds for additional specified activities; and provide that the costs to perform specified activities may not exceed 10 percent of the purchase price of the land.

((Final Disposition: HB 1224 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 1251 - Public Service Commission - For-Hire Driver's License - Review of Driving Record of Applicant

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Joseph C. Boteler III (R-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 1251 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

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

((Final Disposition: HB 1251 died at end of session.))

HB 1262 - Renewable Fuels - Production Credits - British Thermal Units

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Jeannie Haddaway (R-Caroline Co., Dorchester Co., Talbot Co., Wicomico Co.), et al. HB 1262 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would expand specified production credits to include British Thermal Units that are produced from specified renewable resources; establish the application procedures for certification of the production credits; require an application to contain specified information; prohibit the Renewable Fuels Incentive Board from paying for production credits after a specified date; etc.

Final Disposition: HB 1262 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

HB 1267 - Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program - Vehicles Subject to Testing and Inspection

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Virginia P. Clagett (D-Anne Arundel Co.). HB 1267 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the requirement that vehicles of model years after the 1977 model year be tested and inspected under the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program to require testing and inspection of the current model year and the previous 25 model years; and alter the model years to which the exemption from testing and inspection under the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program applies.

((Final Disposition: HB 1267 died at end of session.))

HB 1268 - Bay Restoration Fund - Disbursement of Funds

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Donald B. Elliott (R-Carroll Co., Frederick Co.), et al. HB 1268 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would increase the percentage of funds from the Bay Restoration Fund that are disbursed to fund cover crop activities; and alter the percentage of funds that are used for purposes relating to onsite sewage disposal systems.

((Final Disposition: HB 1268 died at end of session.))

HB 1275 - Anne Arundel County - Tax on Short-Term Automobile Rentals

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Mary Ann E. Love (D-Anne Arundel Co.). HB 1275 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize Anne Arundel County to impose a sales and use tax on specified short-term automobile rentals under specified circumstances; providing that the tax does not apply to the rental of a replacement vehicle for a vehicle that is being serviced or repaired under specified circumstances; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0342) was introduced in the 2005 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 1275 died at end of session.))

HB 1276 - Task Force to Study the Establishment of Annual Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections

Sponsor/Status: Delegate James E. Malone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co., Howard Co.). HB 1276 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would create the Task Force to Study the Establishment of Annual Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections; provide for the membership of the Task Force; require the Motor Vehicle Administration to staff the Task Force; require the Task Force to make findings and recommendations related to the establishment of an annual motor vehicle safety inspection requirement; require the Task Force to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2007; and provide for the termination of the Act.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HJ 0022) was introduced in the 1999 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 1276 was approved by the House, but failed on Senate floor.))

HB 1282 - Driver Education Program Deaf and Hard of Hearing Access Fund

Sponsor/Status: Chairman of the House Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental). HB 1282 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the Driver Education Program Deaf and Hard of Hearing Access Fund; require driver education schools to pay specified fees to the Motor Vehicle Administration to be paid into the Fund; provide for the composition and purpose of the Fund; require the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to administer the Fund; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1282 died at end of session.))

HB 1294 - Task Force to Study the Economic Development Benefits of the Clean Energy Industry in Maryland

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Karen S. Montgomery (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB 1294 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish the Task Force to Study the Economic Development Benefits of the Clean Energy Industry in Maryland; provide for the membership of the Task Force; require the Department of Business and Economic Development to staff the Task Force; require the Task Force to analyze and recommend policies, standards, and mechanisms to address specified economic development issues related to the use of clean energy; and require the Task Force to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2007.

Final Disposition: HB 1294 received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

HB 1295 - Harford County - Property Tax Credit for Homes Near a Refuse Disposal System

Sponsor/Status: Harford County Delegation. HB 1295 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter a provision authorizing Harford County to grant a property tax credit for specified owner-occupied residential real property in proximity to specified refuse disposal systems, increase from 500 feet to 1,000 feet the proximity to the refuse disposal system within which homes may be eligible for the credit; apply the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2007; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1295 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 1300 - Arts and Entertainment Districts - Tax Benefits

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Adelaide C. Eckardt (R-Caroline Co., Dorchester Co., Talbot Co., Wicomico Co.), et al. HB 1300 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the definition of a qualifying resident artist for the purpose of specified tax benefits available in specified arts and entertainment districts; alter a specified income tax subtraction modification allowed for specified income derived within an arts and entertainment district; apply the Act to tax years 2007 and 2008; and terminate the Act at the end of June 30, 2009.

((Final Disposition: HB 1300 died at end of session.))

HB 1307 - Vehicle Laws - Operation of Low Speed Vehicles - Highway Restrictions

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Joseph R. Bartlett (R-Frederick Co.). HB 1307 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would increase from 30 to 35 miles per hour the maximum speed limit for purposes of a provision of law that prohibits the operator of a low speed vehicle on a highway with a specified posted speed limit.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0316) was introduced in the 2005 session.

Final Disposition: HB 1307 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 1312 - Baltimore County - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - Dredging, Construction, and Permitting

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Joseph J. Minnick (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 1312 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the restrictions on dredging projects in the Baltimore Harbor and waters of Baltimore County under specified circumstances; prohibit the Board of Public Works from approving licenses for dredging projects in a specified area under specified circumstances; require the Governor to designate the Public Service Commission as the agency to consult with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under specified circumstances; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1312 died at end of session.))

HB 1320 - Joint Committee on Base Realignment and Closure

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Dereck E. Davis (D-Prince George's Co.), et al. HB 1320 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would create the Joint Committee on Base Realignment and Closure; establish the membership and duties of the Committee; designate the cochairs of the Committee; and require the Department of Legislative Services to provide staff assistance to the Committee.

((Final Disposition: HB 1320 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto b the Governor.))

HB 1329 - Income Tax - Credit for Motorized Shopping Carts

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Susan K. McComas (R-Harford Co.), et al. HB 1329 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; providing for limitations of the number of credits that may be claimed for each business location during the taxable year; providing 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.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0773) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((Final Disposition: HB 1329 died at end of session.))

HB 1330 - Bay Restoration Fund - Eastern Shore Demonstration Projects

Sponsor/ Status: Delegate Jeannie Haddaway (R-Caroline Co., Dorchester Co., Talbot Co., Wicomico Co.), et al. HB 1330 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the use of specified Bay Restoration funds for specified demonstration projects in specified counties for the extension of sewer from a publicly owned wastewater facility under specified circumstances.

((Final Disposition: HB 1330 died at end of session.))

HB 1331 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Removal of Districts

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Rudolph C. Cane (D-Dorchester Co., Wicomico Co.), et al. HB 1331 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the requirements relating to the purchase of easements by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation; remove the requirement for the establishment of agricultural districts on a specified date; eliminate districts from the Foundation by a specified date subject to specified exceptions; etc.

((**Final Disposition:** HB 1331 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 1350 - Environment - Water Pollution Control - Funding

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Sue Kullen (D-Calvert Co.). HB 1350 was assigned to the House Rules & Executive Nominations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would establish a Fertilizer Application Environmental Impact Fee for specified fertilizer applications; establish a Wetlands Impact Fee for specified disturbances to tidal and nontidal wetland areas; require that specified fees be deposited in the Water Pollution Control Fund; authorize the Board to issue specified grants for specified projects related to stormwater management and wetlands creation and restoration; etc.

((**Final Disposition:** HB 1350 died at end of session.))

HB 1353 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund

Sponsor/Status: Chairman of the House Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental). HB 1353 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to use the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund for specified purposes, subject to specified restrictions.

((**Final Disposition:** HB 1353 died at end of session.))

HB 1354 - Certification of County Priority Preservation Areas

Sponsor/Status: Chairman of the House Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental). HB 1354 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would alter the requirements for a priority preservation area; require a priority preservation area to be large enough to support normal agricultural and forestry activities under specified circumstances; prohibit the Department of Planning and the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation from certifying a priority preservation area unless specified requirements are met; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1354 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 1355 - Washington County - Building Excise Tax

Sponsor/Status: Washington County Delegation. HB 1355 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the Washington County Board of County Commissioners to alter the building excise tax it may impose on residential construction for fiscal year 2008; require the Washington County Board of County Commissioners to create a task force to study the Washington County building excise tax; and require the task force to submit findings and recommendations to the Washington County Board of County Commissioners and the Washington County Delegation by September 30, 2007.

((Final Disposition: HB 1355 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 1357 - Maryland Transit Administration - Limitation of Tort Liability - Performance of Third Party Contracts

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Dan K. Morhaim (D-Baltimore Co.). HB 1357 was assigned to the House Rules & Executive Nominations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would limit the liability of the Maryland Transit Administration to \$1,000,000 per occurrence to a person seeking damages resulting from tortious acts or omissions occurring in the course of performance of a contract between the Maryland Transit Administration and a third party; and provide for the application of the Act.

((Final Disposition: HB 1357 died at end of session.))

HB 1362 - Town of Eldorado (Dorchester County) - Urban Renewal Authority for Slum Clearance

Sponsor/Status: Dorchester County Delegation (By Request). HB 1362 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee. Similar legislation was introduced for the towns of Brookview (SB 1008) (HB 1365), Eldorado (SB 1009), Galestown (SB 1010) (HB 1366), and Hurlock (SB 1011) (HB 1364).

Purpose: This legislation would authorize the Town of Eldorado, Dorchester County, to undertake and carry out specified urban renewal projects for slum clearance and

redevelopment; prohibit specified land or property from being taken for specified purposes without just compensation first being paid to the party entitled to the compensation; declare that specified land or property taken in connection with specified urban renewal powers is needed for public uses or purposes; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1362 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 1367 - Vehicle Laws - Emergency Vehicles - Green Flashing Lights

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Norman H. Conway (D-Wicomico Co., Worcester Co.), et al. HB 1367 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would authorize a stationary emergency vehicle serving as a mobile command unit to be equipped with or display a flashing, blinking, or oscillating green light or signal device to designate the vehicle as the command post.

((Final Disposition: HB 1367 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 1381 - Motor Vehicle Administration - Federal REAL ID Act of 2005 - Cost Estimate Report

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Henry B. Heller (D-Montgomery Co.). HB 1381 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require the Motor Vehicle Administration to submit a specified report on the implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 to the General Assembly and the Governor on or before a specified date; and provide for the termination of the Act.

((Final Disposition: HB 1381 died at end of session.))

HB 1403 - Critical Area - Construction of a Facility - Prohibition

Sponsor/Status: Delegate John Olszewski, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB 1403 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would prohibit a facility from being located or constructed on land designated as Critical Area in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County; make the Act an emergency measure; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1403 died at end of session.))

HB 1405 - Vehicle Laws - Penalty for Failure to Pay Electronic Toll - Limitation

Sponsor/Status: Delegate John Olszewski, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.). HB 1405 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would limit to \$2,000 the total amount of civil penalties and administrative fees that may be imposed on a person by the Maryland Transportation Authority in connection with a single failure to pay an electronic toll; and provide for the retroactive application of the Act.

Final Disposition: HB 1405 received an unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 1417 - Vehicle Laws - Fatality or Life-Threatening Injury - Mandatory Tests for Alcohol, Drugs, or Controlled Dangerous Substances

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Norman H. Conway (D-Wicomico Co., Worcester Co.), et al. HB 1417 was assigned to the House Rules & Executive Nominations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would require a person to submit to specified tests for alcohol, drugs, or controlled dangerous substances if the person is involved in a motor vehicle accident that resulted in the death of, or a life-threatening injury to, another person; authorize a person to request a specified hearing if the person's license is suspended under specified circumstances; add to the issues that may be considered at a specified hearing; require the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend a driver's license under specified circumstances; etc.

((Final Disposition: HB 1417 died at end of session.))

HB 1422 - Property Tax - Exemptions - Bus Passenger Shelters

Sponsor/Status: Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee (By Request - Departmental). HB 1422 was assigned to the House Ways & Means Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would provide an exemption from the property tax for specified individuals if the individual holds an interest in property under an agreement to operate a bus passenger shelter; define the term "bus passenger shelter"; etc.

Prior Legislative History: Similar legislation (HB 0172) was introduced in the 2006 session.

((**Final Disposition:** HB 1422 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

HB 1423 - Department of Aging - Continuing Care Fund

Sponsor/Status: Chairman of the House Health & Government Operations Committee (By Request - Departmental). HB 1423 was assigned to the House Health & Government Operations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would create a Continuing Care Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to defray specified costs; require the Department of Aging to administer the Fund; require the State Treasurer to hold the Fund separately and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specify which moneys the Fund consists of; provide for the use of the Fund; provide for the investment of moneys in the Fund; provide that the money expended in the Fund is supplemental; etc.

((**Final Disposition:** HB 1423 was approved by the General Assembly. It now awaits signature / veto by the Governor.))

2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

SJ 0005 - REAL ID Act of 2005 - Protest and Repeal

Sponsor/Status: Senator Jennie M. Forehand (D-Montgomery Co.). SJ 0005 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would protest the implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005; request the United States Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act; etc.

((**Final Disposition:** SJ 0005 died at end of session.))

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HJ 0003 - REAL ID Act of 2007 - Protest and Repeal

Sponsor/Status: Delegate Henry B. Heller (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HJ 0003 was assigned to the House Rules & Executive Nominations Committee.

Purpose: This legislation would protest the implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005; request the United States Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act; etc.

Final Disposition: HJ 0003 was withdrawn by its sponsor.