



Baltimore Metropolitan Council

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**TRANSPORTATION, AIR QUALITY, AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-RELATED  
LEGISLATION  
INTRODUCED IN THE 2008 SESSION  
OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Weekly Report - Legislation Introduced  
as of  
January 23, 2008**

**This session of the Maryland General Assembly began on  
January 9, 2008 and will adjourn on April 7, 2008**

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February 8 for the House. March 5 is the final deadline in both chambers for  
introduction of legislation without rules suspension.**

# LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## 2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### Weekly Report - Legislation Introduced as of January 23, 2008

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 9 and will adjourn on April 7. 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 both chambers. The following categories of information are provided for each bill: Bill Number/Title, Sponsor/Status, Bill Hearing Date, and Purpose. Information about prior legislative history and final disposition of a bill will be included as necessary. A special significance section may also be 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.

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## NOTES FOR WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

All additions to and changes from the previous weekly legislative report are highlighted in **RED**, and enclosed in double parenthesis (( )) in both the bill index and in the detailed description of bills that have been introduced.

Bill hearing dates and final disposition status information in the index below are shown in **bold underlined** type.

Bills that have already received final disposition status (withdrawn by sponsor or unfavorable committee report, etc) have been deleted from the body of this report.

# CATEGORIES OF LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE 2008 SESSION OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## TOTAL BILL COUNT:

House Bills:	287
House Joint Resolutions:	1
Senate Bills:	248
Senate Joint Resolutions:	3
Bills tracked by BMC:	38

### **Air Quality-Related**

HB0023	Maryland Green Buildings Standards Act of 2008
HB0084	Homeowners Associations and Municipalities - Solar Collection Panels – Regulation <b><u>((Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.))</u></b>
HB0117	Real Property-Installation of Solar Panels - Clarification and Solar Easement
HB0140	Income Tax - Credit for Cellulosic Ethanol Technology Research and Development
SB0205	EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency Act of 2008
SB0207	Solar and Geothermal Tax Incentive and Grant Program
SB0208	High Performance Buildings Act
SB0209	Renewable Portfolio Standard Percentage Requirements - Acceleration

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian-Related**

HB0143	Vehicle Laws - Bicycles, Play Vehicles, EPAMDs, and Motor Scooters - Rules of the Road
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### **Community Development and “Smart Growth”- Related**

HB0038	Hero’s Housing Fund of 2008 <b><u>((Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.))</u></b>
HB0047	Income Tax - Credit for Low Impact Development
SB0206	BRAC Community Enhancement Act

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

HB0054	Property Tax - Credit - Accessibility Features <b><u>((Hearing 1/29 at 11:00 a.m.))</u></b>
HB0079	Income Tax Exemption Amounts - Blind and Elderly Individuals
HB0134	Transportation - Free Public Transportation During Off-Peak Hours for Senior Citizens

### **Highway-Related**

No legislation introduced to date

### **Other Transportation-Related**

SB0200	Commission to Study Southern Maryland Transportation Needs
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### **Public Transportation-Related**

SB0031	Bus Service... Institutions of Higher Education - Exemption from Motor Carrier Permit <b><u>Hearing 1/22 at 1:00 p.m.</u></b>
SB0047	Transportation - Feasibility Study of Rail Transit Service for Annapolis. <b><u>Hearing 1/22 at 1:00 p.m.</u></b>
SB0204	Maryland Transit Administration - Transit-Oriented Development

HB 0078	State Report on Transportation - Mass Transit - Required Element <b><u>((Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.))</u></b>
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### **Telecommuting and Travel Substitution-Related**

No legislation introduced to date

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

SB0002	Vehicle Laws - Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Driving – Prohibitions <b><u>((Hearing 1/22 at 1:00 p.m.))</u></b>
SB0020	Vehicle Laws - School Buses and Former School Buses - Seat Belts <b><u>Hearing 1/22 at 1:00 p.m.</u></b>
SB0069	Vehicle Laws - Motorcycles – Definition
SB0093	Vehicle Laws - Drivers’ Licensing of Illegal Aliens - Restrictions

HB0009 Motor Vehicles - Duplicate Driver's Licenses - Victims of Robbery [\(\(Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.\)\)](#)  
HB0012 Vehicle Laws - Required Use of Safety Restraints - Penalty for Violation [\(\(Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.\)\)](#)  
HB0030 Vehicle Laws - Insurance Requirements - Penalties and Notification [\(\(Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.\)\)](#)  
HB0111 Malfunctioning Traffic Light Act  
HB0131 Vehicle Laws - Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act  
HB0147 Baltimore County - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems  
HB0177 Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems - Radar Cameras  
HB0191 Vehicle Laws - Driver's Licenses - Alcohol and Drug Test for Underage Applicants  
HB0221 Vehicle Laws - Motorcycles – Definition  
HB0224 Vehicle Laws - Electronic Titling and Registration - Temporary Registration  
HB0230 Vehicle Laws - School Crossing Guards - Authority to Direct Traffic  
HB0225 Vehicle Laws - Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act

#### **Transportation Funding-Related**

HB 0052 Transportation - Motor Fuel Tax - Special Fuel – Exemption  
SB0182 Maryland Transportation Authority - Bonding Authority

## **2008 SENATE BILLS**

### **SB0002 - Vehicle Laws - Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Driving - Prohibitions**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Michael G. Lennet (D-Montgomery County). SB0002 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** Prohibiting a driver of a specified school vehicle from using wireless communication devices; prohibiting 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; prohibiting 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; establishing penalties for specified violations; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar Legislation was introduced in 2004, 2005 & 2006.

### **SB0020 - Vehicle Laws - School Buses and Former School Buses - Seat Belts**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Byran W. Simonaire (R-Anne Arundel). SB0020 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** Clarifying that a Type I school vehicle is not required to be equipped with seat belts or subject to specified regulations if it is used by specified schools, camps, day nurseries, or day care centers to transport children; and establishing that a motor vehicle that was formerly registered as a Type I school vehicle is not required to be equipped with seat belts or subject to specified regulations under specified circumstances.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

**SB0031 - Public Utility Companies - Bus Service Provided by Institutions of Higher Education - Exemption from Motor Carrier Permit Requirement**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator James Rosapepe (D-Prince George's County). SB0031 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** Providing that a motor carrier permit is not required for a shuttle bus service operated by an institution of higher education for its students that also is used to provide, in exchange for payment by the municipal corporation in which the institution is located, transportation service to the residents of the municipal corporation.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

**SB0047 - Transportation - Feasibility Study of Rail Transit Service for Annapolis**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator John C. Astle (D-Anne Arundel Co.) , et al. SB0047 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the Department of Transportation to study options for providing rail transportation in the Annapolis area and between greater Annapolis and the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore metropolitan areas and to report its findings and recommendations by a specified date; requiring the Department to use existing resources to conduct the study and to make findings and recommendations; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

**SB0069 - Vehicle Laws - Motorcycles – Definition**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator James E. DeGrange, Sr. (D-Anne Arundel Co.) , et al. SB0069 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** Altering the definition of "motorcycle" under the Maryland Vehicle Law; and making the Act an emergency measure.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

**SB0093 - Vehicle Laws - Drivers' Licensing of Illegal Aliens – Restrictions**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator James Brochin (D-Baltimore Co.) , et al. SB0093 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** Prohibiting, 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 was introduced in 2004 and 2005. It died in committee.

### **SB0182 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Bonding Authority**

**Sponsor/Status:** Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request - Departmental - Transportation)

**Purpose:** Modifying a limit on the issuance of specified debt by the Maryland Transportation Authority; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** N/A.

### **SB0200 - Commission to Study Southern Maryland Transportation Needs**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Roy P. Dyson (D-Calvert Co., Charles Co., St. Mary's Co.), et al. SB0200 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** Authorizing the Commission to Study Southern Maryland Transportation Needs to reconvene for specified purposes; altering the date for the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; and altering the date for the termination of the Commission.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0204 - Maryland Transit Administration - Transit-Oriented Development**

**Sponsor/Status:** The President (By Request - Administration), et al. SB0204 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** Establishing that specified transit-oriented development of specified property located near transit stations is a transportation purpose that is essential for the attainment of specified objectives; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0205 - EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency Act of 2008**

**Sponsor/Status:** The President (By Request - Administration), et al. SB0205 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

**Purpose:** Establishing the State goal of achieving a 15% reduction in per capita electricity consumption and peak demand by the end of 2015; requiring that, by specified dates, the Public Service Commission shall adopt regulations or issue orders requiring each electric company to procure or provide to specified customers specified energy efficiency and conservation measures and services that are designed to achieve specified energy reduction targets by specified dates; etc

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0206 - BRAC Community Enhancement Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** The President (By Request - Administration), et al. SB0206 was assigned to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** Authorizing the creation of BRAC Revitalization and Incentive Zones in the State; establishing eligibility criteria for the Zones and factors to be considered by the Secretary of Business and Economic Development in approving the Zones; providing for specified tax credits to be available to eligible businesses in the Zones; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0207 - Solar and Geothermal Tax Incentive and Grant Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** The President (By Request - Administration), et al. SB0207 was assigned to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

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

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0208 - High Performance Buildings Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** The President (By Request - Administration), et al. SB0208 was assigned to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

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

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0209 - Renewable Portfolio Standard Percentage Requirements - Acceleration**

**Sponsor/Status:** The President (By Request - Administration), et al. SB0209 was assigned to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** Altering the renewable energy portfolio standard by increasing the percentages of electricity sales that must be met in specified years through the accumulation of renewable energy credits from specified sources; redefining a specified renewable energy credit; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

## **2008 HOUSE OF DELEGATES BILLS**

### **HB 0009 - Motor Vehicles - Duplicate Driver's Licenses - Victims of Robbery**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Ivey (D-Prince George's County). HB 0009 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee

**Purpose:** This legislation would allow a victim of a robbery whose driver's license is taken during the robbery to drive without a license for a certain period of time under certain circumstances. The Bill would also require the Motor Vehicle Administration, to process an application for a duplicate license of a victim of a robbery on an expedited basis and give the application precedence over other applications.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB 0012 - Vehicle Laws - Required Use of Safety Restraints - Penalty for Violation**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Joanne Benson (D- Prince George's County) HB 0012 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** This legislation would increase the maximum fine that may be imposed for a violation of certain provisions of law requiring the use of a seat belt by the driver and passengers in a motor vehicle.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0023 - Maryland Green Buildings Standards Act of 2008**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Roger P. Manno (D-Montgomery Co.), HB0023 was assigned to the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring specified buildings to be high performance buildings under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to conduct a specified analysis of the costs and benefits of requiring specified buildings to be high performance buildings; requiring the Department to waive specified high performance building requirements under specified circumstances; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar Legislation was introduced in 2003. It died in committee.

### **HB 0030 - Vehicle Laws - Insurance Requirements - Penalties and Notification**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Theodore J. Sophocleus (D-Anne Arundel Co.). HB0030 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Altering a requirement that the Motor Vehicle Administration provide notice to the owner of a vehicle that the vehicle registration has been suspended for failure to maintain the required security; altering the period of time within which a vehicle owner must surrender evidence of registration under specified circumstances; decreasing the maximum penalty that may be assessed against the owner of a vehicle if specified security lapses or terminates under specified circumstances; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB 0038 - Hero's Housing Fund of 2008**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Roger P. Manno (D-Montgomery Co.) HB0038 was assigned to the House Environmental Matter Committee.

**Purpose:** Establishing the Housing Program for First Responders and Teachers; specifying that the purpose of the Program is to authorize the Department of Housing and Community Development to purchase or contract to purchase and sell or contract to sell home loans made by lending institutions to first responders and teachers; specifying that the loans be made at the prices and on the terms and conditions that the Department determines; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB 0047 - Income Tax - Credit for Low Impact Development**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Justin D. Ross (D-Prince George's Co.) HB0047 was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Purpose:** Allowing a State income tax credit for the costs of using low impact development techniques in construction projects; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations establishing eligibility standards for the tax credit; providing for issuance of initial credit certificates by the Department; limiting to \$9,000,000 the aggregate amount of initial credit certificates that the Department may issue; requiring the Department to establish an Advisory Committee; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB 0052 - Transportation - Motor Fuel Tax - Special Fuel - Exemption**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Karen S. Montgomery (D-Montgomery Co.) HB 0052 was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Purpose:** Excluding from the definition of "special fuel user" for the purposes of the motor fuel tax a person whose cumulative storage for special fuel does not exceed 100 gallons; and exempting from the motor fuel tax specified fuel used by a person whose cumulative storage for special fuel does not exceed 100 gallons.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB 0054 - Property Tax - Credit - Accessibility Features**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Guy J. Guzzone (D-Howard Co.), HB 0054 was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Purpose:** Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property equipped with specified accessibility features; authorizing the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2008; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB 0078 - State Report on Transportation - Mass Transit - Required Element**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D-Prince George's Co). HB0078 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the State 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; requiring 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

specified goals and objectives for each modal administration in the Maryland Transportation Plan; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB 0079 - Income Tax Exemption Amounts - Blind and Elderly Individuals**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D-Prince George's Co). HB 0079 was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Purpose:** Increasing the amount allowed as a deduction for additional exemptions under the Maryland income tax for individuals who, as of the last day of the taxable year, are blind or are at least 65 years old, from \$1,000 to \$3,200 for tax years 2008 and beyond; making the additional exemption amounts subject to specified reductions based on the federal adjusted gross income of the individual; applying the Act to tax years beginning after December 31, 2007; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB 0084 - Homeowners Assoc. and Municipalities - Solar Panels - Regulation**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Kumar P. Barve (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB0084 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Prohibiting the legislative body of any incorporated municipality from passing an ordinance preventing a homeowner from installing a solar collection panel on the roof of a residence.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB 0111 - Malfunctioning Traffic Light Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Saqib Ali (D- Montgomery County), et al. HB 0111 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring a driver who is approaching a traffic control signal with no visible lighted indication to reduce speed and prepare to yield to other vehicles in or approaching the intersection; clarifying that a driver shall obey a stop sign under specified circumstances; clarifying a term; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

## **HB0117 - Real Property-Installation of Solar Panels - Clarification and Solar Easement**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Sue Hecht (D-Frederick Co.), et al. HB0117 has been assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Defining terms relating to the application of a restrictive covenant to the installation of solar collection panels in specified locations; prohibiting a condominium council of unit owners from establishing bylaws imposing unreasonable limitations on solar collection panels; establishing the right to negotiate to obtain a solar easement for specified unit or lot owners; establishing requirements for an instrument creating a solar easement; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

## **HB0131 - Vehicle Laws - Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Frank M. Conaway, Jr. (D-Baltimore City). HB0131 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring 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; establishing a penalty; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar Legislation was introduced in 2007.

## **HB0134 - Transportation - Free Public Transportation During Off-Peak Hours for Senior Citizens**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Shirley Nathan-Pulliam (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB0134 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the Department of Transportation to issue an annual transit pass in a specified form, without cost, to individuals who are at least 62 years old for use during off-peak hours; requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

## **HB0140 - Income Tax - Credit for Cellulosic Ethanol Technology Research and Development**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Justin D. Ross (D-Prince Georges Co.), et al.

**Purpose:** Allowing a credit against the Maryland income tax for specified cellulosic ethanol technology research and development expenses paid or incurred by an individual or corporation; providing for applications to the Department of Business and Economic Development for approval of the credit and certification by the Department to taxpayers of approved credit amounts; limiting the total amount of credits that the Department may approve for any calendar year to \$3,000,000; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

## **HB0143 - Vehicle Laws - Bicycles, Play Vehicles, EPAMDs, and Motor Scooters - Rules of the Road**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB0143 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring that a driver of a motor vehicle, when overtaking a bicycle, an Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device (EPAMD), or a motor scooter, not pass unless the driver can do so safely without endangering the rider; requiring a driver of a motor vehicle to yield the right-of-way to a person who is riding a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter in a bicycle lane; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

## **HB0147 - Baltimore County - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Susan L. M. Aumann (D-Baltimore County), et al. HB0147 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Adding Baltimore County as a county authorized to use speed monitoring systems to enforce highway speed laws under specified standards, procedures, and requirements; restricting the use of revenues generated by the Act; requiring Baltimore County to report on the effectiveness of speed monitoring systems to the General Assembly on or before a specified date; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

## **HB0177 - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems - Radar Cameras**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Susan L. M. Aumann (D-Baltimore County), et al. HB0177 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Authorizing specified law enforcement agencies to mail a citation to the owner of a motor vehicle that is recorded by a speed monitoring system to be in violation of specified laws regarding the operation of a motor vehicle in excess of specified speed limits; providing for the distribution of specified penalties; establishing the Homeland Security Fund to be financed by enforcement of specified speed limit laws and specified additional sources; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0191 Vehicle Laws - Driver's Licenses - Alcohol and Drug Test for Underage Applicants**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D-Prince George's Co.)

**Purpose:** Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to test an applicant for specified driver's licenses who is under the age of 21 for the presence of alcohol or an unlawful controlled dangerous substance; requiring the Administration to suspend for 6 months the driver's license or privilege to drive of an applicant who receives a positive test; prohibiting the Administration from waiving a test; and including the test as part of the State's driver's license examination; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0221 - Vehicle Laws - Motorcycles - Definition**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines (D-Prince George's Co.), et al. HB0221 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Altering the definition of "motorcycle" under the Maryland Vehicle Law; and making the Act an emergency measure.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0224 - Vehicle Laws - Electronic Titling and Registration - Temporary Registration**

**Sponsor/Status:** Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental - Transportation). HB0224 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Altering the definition of "motorcycle" under the Maryland Vehicle Law; and making the Act an emergency measure.

**Prior Legislative History:** None

## **HB0230 - Vehicle Laws - School Crossing Guards - Authority to Direct Traffic**

**Sponsor/Status:** Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental - Transportation). HB0230 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Authorizing a school crossing guard who meets specified qualifications to stop or otherwise direct vehicles and pedestrians on a highway or on school grounds under specified circumstances; requiring drivers to obey the directions of a school crossing guard exercising authority under the Act; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

## **HB0255 - Vehicle Laws - Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Frank M. Conaway, Jr. (D-Baltimore City). HB0255 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring 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; establishing a penalty; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar Legislation was introduced in 2007.

## **2008 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

No related resolutions introduced to date

## **2008 HOUSE OF DELEGATES JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

No related resolutions introduced to date