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

**End of Session Report  
April 9, 2008**

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

**The filing deadline for bills and resolutions was February 1 for the Senate,  
and February 8 for the House. March 5 was the final deadline in both  
chambers for introduction of legislation without rules suspension.**

# LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## 2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### End of Session Report - Legislation Introduced as of April 9, 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

## Air Quality-Related

- SB0205 EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency Act of 2008 [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)  
SB0207 Solar and Geothermal Tax Incentive and Grant Program [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)  
SB0208 High Performance Buildings Act [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)  
SB0209 Renewable Portfolio Standard Percentage Requirements [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)  
SB0268 Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative - Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)  
SB0309 Global Warming Solutions - Reductions in Greenhouse Gases [\(\(Died at end of session\)\)](#)  
SB0342 Procurement - Flexible-Fuel Vehicles - Alternative Fuel Requirements **Unfavorable report**  
SB0343 Biodiesel Requirements for the State Vehicle Fleet **Unfavorable report**  
SB0823 Carroll County - Green Building Tax Credit [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)
- HB0023 Maryland Green Buildings Standards Act of 2008 **Withdrawn**  
HB0140 Income Tax Credit for Cellulosic Ethanol Technology R&D [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)
- HB0338 Energy Efficiency Tax Credit and Surcharge Act [\(\(Died in committee\)\)](#)  
HB0368 Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative - Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)  
HB0374 EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency Act of 2008 [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)  
HB0375 Renewable Portfolio Standard Percentage Requirements – Acceleration [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)  
HB0376 High Performance Buildings Act [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)  
HB0377 Solar and Geothermal Tax Incentive and Grant Program [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)  
HB0712 Global Warming Solutions - Reductions in Greenhouse Gases [\(\(Died at end of session\)\)](#)  
HB0842 Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program - Exemption for Low Mileage [\(\(Died at end of session\)\)](#)  
HB0907 Sustainable Energy Task Force [\(\(Died at end of session\)\)](#)  
HB1145 Renewable Energy Infrastructure Loan Program [\(\(Died in committee\)\)](#)  
HB1416 Intercounty Connector - Impact on Global Warming – Study **Unfavorable Report**  
HB1595 Intercounty Connector - Public Health Impacts from Air Pollution – Assessment **Unfavorable Report**

## Bicycle and Pedestrian-Related

- SB0276 Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)  
SB0492 Vehicular Crossings - Use by Pedestrians and Bicycles – Auth. [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)
- HB0143 Vehicle Laws - Bicycles, Play Vehicles, EPAMDs, and Motor Scooters [\(\(Died in committee\)\)](#)  
HB0875 Vehicular Crossings - Use by Pedestrians and Bicycles – Auth. [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)  
HB1160 Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)

## Community Development and “Smart Growth”- Related

- SB0206 BRAC Community Enhancement Act [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)  
SB0259 Program Open Space - ...- Increased Allocation for Local Government [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)  
SB0302 Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund **Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.**
- HB0038 Hero's Housing Fund of 2008 [\(\(Died in committee\)\)](#)  
HB0047 Income Tax - Credit for Low Impact Development **Withdrawn**  
HB0366 BRAC Community Enhancement Act [\(\(See SB206 above\)\)](#)  
HB0469 County Property Tax - Interest in Federal Government Property - Payment in Lieu Taxes [\(\(Died in Committee\)\)](#)  
HB0512 Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund **Referred for Interim Study**  
HB0742 Affordable Housing - Waiver or Modification of Fees and Charges - Enabling Authority for Counties and Municipalities [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)

## Elderly and Individuals With Disabilities-Related

- HB0054 Property Tax - Credit - Accessibility Features [\(\(Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.\)\)](#)  
HB0079 Income Tax Exemption Amounts - Blind and Elderly Individuals [\(\(Died in committee\)\)](#)  
HB0135 Transportation - Free Public Transportation During Off-Peak Hours for Senior Citizens **Unfavorable Report**  
HB0958 Vehicle Laws - Registration Fees - Discount for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities **Withdrawn**

## Highway-Related

HB0956 Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge Deck Replacement - Susquehanna River Region E-Z Pass - Pilot Program **((Died in Committee))**  
HB1237 State Highways - Designation - Thurgood Marshall Memorial Highway **Unfavorable Report**  
HB1380 Maryland Transportation Authority - Interstate 95 Study – Jurisdiction **Withdrawn**  
HB1471 Transportation - Intercounty Connector - Elimination of Funding **((Died in Committee))**

## Other Transportation-Related

SB0200 Commission to Study Southern Maryland Transportation Needs **((Signed into Law))**  
SB0644 Baltimore Regional Transportation Authority Study Task Force **((Died in Committee))**  
HB0507 Commission to Study Southern Maryland Transportation Needs **((Signed into Law))**  
HB0769 Maryland Transportation Authority – Composition **Unfavorable Report**  
HB0793 Baltimore Regional Transportation Authority Study Task Force **Unfavorable Report**  
HB1238 Transportation - Public-Private Partnerships - Notice to General Assembly **((Died at end of session))**

## Public Transportation-Related

SB0047 Transportation - Feasibility Study of Rail Transit Service for Annapolis. **((Died in Committee))**  
SB0204 Maryland Transit Administration - Transit-Oriented Development **((Signed into Law))**  
HB0078 State Report on Transportation - Mass Transit - Required Element **Withdrawn**  
HB0298 Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners - System Public School Buses Required **Unfavorable Report**  
HB0320 Transit Vehicles and Facilities - Prohibited Acts - Use of Obscene Language **Unfavorable Report**  
HB0321 Transit Vehicle Operators - Prohibition on Use of Wireless Communication Devices . **((Died in Committee))**  
HB0322 Criminal Law - Assault against a Transit Vehicle Passenger – Penalties **Unfavorable Report**  
HB0323 Criminal Law - Malicious Destruction of Property - Transit Vehicles **Unfavorable Report**  
HB0340 Bus Service... Institutions of Higher Ed – Exempt Motor Carrier Permit Req. **((Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.))**  
HB0373 Maryland Transit Administration - Transit-Oriented Development **((Signed into Law))**  
HB0505 Public Transport - Drivers and Operators - Criminal History Records Check **((Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.))**  
HB0562 Rail Transportation between Annapolis and Washington and Baltimore - Feasibility Study **Unfavorable Report**  
HB0563 Transportation - Annapolis Light Rail - Feasibility Study **Unfavorable Report**  
HB1185 MTA - Public Transit Services - Performance Standards **((Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.))**  
HB1489 Transportation - Crimes Against Public Transit Employees – Penalties **Unfavorable Report**

## 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 **((Died at end of session))**  
SB0069 Vehicle Laws - Motorcycles – Definition **Withdrawn**  
SB0269 Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring - Statewide Auth Use Highway Work Zones **((Died in Conference))**  
SB0317 Vehicle Laws - Rules of the Road - Malfunctioning Traffic Control Signals **Withdrawn**  
SB0454 Vehicle Laws - Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act **Unfavorable Report**  
SB0461 Vehicle Laws - Use of Wireless Communication Devices Young Drivers – Enforcement **3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Failed (22-21)**  
HB0111 Malfunctioning Traffic Light Act **((Died in Committee))**  
HB0131 Vehicle Laws - Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act **((Died in Committee))**  
HB0174 Baltimore County - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems **Withdrawn**  
HB0177 Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems - Radar Cameras **Withdrawn**  
HB0191 Vehicle Laws - Driver's Licenses - Alcohol and Drug Test for Underage Applicants **Unfavorable Report**  
HB0221 Vehicle Laws - Motorcycles – Definition **((Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.))**  
HB0224 Vehicle Laws - Electronic Titling and Registration - Temporary Registration **((Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.))**  
HB0230 Vehicle Laws - School Crossing Guards - Authority to Direct Traffic **((Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.))**  
HB0255 Vehicle Laws - Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act **Unfavorable Report**  
HB0364 Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems – Statewide... Use in Highway Work Zones **((Died in Conference))**  
HB0380 Motor Vehicles - Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving – Prohibition **Unfavorable Report**  
HB0605 Vehicle Laws - Overtaking and Passing Vehicles **Unfavorable Report**  
HB0695 Vehicle Laws - ...Wireless Communication Devices by Young Drivers – Enforcement **Unfavorable Report**  
HB0711 Motor Vehicles - School Bus Drivers - Prohibition of a Wireless Communication Device **Unfavorable Report**

HB0874 Vehicle Laws - Prohibition against Minors with Provisional License Transporting Minors **Unfavorable Report**  
HB0983 Vehicle Laws - Operation of Low Speed Vehicles - Highway Restrictions **((Died in Committee))**  
HB1110 Texting While Driving Ban of 2008 **Unfavorable Report**  
HB1198 Howard County - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems Ho. Co. 07-08 **((Died in Committee))**  
HB1254 Vehicle Laws - Operation of Low Speed Vehicles - Highway Restrictions **Withdrawn**  
HB1255 Study to Evaluate Strategies to Reduce Deer-Vehicle Collisions **((Died in Committee))**

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

SB0182 Maryland Transportation Authority - Bonding Authority **((Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.))**  
SB0300 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Exemption for Returning Military Members **((Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.))**  
SB0381 Special Taxing Districts - Residential Property – Prohibition **((Died in Committee))**  
SB0538 Maryland Transportation Authority - Fixing or Revising Tolls - Legislative Approval **Unfavorable Report**  
HB0669 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Exemption for Returning Military Members **((Approved by GA - awaits signature/veto by Gov.))**  
HB1127 Transportation Trust Fund - Dedicated Highway Funds **((Died in Committee))**  
HB1128 Transportation Trust Fund Protection Act **((Died in Committee))**  
HB1470 Special Taxing Districts - Residential Property - Prohibition - Property Tax Credit **Unfavorable Report**

## **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.

**SB0259 - Program Open Space - Attainment of Acquisition Goals - Increased Allocation for Local Government**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Thomas M. Middleton (D-Charles Co.), et al. SB0259 was assigned to the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee.

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

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

**SB0268 - Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative - Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** The President (By Request - Administration), et al. SB0268 was reassigned to the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Education Health and Environmental Affairs Committee. SB0268 is cross-filed with HB0368.

**Purpose:** Repealing the Maryland Renewable Energy Fund and establishing the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program in the Maryland Energy Administration; establishing the purpose of the Program; establishing the duties of the Administration under the Program; establishing the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund not subject to a specified law; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

**SB0269 - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems - Statewide Authorization and Use in Highway Work Zones**

**Sponsor/Status:** The President (By Request - Administration). SB 0269 has been assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. SB0269 is cross-filed with HB0364.

**Purpose:** Authorizing in all counties of the State and in specified highway work zones the use of speed monitoring systems to enforce specified highway speed laws under specified standards and procedures; restricting the use of specified revenues generated under the Act; altering the maximum fine for a violation enforced by a speed monitoring system; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0276 - Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. SB0276 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Purpose:** Establishing a Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation; authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive reimbursement for specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to report to the General Assembly by a specified date; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0300 - Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Exemption for Returning Military Members**

**Sponsor/Status:** Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request - Departmental - Transportation). SB0300 was assigned to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** Expanding the eligibility for a specified motor vehicle excise tax credit to include a member of the military who returns to Maryland from active duty and, within 1 year, applies for titling and registration of a vehicle previously titled and registered in another state.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0302 - Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Joan Carter Conway (D-Baltimore City). SB0302 has been assigned to the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee. SB0302 is cross-filed with HB0512.

**Purpose:** Establishing the Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund and the Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund Board; requiring the Fund to be used in specified ways to support, foster, and promote affordable housing; specifying the source of moneys of the Fund; requiring 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; imposing an annual State tax on specified property at a specified rate; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0309 - Global Warming Solutions - Reductions in Greenhouse Gases**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Paul G. Pinsky (D-Prince George's Co.), et al.

**Purpose:** Authorizing specified moneys to be paid into, and expanding the permissible uses of, the Maryland Clean Air Fund; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to require specified reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by specified years; requiring the Department to publish specified lists of greenhouse gas reduction measures and a final plan, and to adopt regulations in order to implement these measures; creating the Office of Climate Change within the Department and specifying its duties; etc.

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

### **SB0317 - Vehicle Laws - Rules of the Road - Malfunctioning Traffic Control Signals**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator James N. Robey (D-Howard Co.), et al. SB0317 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. SB0317 is cross-filed with HB0111.

**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 in specified circumstances; clarifying a specified term; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0342 - Procurement - Flexible-Fuel Vehicles - Alternative Fuel Requirements**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.). SB0342 was assigned to the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the State to ensure that specified percentages of the State's fleet of flexible-fuel vehicles are fueled exclusively by a specified alternative fuel by specified years.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0343 - Biodiesel Requirements for the State Vehicle Fleet**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.). SB0343 was assigned to the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee.

**Purpose:** Altering the percentage of biodiesel fuel from 5% to 10% in a blend of fuel the State is required to ensure is used in at least 50% of vehicles using diesel fuel in the State vehicle fleet in fiscal year 2010 and each subsequent fiscal year.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0381 - Special Taxing Districts - Residential Property – Prohibition**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.) SB0381 was assigned to the Senate Budget and Tax Committee.

**Purpose:** Prohibiting a county from creating a special taxing district that includes residential property or modifying an existing special taxing district to include residential property; abolishing any special taxing district created by a county that, as of October 1, 2008, includes residential property; and defining terms.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0454 - Vehicle Laws - Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Nancy Jacobs (R-Cecil Co., Harford Co.), et al. SB0454 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. SB0454 is cross-filed with HB0255.

**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 specified penalty; etc.

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

### **SB0461 - Vehicle Laws - Use of Wireless Communication Devices by Young Drivers - Enforcement**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Thomas M. Middleton (D-Charles Co.), et al. SB0461 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. SB0461 is cross-filed with HB0695.

**Purpose:** Repealing a provision of law that limits a police officer to enforcing only as a secondary violation a prohibition against a young holder of a learner's instructional permit or provisional driver's license from using a wireless communication device while driving; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0492 - Vehicular Crossings - Use by Pedestrians and Bicycles - Authorization**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Brian E. Frosh (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB0492 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. SB0492 is cross-filed with HB0875.

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

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0538 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Fixing or Revising Tolls - Legislative Approval Required**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Edward J. Pipkin (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.). SB0538 was assigned to the Senate Budget and Tax Committee.

**Purpose:** Prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority from fixing or revising a toll on any part of any transportation facilities project unless the General Assembly approves the toll through legislation; and authorizing the Authority, on or after October 1, 2008, to continue to charge and collect a toll of the same amount in effect before October 1, 2008.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **SB0567 - Computer Services Tax Repeal and Transportation Funding Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Robert J. Garagiola (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. SB0567 was assigned to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

**Purpose:** Altering the distribution of motor fuel tax revenue and sales and use tax revenue; providing for specified increases in specified motor fuel tax rates for specified fiscal years; repealing the sales and use tax on specified computer services; providing for the payment of the motor fuel tax on specified tax-paid motor fuel held as of specified dates; establishing the Sales and Use Tax Study Task Force; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

#### **SB0644 - Baltimore Regional Transportation Authority Study Task Force**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Catherine E. Pugh (D-Baltimore City), et al. SB0644 was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee. SB644 is cross-filed with HB0793

**Purpose:** Establishing a Baltimore Regional Transportation Authority Study Task Force to consider specified transportation-related issues, and to study and make recommendations regarding the creation of an independent transportation authority for a specified region; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by a specified date; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

#### **SB0661 - Vehicle Laws - Prohibition Against Minors with Provisional License Transporting Minors - Enforcement**

**Sponsor/Status:** : Senator Thomas M. Middleton (D-Charles Co.), et al. SB0661 was assigned to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. SB0661 is cross-filed with HB0874.

**Purpose:** Repealing a provision of law that limits a police officer to enforcing a prohibition only as a secondary action against a minor with a provisional license who is transporting other minors when the police officer detains the driver on suspicion of violating another provision of law; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

#### **SB0823 - Carroll County - Green Building Tax Credit**

**Sponsor/Status:** Carroll County Delegation. SB0823 was assigned to the Senate Rules Committee.

**Purpose:** Authorizing the County Commissioners of Carroll County to grant, by ordinance, a green building tax credit against taxes owed to the County by individuals and business entities that make environmentally friendly improvements to non-residential properties; requiring the County Commissioners to establish specified eligibility criteria for the tax credit; requiring the County Commissioners to establish the

amount of the tax credit; authorizing the County Commissioners to define environmentally friendly or "green" technologies; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

**SB0922- Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge Deck Replacement - Susquehanna River Region E-Z Pass - Pilot Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** Senator Nancy Jacobs (R-Cecil Co., Harford Co.). SB0922 is cross-filed with HB0956 and is assigned to the Senate Rules Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to provide for a Susquehanna River Region E-Z Pass that is valid only at the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge and specified portions of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway during, and 1 month after, the deck replacement project on the Bridge; limiting use of the E-Z Pass to two-axle motor vehicles; requiring registration for the E-Z Pass in person; establishing a maximum fee of \$10; authorizing the Authority to adopt regulations for implementation; 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.

### **HB0135 - Transportation - Free Public Transportation During Off-Peak Hours for Senior Citizens**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Shirley Nathan-Pulliam (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB0135 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.

### **HB0174 - Baltimore County - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Susan L. M. Aumann (D-Baltimore County), et al. HB0174 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.

### **HB0288 - Vehicle Laws - Proof of Legal Presence Act of 2008**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Ron George (R-Anne Arundel Co.), et al. HB0288 was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the presentation of specified documentation certifying that an individual born on or after December 1, 1964, is either a United States citizen or is lawfully present in the United States in accordance with federal law before the Motor Vehicle Administration can issue an identification card, a driver's license, or a moped operator's permit; etc.

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

### **HB0298 - Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners - System of Public School Buses Required**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Frank M. Conaway, Jr. (D-Baltimore City). HB0298 was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to establish or contract for a system of public school buses to provide transportation for specified students in Baltimore City; prohibiting the Board from providing or contracting for student transportation services in conjunction with mass transit service provided to the general public in Baltimore City; authorizing the Board to use a specified transportation grant only for a specified purpose; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None

### **HB0320 - Transit Vehicles and Facilities - Prohibited Acts - Use of Obscene Language**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Melvin L. Stukes (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB0320 has been assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Prohibiting a person from using obscene language in specified transit vehicles and transit facilities; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None

### **HB0321 - Transit Vehicle Operators - Prohibition on Use of Wireless Communication Devices**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Melvin L. Stukes (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB0321 has been assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Prohibiting a person from using a specified wireless communication device while operating a transit vehicle; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None

### **HB0322 - Criminal Law - Assault against a Transit Vehicle Passenger – Penalties**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Melvin L. Stukes (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB0322 has been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** Imposing a 15-year mandatory minimum term of imprisonment on a person who is convicted of first degree assault against a passenger on a specified transit vehicle; providing that the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment may not be suspended; establishing the crime of assault against a passenger on a specified transit vehicle as an assault in the second degree; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None

### **HB0323 Criminal Law - Malicious Destruction of Property - Transit Vehicles**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Melvin L. Stukes (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB0323 has been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** Imposing a specified mandatory minimum term of imprisonment on a person who is convicted of malicious destruction of property for damage done to a specified transit vehicle; providing that the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment may not be suspended; requiring that a person who is convicted of malicious destruction of property for damage done to a specified transit vehicle be ordered to pay restitution; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None

### **HB0324 Criminal Law - Assault Against a Transit Vehicle Operator - Penalties**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Melvin L. Stukes (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB0324 has been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

**Purpose:** Imposing a 20-year mandatory minimum term of imprisonment on a person who is convicted of first degree assault against a person operating a specified transit vehicle; providing that the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment may not be suspended; establishing the crime of assault against a person operating a specified transit vehicle as an assault in the second degree; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0338 - Energy Efficiency Tax Credit and Surcharge Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D-Baltimore Co.) et al. HB0325 has been assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the Department of the Environment to establish a program for energy-efficient replacement tires; allowing specified credits against the sales and use tax imposed on the purchase of specified energy-efficient products; imposing specified surcharges on the purchase of specified products; allowing a specified credit against the motor vehicle excise tax for specified fuel-efficient vehicles; imposing a specified surcharge for specified fuel-inefficient vehicles; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0340 - Bus Service Provided by Institutions of Higher Education - Exemption from Motor Carrier Permit Requirement**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.), et al. HB0340 has been assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee. HB0340 is Cross-filed with SB0031

**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.

### **HB0364 - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems - Statewide Authorization and Use in Highway Work Zones**

**Sponsor/Status:** The Speaker (By Request - Administration), et al. HB0364 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee. HB0264 is Cross-filed with SB0269.

**Purpose:** Authorizing in all counties of the State and in specified highway work zones the use of speed monitoring systems to enforce specified highway speed laws under specified standards and procedures; restricting the use of specified revenues generated under the Act; altering the maximum fine for a violation enforced by a speed monitoring system; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0366 - BRAC Community Enhancement Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** The Speaker (By Request - Administration), et al. HB0366 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee. HB0366 is Cross-filed with SB0206.

**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.

### **HB0368 - Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative - Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** The Speaker (By Request - Administration), et al. HB0366 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee. HB0366 is Cross-filed with SB0206.

**Purpose:** Repealing the Maryland Renewable Energy Fund and establishing the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program in the Maryland Energy Administration; establishing the purpose of the Program; establishing the duties of the Administration under the Program; establishing the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund not subject to a specified law; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0373 - Maryland Transit Administration - Transit-Oriented Development**

**Sponsor/Status:** The Speaker (By Request - Administration), et al. HB0373 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee. HB0373 is Cross-filed with SB0204.

**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.

### **HB0374 - EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency Act of 2008**

**Sponsor/Status:** The Speaker (By Request - Administration), et al. HB0374 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee. HB0374 is Cross-filed with SB0205.

**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

### **HB0375 - Renewable Portfolio Standard Percentage Requirements - Acceleration**

**Sponsor/Status:** The Speaker (By Request - Administration), et al. HB0375 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee. HB0374 is Cross-filed with SB0205.

**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.

### **HB0376 - High Performance Buildings Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** The Speaker (By Request - Administration), et al. HB0376 was assigned to the House Health and Government Operations Committee and House Appropriations Committee. HB0376 is Cross-filed with SB0208.

**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.

### **HB0377 - Solar and Geothermal Tax Incentive and Grant Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** The Speaker (By Request - Administration), et al. HB0377 was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee. HB0377 is Cross-filed with SB0207.

**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.

### **HB0380 - Motor Vehicles - Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving - Prohibition**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Frank S. Turner (D-Howard Co.), et al. HB0380 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Prohibiting a person from using a text messaging device to write, send, or read a text message while operating a motor vehicle.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0469 - County Property Tax - Interest in Federal Government Property - Payment in Lieu of Taxes**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Mary Ann E. Love (D-Anne Arundel Co.). HBO469 was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Purpose:** Providing that specified interests in property of the federal government under specified circumstances are subject to county property tax and development impact fees; authorizing a county to enter into a negotiated agreement for payment in lieu of taxes; requiring an agreement for a negotiated payment in lieu of taxes to include specified information; providing an exemption from county property tax under specified circumstances; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0505 - Public Transportation - Drivers and Operators - Criminal History Records Check and Training**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Henry B. Heller (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB0505 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the Public Service Commission to include specified requirements in the terms and conditions for a motor carrier permit; requiring a person employed or offered employment as a driver or operator for a motor carrier to make application for a specified criminal history record and to submit proof of having successfully completed a

specified course of instruction; and requiring the Maryland State Department of Education and the Department of Disabilities jointly to develop the course.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0507- Commission to Study Southern Maryland Transportation Needs**

**Sponsor/Status:** Southern Maryland Delegation. HB0507 is cross-filed with SB200 and has been assigned to the House Environmental Matters 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.

### **HB0512 - Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Maggie McIntosh (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB0512 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee. HB0512 is cross-filed with SB0302.

**Purpose:** Establishing the Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund and the Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund Board; requiring the Fund to be used in specified ways to support, foster, and promote affordable housing; specifying the source of moneys of the Fund; requiring 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; imposing an annual State tax on specified property at a specified rate; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0562 - Rail Transportation between Annapolis and the Washington and Baltimore Areas - Feasibility Study**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Ron George (R-Anne Arundel Co.). HB0562 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the Department of Transportation to study options for providing rail transportation 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; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0563 - Transportation - Annapolis Light Rail - Feasibility Study**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Ron George (R-Anne Arundel Co.), et al. HB0563 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of funding and constructing light rail transit facilities in a specified corridor in the Annapolis area 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; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0605 - Vehicle Laws - Overtaking and Passing Vehicles**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Kevin Kelly (D-Allegany Co.), et al. HB0605 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

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

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0695 - Vehicle Laws - Use of Wireless Communication Devices by Young Drivers - Enforcement**

**Sponsor/Status:** Charles County Delegation. HB0695 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Repealing a provision of law that limits a police officer to enforcing only as a secondary violation a prohibition against a young holder of a learner's instructional permit or provisional driver's license from using a wireless communication device while driving; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0711 - Motor Vehicles - School Bus Drivers - Prohibition on Use of a Wireless Communication Device While Driving**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Charles E. Barkley (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB0711 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Prohibiting the driver of a school bus from using a wireless communication device while operating the school bus under specified circumstances; defining terms; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0712 - Global Warming Solutions - Reductions in Greenhouse Gases**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Kumar P. Barve (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB0712 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee. HB0712 is cross-filed with SB0309.

**Purpose:** Authorizing specified moneys to be paid into, and expanding the permissible uses of, the Maryland Clean Air Fund; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to require specified reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by specified years; requiring the Department to publish specified lists of greenhouse gas reduction measures and a final plan, and to adopt regulations in order to implement these measures; creating the Office of Climate Change within the Department and specifying its duties; etc.

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

### **HB0742 - Affordable Housing Programs - Waiver or Modification of Fees and Charges - Enabling Authority for Counties and Municipalities**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Charles E. Barkley (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB0742 has been assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee. HB0742 is cross-filed with SB0281.

**Purpose:** Authorizing counties and municipalities to support, foster, or promote an affordable housing program for individuals or families of low or moderate income by waiving or modifying specified fees and charges for construction of specified housing.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0769 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Composition**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate David D. Rudolph (D-Cecil Co.), et al. HB0769 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Altering the membership of the Maryland Transportation Authority by requiring at least one member to be a resident of Cecil County and at least one member to be a resident of Harford County; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

## **HB0793 - Baltimore Regional Transportation Authority Study Task Force**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Keith E. Haynes (D-Baltimore City), et al. HB0793 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee. HB0793 is cross-filed with SB0644.

**Purpose:** Establishing a Baltimore Regional Transportation Authority Study Task Force to consider specified transportation-related issues, and to study and make recommendations regarding the creation of an independent transportation authority for a specified region; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by a specified date; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

## **HB0842 - Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program - Exemption for Low Mileage**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate LeRoy E. Myers, Jr. (R-Allegany Co., Washington Co.), et al. HB0842 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Providing that a motor vehicle is exempt from the mandatory inspection and testing requirements of the vehicle emissions inspection program if the motor vehicle is driven 1,000 miles or less annually, and the exemption is not prohibited by federal law; and specifying application procedures.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

## **HB0874 - Vehicle Laws - Prohibition against Minors with Provisional License Transporting Minors - Enforcement**

**Sponsor/Status:** Charles County Delegation. HB0874 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee. HB0874 is cross-filed with SB0661.

**Purpose:** Repealing a provision of law that limits a police officer to enforcing a prohibition only as a secondary action against a minor with a provisional license who is transporting other minors when the police officer detains the driver on suspicion of violating another provision of law; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

## **HB0875 - Vehicular Crossings - Use by Pedestrians and Bicycles – Authorization**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate C. William Frick (D-Montgomery County), et al. HB0875 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee. HB0875 is cross-filed with SB0492.

**Purpose:** Authorizing the use of specified vehicular crossings under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority by pedestrians and bicycles when authorized by the chairman of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0907 - Sustainable Energy Task Force**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Sue Hecht (D-Frederick Co.) et al. HB0907 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Establishing a Sustainable Energy Task Force; establishing the membership of the Task Force; providing for the designation of a chair of the Task Force; providing for staff for the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified issues; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a specified date; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0956 - Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge Deck Replacement - Susquehanna River Region E-Z Pass - Pilot Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate David D. Rudolph (D-Cecil Co.), et al. HB0956 was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to provide for a Susquehanna River Region E-Z Pass that is valid only at the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge and specified portions of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway during, and 1 month after, the deck replacement project on the Bridge; limiting use of the E-Z Pass to two-axle motor vehicles; requiring registration for the E-Z Pass in person; establishing a maximum fee of \$10; authorizing the Authority to adopt regulations for implementation; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB0958 - Vehicle Laws - Registration Fees - Discount for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Michael H. Weir, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB0958 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Providing for a reduction of annual motor vehicle registration fees for individuals who meet specified requirements; providing that the registration fee reduction does not apply to the first issuance of a registration to the owner of a motor vehicle after title or interest transfers to that owner; etc.

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

### **HB0983 - Vehicle Laws - Operation of Low Speed Vehicles - Highway Restrictions**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate James E. Malone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co., Howard Co.). HB0983 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Increasing 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:** None.

### **HB1110 Texting While Driving Ban of 2008**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jeff Waldstreicher (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB1110 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Prohibiting the use of a wireless communication device to write, send, or read a text message while operating a motor vehicle; establishing specified exceptions to the prohibition; and providing that specified use of a wireless communication device does not constitute writing, sending, or reading a text message under the Act.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB1127 - Transportation Trust Fund - Dedicated Highway Funds**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Susan W. Krebs (R-Carroll Co.), et al. HB1127 was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Purpose:** Providing that specified taxes, fees, charges, and revenues deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund may be used only for specified purposes; repealing obsolete provisions; repealing provisions relating to the transfer of specified funds from the Transportation Trust Fund to a special fund; etc.

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

### **HB1128 - Transportation Trust Fund Protection Act**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Susan W. Krebs (R-Carroll Co.), et al. HB1128 was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee.

**Purpose:** Prohibiting the transfer or diversion of funds from the Transportation Trust Fund except under specified circumstances; requiring the Governor to make a specified

declaration if funds are transferred or diverted from the Transportation Trust Fund; and requiring the enactment of legislation providing for a specified repayment plan before funds are transferred or diverted from the Transportation Trust Fund.

**Prior Legislative History:** Similar Legislation has been introduced repeatedly.

### **HB1145 - Renewable Energy Infrastructure Loan Program**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Mary Roe Walkup (R-Caroline Co., Cecil Co., Kent Co., Q. Anne's Co.), et al. HB1145 was assigned to the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Establishing a Renewable Energy Infrastructure Loan Program in the Maryland Energy Administration; establishing the purposes of the Program; establishing the duties of the Administration in relation to the Program; establishing the Renewable Energy Infrastructure Fund; providing for the administration, funding sources, and accounting of the Fund; requiring money from the Energy Overcharge Restitution Fund to be expended for specified renewable energy infrastructure loans; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB1160 - Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate James E. Malone, Jr. (D-Baltimore Co., Howard Co.), et al. HB1160 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Establishing a Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation; authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive reimbursement for specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to report to the General Assembly by a specified date; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB1185 - Maryland Transit Administration - Public Transit Services - Efficiency and Performance Standards**

**Sponsor/Status:** Chair, Ways and Means Committee and Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request - Departmental - Transportation)

**Purpose:** Repealing provisions of law relating to the percentage of operating costs that must be recovered from specified revenues for specified public transit services; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to implement performance indicators to track transit service efficiency; requiring the Administration to submit an annual report to

specified committees of the General Assembly; providing for periodic management audits to evaluate performance of transit services; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

#### **HB1198 - Howard County - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems Ho. Co. 07-08**

**Sponsor/Status:** Howard County Delegation. HB1198 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Adding Howard County as a county authorized to use speed monitoring systems to enforce highway speed laws under existing standards and procedures; limiting the use of speed monitoring systems in Howard County to specified highways; establishing a \$75 maximum fine for a violation of law enforced by a speed monitoring system in Howard County; restricting the use of revenue generated by the Act; requiring Howard County to report on the effectiveness of speed monitoring systems to the General Assembly by a specified date; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

#### **HB1237 - State Highways - Designation - Thurgood Marshall Memorial Highway**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Jay Walker (D-Prince George's Co), et al. HB1237 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the State Highway Administration to designate Maryland Route 210 as the Thurgood Marshall Memorial Highway.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

#### **HB1238 - Transportation - Public-Private Partnerships - Notice to the General Assembly**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Sheila E. Hixson (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB1238 was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority or the State Department of Transportation to provide specified information to specified committees of the General Assembly and the Department of Legislative Services no later than 45 days prior to issuing a public notice of procurement related to a public-private partnership; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

#### **HB1254 - Vehicle Laws - Operation of Low Speed Vehicles - Highway**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Joseph R. Bartlett (R-Frederick Co.). HB1254 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Increasing from 30 to 35 miles per hour the maximum speed limit for purposes of a provision of law that prohibits the operation of a low speed vehicle on a highway with a specified posted speed limit.

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

### **HB1255 - Study to Evaluate Strategies to Reduce Deer-Vehicle Collisions**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Joseph R. Bartlett (R-Frederick Co.), et al. HB1255 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of State Police to jointly conduct a study to evaluate strategies to reduce deer-vehicle collisions; requiring the study to include specified reviews, evaluations, and examinations; requiring the Departments to use only personnel and resources in the Departments; and requiring the Departments to jointly submit a report to the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2009.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB1380 - Maryland Transportation Authority - Interstate 95 Study – Jurisdiction**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate David D. Rudolph (D-Cecil Co.). HB1380 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority and the State Highway Administration to study the feasibility and ramifications of extending the jurisdiction of the Authority to include the portion of Interstate 95 from Baltimore City to the Maryland-Virginia border; requiring the study to include specified analyses; requiring a specified report; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB1416 - Intercounty Connector - Impact on Global Warming**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Dana D. Stein (D-Baltimore Co.), et al. HB1416 was assigned to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Department of the Environment to conduct a study on the impact the Intercounty Connector project could have on greenhouse gas emissions; requiring the study to quantify specified costs

attributable to the project; requiring a specified public comment period; making financing of the project contingent on the publication and submission of the study to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB1470 - Special Taxing Districts - Residential Property - Prohibition - Property Tax Credit**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Barbara A. Frush (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.), et al. HB1470 was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Purpose:** Prohibiting a county from creating a special taxing district that includes residential property or modifying an existing special taxing district to include residential property; requiring a county to grant a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on residential property within a special taxing district equal to the amount of the special taxing district assessment imposed on the residential property; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30,2008; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB1471 - Transportation - Intercounty Connector - Elimination of Funding**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Barbara A. Frush (D-Anne Arundel Co., Prince George's Co.), et al. HB1471 was assigned to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

**Purpose:** Requiring the Governor to include a specified appropriation to the Transportation Trust Fund under specified circumstances; prohibiting the State Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority from financing the Intercounty Connector; requiring the Authority to retire specified bonds secured by a pledge of future federal aid in a specified manner; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

### **HB1489 - Transportation - Crimes Against Public Transit Employees - Penalties**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D-Baltimore City). HB1489 was assigned to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

**Purpose:** Prohibiting an individual from committing specified offenses against specified public transit employees who are acting in the course of their duties; establishing penalties; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

**HB1595 - Intercounty Connector - Public Health Impacts from Air Pollution - Assessment**

**Sponsor/Status:** Delegate Heather R. Mizeur (D-Montgomery Co.), et al. HB1595 was assigned to the House Executive Nominations Committee.

**Purpose:** Prohibiting the State and the Maryland Transportation Authority from expending specified funds for the Intercounty Connector until a specified assessment is completed; specifying parameters for the assessment; requiring the Department of Transportation and the Department of the Environment jointly to create models and to quantify emissions, impacts, and risks, as specified; requiring an assessment of impacts, an analysis, publication of results, public hearings, public comments, and written responses, as specified; etc.

**Prior Legislative History:** None.

**2008 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

No related resolutions introduced to date

**2008 HOUSE OF DELEGATES JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

No related resolutions introduced to date