



Baltimore
Metropolitan
Council

**TRANSPORTATION, AIR QUALITY, AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT-RELATED LEGISLATION
INTRODUCED IN THE 2012 SESSION
OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

2012 Legislative Report

As of April 11, 2012

**This session of the Maryland General Assembly began on
January 11, 2012 and adjourns on April 9, 2012**

**The filing deadline for bills and resolutions is February 3 for the Senate,
and February 10 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

2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

For the last nineteen 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. Historically, these reports focus on transportation and air quality legislation. In recent years, the report has expanded to cover legislation affecting our member jurisdictions or the region, the operation of local and state government and sustainable growth and development.

The Maryland General Assembly meets annually in Annapolis for a 90-day session. The 2012 session began on January 11 and will adjourn on April 9. There are 47 Senators and 141 Delegates in the General Assembly.

The legislation in this report is organized into Senate and House of Delegates bills. The following categories of information are provided for each bill: Bill Number/Title, Sponsor and Synopsis. Additional information, including status and hearing dates is available by clicking on the link attached to the bill number, which will take you directly to the General Assembly's website. The entirety of the information in this report is provided by the Maryland General Assembly, Department of Legislative Services.

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See <http://mlis.state.md.us/2012RS/synopsis/synindx.htm> for a complete listing of all bills filed during the 2012 session based on the date of filing.

**CATEGORIES OF LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE
2012 SESSION OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RELATED

BILL	TITLE	STATUS	CROSS FILE
HB32	Department of Planning—State Development Plan—Approval by the General Assembly	<i>WITHDRAWN</i>	n/a
HB33	Environment—Watershed Implementation Plans—Implementation Deadlines	<i>WITHDRAWN</i>	n/a
HB35	Private Property Rights—Regulatory Infringement—Compensation	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	SB819
HB36	Department of Planning—State Development Plan—Approval or Modification by the General Assembly	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	n/a
HB47	Environment—County Plans—Authority	<i>UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters</i>	SB692
HB174	Local Government Self-Insurance Funds – Investment Guidelines	RETURNED PASSED	SB463
HB250	Elections – Baltimore City – Election Dates	PASSED ENROLLED	n/a
HB253	Department of Planning—Local and Regional Planning and Land Use Powers—Prohibition on Restriction	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	n/a
HB437	Local States of Emergency – Time Period – Extension	RETURN PASSED	SB88
HB445	Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012	First Reading Environmental Matters	SB236
HB487	Environment—Watershed Implementation Plan—Ranking Best Management Practices	<i>UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters</i>	SB822
HB504	State Government—Open Meetings Act—Online Training	BILL IS IN THE SENATE— UNFAVORABLE	n/a
HB568	Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program – Credit Allocation	RETURN PASSED	n/a
HB575	Local Government Investment Pool – Authorized Participants	RETURN PASSED	SB542

HB628	Street Lighting—Purchase of Equipment By Local Government and Tariffs	UNFAVORABLE Economic Matters	SB688
HB654	State Development Plan—Repeal	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	n/a
HB712	Street Lighting—Purchase of Equipment By Local Government and Tariff	UNFAVORABLE Economic Matters	n/a
HB731	Housing and Community Development – Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program – Project Proposals	RECOMMIT TO COMMITTEE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	n/a
HB854	Forest Conservation Act—Exception for Local Stormwater Management Activity	WITHDRAWN Environmental Matters	n/a
HB858	Land Use – Local Historic District Commissions and Historic Preservation Commissions – Alternate Members	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR	n/a
HB863	Teachers’ Retirement and Pension Systems—Local Employer Contributions	UNFAVORABLE Appropriations	SB836
HB922	Maryland Smart Growth Advisory Council	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	n/a
HB923	Property Tax Credit – Neighborhood Conservation Act of 2012	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR	n/a
HB931	Department of Planning—State Development Plan—Approval by the General Assembly	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	n/a
HB932	Department of Planning—State Development Plan—Denials of Projects, Permits, Approvals, or State Funding	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	n/a
HB952	State Personnel—Teleworking – Eligibility	UNFAVORABLE Appropriations	n/a
HB987	Stormwater Management – Watershed Protection and Restoration Program	PASSED ENROLLED	SB614
HB998	Counties—Compilations of Local Laws—Copies to State Agencies	WITHDRAWN	n/a
HB1058	Program Open Space – Local Projects – Funding for Development	RETURN PASSED	SB442

HB1195	Land Use—Rail Station overlay Districts	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	n/a
HB1201	Department of Planning – State Development Plan – Use and Conflicts of Law	RETURN PASSED	SB532
HB1290	Land Use	RETURN PASSED	n/a
HB1355	Political Subdivisions—Legal Notice Requirements—Posting on Web Sites	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	SB599
HB1423	Local Government – Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Funds—Distribution of Money to Volunteer Companies	Re-referred Health and Government Operations	SB1087
HB1467	Sustainable Communities—Financing and Designation	Re-referred Environmental Matters	n/a

BILL	TITLE	STATUS	CROSS FILE
SB88	Local States of Emergency - Time Period - Extension	RETURN PASSED	HB437
SB126	Department of Natural Resources - Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR	n/a
SB236	Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012	PASSED ENROLLED	HB445
SB358	Public-Private Partnerships	BILL IS IN THE HOUSE	HB576
SB442	Program Open Space – Local Projects – Funding for Development	RETURN PASSED	HB1058
SB463	Local Government Self-Insurance Funds – Exclusion from Investment Guidelines	RETURN PASSED	HB174
SB532	Department of Planning – State Development Plan – Use and Conflicts of Law	BILL IS IN THE HOUSE	HB1201
SB542	Local Governments Investment Pool – Authorized Participants	BILL IS IN THE HOUSE	HB575
SB599	Political Subdivisions—Legal Notice Requirements—Posting on Websites	First Reading Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	HB1355
SB614	Stormwater Management—Watershed Protection and	First Reading Education, Health and	HB987

	Restoration Program	Environmental Affairs	
SB651	Economic Development—Green Business Incentive Zones	WITHDRAWN Budget and Taxation and Finance	n/a
SB688	Street Lighting—Purchase of Equipment by Local Government and Tariffs	First Reading Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	HB628
SB775	Municipal Corporations—Collection of Charges	WITHDRAWN	n/a
SB819	Private Property Rights - Regulatory Infringement - Compensation	UNFAVORABLE Judicial Proceedings	HB35
SB822	Environment—Watershed Implementation Plan—County Implementation	UNFAVORABLE Education Health and Environmental Affairs	HB487
SB826	Local and Regional Planning and Land Use Powers—Prohibition on Restriction	UNFAVORABLE Education Health and Environmental Affairs	n/a
SB829	Department of Planning—State Development Plan—Approval By the General Assembly	UNFAVORABLE Education Health and Environmental Affairs	n/a
SB835	State Development Plan—Conflicts With a County or Municipal Corporation	UNFAVORABLE Education Health and Environmental Affairs	n/a
SB836	Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems—Local Employer Contributions	First Reading Budget and Taxation	HB863
SB948	Ethics—Financial Disclosure By Local Elected Officials and County Boards of Education	Re-referred Education Health and Environmental Affairs	HB1177
SB1087	Local Government – Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Funds – Distribution of Money to Volunteer Companies	BILL IS IN THE HOUSE	HB1243

ENVIRONMENTAL, AIR QUALITY, ENERGY, WATER QUALITY

BILL	TITLE	STATUS	CROSS FILE
HB1	Environment - Recycling - Apartment Buildings and Condominiums	RETURN PASSED	SB208
HB108	Vehicle Laws—Stopping, Standing, and Parking—Plug-In Vehicles	Referred to Interim Study	SB340
HB124	Dedicated Funds—Prohibition of Transfer—Chesapeake and	UNFAVORABLE Appropriations	SB65

	Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund and Bay Restoration Fund		
HB169	Environment — At-Store Recycling — Plastic Carryout Bags	First Reading Environmental Matters	n/a
HB186	Department of the Environment — Permit Proceedings — Judicial Review	PASSED ENROLLED	n/a
HB229	Maryland Plastic Bag Recycling Act	First Reading Environmental Matters	SB164
HB258	Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard — Sale or Transfer of Solar Renewable Energy Credits — Elimination of Minimum Required Term	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR	n/a
HB259	Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund — Municipal Electric Utility — Exemption	<i>WITHDRAWN</i> <i>Economic Matters</i>	n/a
HB280	Electric Service Quality and Reliability Standards — Deadlines	<i>UNFAVORABLE</i> <i>Economic Matters</i>	SB449
HB296	Environment — Hydraulic Fracturing Wastewater — Prohibited Acts	<i>UNFAVORABLE</i> <i>Environmental Matters</i>	n/a
HB298	Procurement — State Funds — Energy Efficient Outdoor Lighting Fixtures	<i>WITHDRAWN</i> Health and Government Operations	n/a
HB441	Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2012	BILL IS IN THE SENATE	SB237
HB446	Environment — Bay Restoration Fund — Fees	PASSED ENROLLED	SB240
HB464	Agriculture — Total Maximum Daily Load — Regulations	<i>WITHDRAWN</i> <i>Environmental Matters</i>	SB330
HB486	Environment — Watershed Implementation Plan — Ranking Best Management Practices	<i>UNFAVORABLE</i> <i>Environmental Matters</i>	SB823
HB522	Maryland Green Fuel Initiative — Motor Fuel Taxes — Biodiesel	First Reading Ways and Means	n/a
HB529	Environment — Local Stormwater Management Charges — State Property	BILL IS IN THE SENATE	n/a
HB549	Stormwater Management — Residential Stormwater Practices — Inspection and Maintenance	<i>UNFAVORABLE</i> <i>Environmental Matters</i>	n/a
HB626	Environment — Discharge of	<i>WITHDRAWN</i>	n/a

	Pollutants—Permit Exemption	Environmental Matters	
HB637	State Finance and Procurement—Renewable Energy Resources—Lease of State Property	WITHDRAWN Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters	SB513
HB662	Gas Companies—Rate Regulation—Infrastructure Replacement Surcharge	BILL IS IN THE SENATE—UNFAVORABLE	SB541
HB671	Stormwater Management—Dredging—Testing for Toxic Substances	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	SB475
HB683	Electric Vehicles—Use of High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes—Reciprocity With Virginia	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	n/a
HB733	Public Utility Companies—Generating Stations—Wind	UNFAVORABLE Economic Matters	SB771
HB770	Public Service Commission—Electric Companies—New Generation Facilities and Customer Credits	PASSED ENROLLED	n/a
HB864	Electricity—Community Energy-Generating Facilities and Net Energy Metering	UNFAVORABLE ECONOMIC MATTERS	SB595
HB879	Environment—Statewide Electronics Recycling Program	RETURN PASSED	n/a
HB907	Environment—Natural Gas Production—Severance Tax	BILL IS IN THE SENATE	n/a
HB929	Environment—Recycling Rates and Waste Diversion—Statewide Goals	RETURN PASSED	n/a
HB983	Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area—Prohibition—Junk and Scrap Metal Facilities	BILL IS IN THE SENATE—SENATE REFUSES TO RECEDE	SB483
HB992	Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Requirements—Authority to Withhold Funds to Local Entities	WITHDRAWN Health and Government Operations	n/a
HB995	Maryland Energy Administration—Sustainability Energy Regulated Entity Financing Program	UNFAVORABLE Economic Matters	n/a
HB1163	Environment—Penalty for Sewage Overflow—Establishment and Distribution	First Reading Health and Government Operations	n/a
HB1186	Renewable Energy Portfolio	PASSED ENROLLED	SB652

	Standard – Renewable Energy Credits – Geothermal Heating and Cooling		
HB1187	Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Solar Energy and Solar Water Heating Systems	RETURN PASSED	n/a
HB1280	Public Utilities – Electric Vehicle Users and Charging Stations – Exclusions	RETURN PASSED	SB997

BILL	TITLE	STATUS	CROSS FILE
SB65	Dedicated Funds – Prohibition of Transfer – Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund and Bay Restoration Fund	UNFAVORABLE Budget and Taxation	HB124
SB117	Environment – Water Appropriation Permits – Construction Dewatering Projects	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR	n/a
SB118	Voluntary Agricultural Nutrient and Sediment Credit Certification Program	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR	n/a
SB164	Maryland Plastic Bag Recycling Act	BILL IS IN THE HOUSE	HB229
SB208	Environment – Recycling – Apartment Buildings and Condominiums	PASSED ENROLLED	HB1
SB237	Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2012	First Reading Finance	HB444
SB240	Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Fees	First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	HB446
SB330	Agriculture – Total Maximum Daily Load – Regulations	UNFAVORABLE	HB464
SB340	Vehicle Laws – Stopping, Standing, and Parking – Plug-In Vehicles	BILL IS IN THE HOUSE – REFERRED TO INTERIM STUDY	HB108
SB345	Environment – Water and Sewer Authorities – Number of Directors	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR	n/a
SB449	Electric Service Quality and Reliability Standards – Deadlines	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR	HB280
SB475	Stormwater Management – Dredging – Testing for Toxic Substances	First Reading Education, Health and Environment Affairs	HB674

SB483	Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area – Prohibition – Junk and Scrap Metal Facilities	BILL IS IN THE HOUSE – HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED	HB983
SB513	State Finance and Procurement – Renewable Energy Resources – Lease of State Property	UNFAVORABLE Education Health and Environmental Affairs	HB637
SB541	Gas Companies – Rate Regulation – Infrastructure Replacement Surcharge	SECOND READING FAILED	HB662
SB595	Electricity – Community Energy-Generating Facilities and Net Energy Metering	SECOND READING FAILED	HB864
SB635	Environment – Water Appropriation or Use Permits – Fees	BILL IS IN THE HOUSE	n/a
SB638	Electricity Market – Goal of the State – Best Possible Price for Ratepayers Through Reregulation	WITHDRAWN Finance	n/a
SB652	Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Renewable Energy Credits – Geothermal Heating and Cooling	PASSED ENROLLED	HB1186
SB692	Environment – County Plans – Authority	UNFAVORABLE Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	HB47
SB754	Electric Companies – Generation Request for Proposals – Expansion of Area	First Reading Finance	HB381
SB771	Public Utility Companies – Generating Stations – Wind	First Reading Finance	HB773
SB791	Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Solar, Energy and Solar Water Heating Systems	RETURN PASSED	n/a
SB796	Renewable Portfolio Standard – Solar – Small Solar On-Site Generators and Solar Water Heating Systems	WITHDRAWN Finance	n/a
SB823	Environment – Watershed Implementation Plan – Ranking Best Management Practices	UNFAVORABLE Education Health and Environmental Matters	HB486
SB877	Environment – Water Pollution Control – Reporting and Penalties	BILL IS IN THE HOUSE	n/a
SB997	Public Utilities – Electric Vehicle	RETURN PASSED	HB1280

	Users and Charging Stations – Exclusions		
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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

BILL	TITLE	STATUS	CROSS FILE
HB842	Maryland Transit Administration – Free Ridership for State Employees	BILL IS IN THE SENATE – RECOMMIT TO COMMITTEE FINANCE	n/a

BILL	TITLE	STATUS	CROSS FILE
SB125	Vehicle Laws – Public Transit Vehicles – Right-of-Way	UNFAVORABLE	n/a

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS, PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

BILL	TITLE	STATUS	CROSS FILE
HB55	Motor Vehicles - Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving	RETURN PASSED	SB529
HB67	Vehicle Laws - Nonfunctioning Traffic Control Signals - Requirement to Stop	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR	SB177
HB104	Motor Vehicles – Use of Wireless Communication Device – Prohibited Acts, Enforcement, and Penalties	BILL IS IN THE SENATE – UNFAVORABLE	SB217
HB123	Vehicle Laws – Wireless Communication Devices – Enforcement of Prohibitions on Use While Driving	<i>WITHDRAWN</i>	n/a
HB149	Mopeds and Motor Scooters – Titling, Registration, Insurance, and Required Use of Protective Headgear	PASSED ENROLLED	SB309
HB163	Motor Vehicles – Prohibition on Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving – Exceptions	WITHDRAWN	n/a
HB282	Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring Systems – Warnings	UNFAVORABLE	n/a
HB292	Vehicle Laws – Provisional Driver’s Licenses – Driver Education Requirements	PASSED ENROLLED	SB506

HB313	Motor Vehicles – Child Seating and Safety Seats – Requirements and Prohibition	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR	SB185
HB326	Vehicle Laws – Use of Work Zone Speed Control Systems – Presence of Workers Required	UNFAVORABLE	SB57
HB340	Vehicle Laws – Seat Belts and Child Safety Seats	First Reading Environmental Matters	SB563
HB343	Vehicle Laws – Child Safety Seats and Seat Belts – Penalty	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	SB460
HB354	Speed Monitoring Systems and School Bus Monitoring Cameras – Use of Fines – Public Education	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	n/a
HB457	Transportation – Highway Construction Training and Supportive Services	PASSED ENROLLED	n/a
HB476	Baltimore City – Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems	RETURN PASSED	SB306
HB552	Vehicle Laws – Distracted Driving – Prohibition	First Reading Environmental Matters	n/a
HB569	Motor Vehicles – Motor Scooters, Mopeds, and Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles – Titling and Required Use of Protective Headgear	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	SB624
HB837	Vehicle Laws – Distracted Driving – Animals	WITHDRAWN Environmental Matters	SB596
HB944	Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles – Riding on Sidewalks	REFERRED TO INTERIM STUDY	SB486
HB1018	Vehicle Laws – Parking for Individuals With Disabilities – Van Accessible Spaces	REFERRED TO INTERIM STUDY	n/a
HB1132	State Highways – Telematics Technology – Request for Proposals	WITHDRAWN Health and Government Operations	n/a
HB1278	Transportation – Institutions of Higher Education and State Employment Facilities – Bicycle and Pedestrian Access	RETURN PASSED	SB977
HB1397	Vehicle Laws – Overtaking and Passing Bicycles, EPAMDS, and Motor Scooters	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	n/a

BILL	TITLE	STATUS	CROSS FILE
SB7	Vehicle Laws – Nonfunctioning Traffic Control Signals	Withdrawn Judicial Proceedings	n/a
SB57	Vehicle Laws – Use of Work Zone Speed Control Systems – Presence of Workers Required	UNFAVORABLE Judicial Proceedings	HB326
SB110	Motor Vehicle Administration – Young Driver Improvement Program – Parent and Guardian Attendance	First Reading Judicial Proceedings	n/a
SB116	Vehicle Laws – Weight and Load Requirements – Vehicles Carrying Perishable Products	RETURN PASSED	n/a
SB124	Motor Vehicles – Eligibility for Driver’s License Test	UNFAVORABLE Judicial Proceedings	n/a
SB177	Vehicle Laws – Nonfunctioning Traffic Control Signals – Requirement to Stop	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR	HB67
SB185	Motor Vehicles – Child Seating and Safety Seats – Requirements and Prohibition	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR	HB313
SB217	Motor Vehicles – Use of Wireless Communication Device – Prohibited Acts, Enforcement, and Penalties	UNFAVORABLE Judicial Proceedings	HB104
SB306	Baltimore City – Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems	APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR	HB476
SB309	Mopeds and Motor Scooters – Titling, Registration, Insurance, and Required Use of Protective Headgear	PASSED ENROLLED	HB149
SB460	Vehicle Laws – Child Safety Seats and Seat Belts – Penalty	UNFAVORABLE Environmental Matters	HB343
SB488	Vehicle Laws – Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders – Exception	First Reading Judicial Proceedings	n/a
SB506	Vehicle Laws – Provisional Driver’s Licenses – Driver Education Requirements	PASSED ENROLLED	HB292
SB529	Motor Vehicles – Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving	PASSED ENROLLED	HB55
SB559	Vehicle Laws – Prohibition Against Smoking in Vehicle Containing	BILL IS IN THE HOUSE	n/a

	Young Child		
SB563	Vehicle Laws – Seat Belts and Child Safety Seats	First Reading Judicial Proceedings	HB340
SB596	Vehicle Laws – Distracted Driving – Animals	UNFAVORABLE Judicial Proceedings	HB837
SB624	Motor Vehicles – Motor Scooters, Mopeds, and Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles – Titling and Required Use of Protective Headgear	First Reading Judicial Proceedings	HB569
SB789	Transportation – State Determination of Paratransit Service Eligibility – Acceptance by Local Governments	WITHDRAWN Finance	n/a
SB940	Consumer Protection – Tire Age – Required Notice	WITHDRAWN Finance	HB729
SB977	Transportation – Institutions of Higher Education and State Employment Facilities – Bicycle and Pedestrian Access	RETURN PASSED	HB1278

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

BILL	TITLE	STATUS	CROSS FILE
HB23	Dedicated State Funds Protection Act	UNFAVORABLE Appropriations	n/a
HB40	Transportation – Toll, Fee, or Other Charge Increases – Notice and Public Comment	First Reading Ways and Means	SB820
HB146	Transportation Trust Fund Protection Act	UNFAVORABLE Appropriations	n/a
HB213	Baltimore City Community Enhancement Transit-Oriented Development Fund	PASSED ENROLLED	SB252
HB576	Public-Private Partnerships	BILL IS IN THE SENATE	SB358
HB605	Transportation – Baltimore Corridor Red Line Transit Study	BILL IS IN THE SENATE	SB493
HB635	Task Force to Study the Creation of Regional Transit Financing Authorities	First Reading Ways and Means	n/a
HB685	Maryland Transportation Authority – Tolls – Legislative Approval Required	First Reading Ways and Means	n/a

HB845	Transportation—Highway User Revenues—Distribution	UNFAVORABLE Appropriations	n/a
HB1133	State Highway Administration—Closure of Interstate 70 for Red Line Transit Project Expansion Prohibited	WITHDRAWN Environmental Matters	n/a
HB1157	Maryland Transportation Authority—Fixing or Revising Tolls—Legislative Approval Required	First Reading Ways and Means	n/a
HB1231	Maryland Transit Administration—Farebox Recovery Rate Increase	First Reading Ways and Means	n/a
HB1232	Maryland Transportation Authority—Privatization of the Intercounty Connector and the I-95 Express Toll Lanes	First Reading Ways and Means	n/a
HB1233	State Highway Administration—Privatization of Rest Areas and Welcome Centers on State Highways	First Reading Ways and Means	n/a
HB1250	Transportation—Transit Authorities—Red Line and Purple Line	First Reading Ways and Means	SB696
HB1251	Transportation—Chesapeake Bay Bridge Authority	First Reading Ways and Means	n/a
HB1259	Maryland Transportation Authority—Audit Statements Available Online	UNFAVORABLE Appropriations	SB825
HB1299	State Highway Administration—Sale of Naming Rights to State Highways	Re-referred Ways and Means	n/a
HB1302	Maryland Transportation Financing and Infrastructure Investment Act of 2012	Re-referred Ways and Means	SB971
HB1323	Task Force to Study Separating Mass Transit Funding From the Transportation Trust Fund	Re-referred Ways and Means	n/a
HB1375	Vehicle Laws—Maryland Transportation Authority—Payment of Tolls	Re-referred Environmental Matters	n/a
HB1388	Motor Fuel Tax—Increase—Construction Cost Index	Re-referred Ways and Means	n/a

BILL	TITLE	STATUS	CROSS FILE
SB3	Maryland Toll Accountability Act	First Reading Finance	n/a
SB62	Maryland Transportation Authority - Fixing or Revising Tolls -	First Reading Finance	n/a

	Legislative Approval Required		
SB233	Transportation Trust Fund – Appropriation of General Fund Surplus	UNFAVORABLE	n/a
SB252	Baltimore City Community Enhancement Transit-Oriented Development Fund	BILL IS IN THE HOUSE – SECOND READING PASSED	HB213
SB325	Regional Mass Transit Account	First Reading Budget and Taxation	n/a
SB403	Transportation Trust Fund – Dedicated Highway Funds	First Reading Budget and Taxation	n/a
SB440	Highway User Revenue Distribution	First Reading Budget and Taxation	n/a
SB441	Transportation Trust Fund – Financing – Use of Funds	First Reading Budget and Taxation	n/a
SB493	Transportation – Baltimore Corridor Red Line Transit Study – Study Period	BILL IS IN THE HOUSE SECOND READING PASSED	HB605
SB589	Sales and Use Tax – Mass Transit	First Reading Budget and Taxation	n/a
SB693	Maryland Transportation Authority – Termination – Exchange of Bonds	BILL IS IN THE HOUSE - First Reading Rules and Executive Nominations	n/a
SB696	Transportation – Transit Authorities – Red Line and Purple Line	First Reading Budget and Taxation and Finance	HB1250
SB698	Maryland Transit Administration – Farebox Recovery	First Reading Budget and Taxation	n/a
SB699	Maryland Transit Administration – Farebox Recovery Rate Increase	First Reading Budget and Taxation	n/a
SB701	State Development Plan – Restriction on Use	UNFAVORABLE Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	n/a
SB766	Motor Fuel – Mass Transit Tax – Transit Funding	Reassigned – Budget and Taxation	n/a
SB818	Transportation – Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing – Environmental Impact Study for a Third Span	THIRD READING FAILED	n/a
SB820	Transportation – Toll, Fee, or Other Charge Increases – Notice and Public Comment	RETURN PASSED	HB40
SB821	Environment – Watershed Implementation Plan – Cap on	UNFAVORABLE Education, Health and	n/a

	Costs	Environmental Affairs	
SB824	Transportation—Chesapeake Bay Bridge Authority	First Reading Budget and Taxation and Finance	n/a
SB825	Maryland Transportation Authority—Audits—Statements Available Online	UNFAVORABLE Budget and Taxation	HB1259
SB828	Maryland Transportation Authority—Fixing or Revising Tolls—Legislative Approval Required	First Reading Finance Budget and Taxation	n/a
SB884	Transportation—Highway Construction Training and Supportive Services	Bill is in the House—First Reading Rules and Executive Nominations	n/a
SB971	Maryland Transportation Financing and Infrastructure Investment Act of 2012	Re-referred Budget and Taxation	HB1302
SB977	Transportation – Institutions of Higher Education and State Employment Facilities – Bicycle and Pedestrian Access	RETURN PASSED	HB1278

2012 HOUSE BILLS

HB1 – Environment – Recycling – Apartment Buildings and Condominiums

Sponsored By: Delegate Lafferty

Synopsis: Requiring owners or managers of apartment buildings or condominiums that contain 10 or more units to provide residents with the opportunity for recycling on or before October 1, 2013; requiring specified owners or managers, beginning on March 1, 2014, to report annually on recycling activities to the county in which the property is located; requiring that the recycling required under the Act be done in accordance with county recycling plans; specifying a civil penalty for a violation of the Act; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EN, § 9-1703(b) - amended and § 9-1711 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB23 – Dedicated State Funds Protection Act

Sponsored By: Delegate McMillan, et al

Synopsis: Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution prohibiting specified transfers of dedicated State funds to the General Fund except for specified purposes under specified circumstances; requiring the Governor to include specified provisions in the budget that provide for the repayment of specified dedicated State funds under specified circumstances within a specified period of time; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB32 – Department of Planning – State Development Plan – Approval of the General Assembly

Sponsored By: Delegate Clagett

Synopsis: Requiring the Secretary of Planning to submit a State Development Plan to the General Assembly; prohibiting a specified plan from being finalized until it is approved by an Act of the General Assembly; requiring the Governor to file with the Secretary of State the Plan, part of the Plan, or revision to the Plan, together with any comments made by the Governor after enactment of a law that approves the Plan; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SF, § 5-605 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB33 – Environment – Watershed Implementation Plans – Implementation Deadlines

Sponsored By: Delegate Clagett

Synopsis: Prohibiting the State from submitting Watershed Implementation Plan documents to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that are based on nutrient or sediment reduction goals that exceed federal requirements; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

EN, §§ 4-801 and 4-802 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB35 – Private Property Rights – Regulatory Infringement – Compensation

Sponsored By: Delegate Smigiel, et al

Synopsis: Giving an owner of private property a cause of action under specified circumstances against the Department of the Environment, the Department of Natural Resources, or the Department of Planning if the application of specified regulations infringes on a private property right; providing that the cause of action shall be filed in a specified court; providing for the sum that a private property owner may recover; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

CJ, § 5-120 and SG, §§ 12-601 through 12-604 - added and CJ, § 6-203(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB36 – Department of Planning – State Development Plan – Approval or Modification by the General Assembly

Sponsored By: Delegate Smigiel, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the Secretary of Planning to submit the State Development Plan and any substantial part or revision of the Plan to the General Assembly; prohibiting the Plan from being finalized until it is approved by an Act of the General Assembly; authorizing the General Assembly to modify the Plan as submitted by the Secretary; requiring the Governor to file with the Secretary of State the Plan, part of the Plan, or a revision to the Plan, together with specified comments, after enactment of a law that approves or modifies the Plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SF, § 5-605 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB40 – Transportation – Toll, Fee, or other Charge Increases – Notice and Public Comment

Sponsored By: Delegate Smigiel, et al

Synopsis: Requiring specified staff of the Maryland Transportation Authority to provide, by a specified date, public notice regarding a proposal to increase specified tolls, fees, or other charges; requiring the Authority to make the proposal available to the public in a specified manner; and requiring the Authority to receive comments from the public at the meeting at which the Authority votes to implement the proposal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
TR, § 4-312 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB47 – Environment – County Plans – Authority

Sponsored By: Delegate Smigiel, et al

Synopsis: Repealing the authority of the Department of the Environment to order a person to prepare and submit specified subdivision plans under specified circumstances; repealing the Department’s authority to order the installation of specified water supply or sewerage systems for subdivisions under specified circumstances; repealing a requirement that a specified county plan be approved by the Department; repealing a requirement that a county adopt a revision or amendment to a specified county plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

EN, §§ 9-206, 9-501, 9-503, 9-510, 9-521(c), and 9-1703(a) - amended and §§ 9-507 and 9-508 - repealed

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB55 – Motor Vehicles – Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving

Sponsored By: Delegate Malone

Synopsis: Altering the definition of “wireless communication device” to include a hand–held or handsfree telephone but to remove from the definition a text messaging device; establishing that a specified prohibition against a minor using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle does not apply to the use of a text messaging device; altering the enforcement provision of the prohibition against a minor texting while driving; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 21-1124 and 21-1124.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB67 – Vehicle Laws – Nonfunctioning Traffic Control Signals – Requirement to Stop

Sponsored By: Delegate S. Robinson, et al

Synopsis: Altering a provision of law requiring vehicular traffic to stop and take specified actions when approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control signal at specified intersections to apply the requirement to all intersections; and requiring vehicular traffic approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control signal at an intersection to stop in a specified manner, yield to other vehicles or pedestrians in the intersection, and remain stopped until it is safe to enter and continue through the intersection.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 21-209 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB104 – Motor Vehicles – Use of Wireless Communication Device – Prohibited Acts, Enforcement and Penalties

Sponsored By: Delegates Malone and Kach

Synopsis: Repealing provisions of law that require enforcement as a secondary offense of specified violations involving the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle; repealing provisions of law that apply prohibitions involving the use of a wireless communication device to specified operators of motor vehicles only if the motor vehicle is in motion; providing that specified prohibitions apply only if the motor vehicle is in the travel portion of a roadway; altering a specified penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 21-1124 and 21-1124.2 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB108 – Vehicle Laws – Stopping, Standing and Parking – Plug-In-Vehicles

Sponsored By: Delegate Luedtke, et al

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle that is not a plug-in vehicle in a space that is marked for the use of plug-in vehicles and provides access to a plug-in vehicle recharging station.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 11-145.1 and 21-1003(ff) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB121 – Dedicated funds – Prohibition of Transfer – Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund and Bay Restoration Fund

Sponsored By: Delegate Beitzel

Synopsis: Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to prohibit the transfer to the General Fund of funds dedicated to the Bay Restoration Fund or the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB123 – Vehicle Laws – Wireless Communication Devices – Enforcement of Prohibitions on Use While Driving

Sponsored By: Delegate Clagett

Synopsis: Repealing provisions of law that require enforcement as a secondary offense of specified prohibitions against the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 21-1124 and 21-1124.2 - amended
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB146 – **Transportation Trust Fund Protection Act**

Sponsored By: Delegate Krebs, et al

Synopsis: Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish a Transportation Trust Fund to be used only for purposes relating to transportation with a specified exception; prohibiting the reversion or crediting of any part of the Transportation Trust Fund to the General Fund or a special fund of the State; requiring that specified taxes, fees, charges, and revenues be credited to the Transportation Trust Fund; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB149 – **Mopeds and Motor Scooters – Titling, Registration, Insurance, and Required Use of Protective Headgear**

Sponsored By: Delegate Beidle, et al

Synopsis: Requiring a moped or motor scooter in the State to be titled and registered by the Motor Vehicle Administration; requiring an owner or prospective owner of a moped or motor scooter to obtain or maintain required security; establishing an annual registration fee and surcharge; prohibiting an individual from operating or riding on a moped or motor scooter unless the individual is wearing protective headgear and specified eye protection; providing for the registration classification of mopeds and motor scooters; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, Various Sections - amended and §§ 13-939.3, 21-1306.1, and 23-206.2(c) - added and IN, §§ 19-505(c) and 20-501 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB163 – **Motor Vehicles – Prohibition on Use of Text Messaging Devices While Driving – Exceptions**

Sponsored By: Delegate Arora

Synopsis: Establishing that the prohibition on using a text messaging device while driving does not apply to the use of voice recognition technology that allows the hands-free sending of a text message or an electronic message or the use of a text messaging device to listen to a text message or an electronic message; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 21-1124.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB169 – Environment – At-Store Recycling- Plastic Carryout Bags

Sponsored By: Delegate Lafferty

Synopsis: Requiring the operator of specified stores to establish an at–store recycling program for plastic carryout bags; requiring specified stores to print or display specified language on plastic carryout bags; requiring specified stores to provide collection bins for the recycling of plastic carryout bags; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, § 9-1701 - amended and §§ 9-1733 through 9-1736 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB174 – Local Government Self-Insurance Funds – Investment Guidelines

Sponsored By: Delegate George

Synopsis:

Altering the definition of “public funds”, as it relates to local government investment guidelines, to exclude funds held by specified local governments for self–insurance purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

Art. 95, § 22F(a)(7) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB186 – Department of the Environment – Permit Proceedings – Judicial Review

Sponsored By: Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental Environment)

Synopsis:

Clarifying the right of parties to appeal to the Court of Special Appeals a decision by a circuit court regarding specified final permit determinations by the Department of the Environment; applying the Act retroactively to affect specified appeals pending in a circuit court on the effective date of the Act; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

EN, §§ 1-601 and 5-204(i) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB213 – Baltimore City Community Enhancement Transit-Oriented Development Fund

Sponsored By: Delegate Branch, et al

Synopsis: Establishing the Baltimore City Community Enhancement Transit–Oriented Development Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund for specified purposes; providing for the contents and uses of the Fund; requiring that a portion of revenues from projects and other money, as specified, be paid into the Fund; requiring the Comptroller to pay specified money from the Fund to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City in a specified

manner; authorizing the Mayor and City Council to use or award money from the Fund for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EC, §§ 15-101 through 15-107 - added and SF, § 10-306 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environmental Matters

HB229 – Maryland Plastic Bag Recycling Act

Sponsored By: Delegate Lafferty, et al

Synopsis: Prohibiting a plastic carryout bag manufacturer from providing, selling, or offering for sale plastic carryout bags for use or distribution in the State unless specified language is printed or displayed on the bags and the manufacturer has registered with the Department of the Environment in a specified manner; requiring a plastic carryout bag manufacturer to register every 2 years by submitting to the Department a specified registration form, fee, and plan; terminating the Act after September 30, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, §§ 9-1701 and 9-1707(f)(2) - amended and §§ 9-1733 through 9-1743 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB250 – Elections – Baltimore City – Election Dates

Sponsored By: Delegate Oaks, et al

Synopsis: Altering the dates of specified elections for municipal offices in Baltimore City; and specifying the terms of municipal officers in Baltimore City who were elected in a specified year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EL, §§ 8-201 and 8-301 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB253 – Department of Planning – Local and Regional Planning and Land Use Powers – Prohibition on Restriction

Sponsored By: Delegate Smigiel

Synopsis: Prohibiting the Department of Planning from adopting any regulation or taking any action that restricts the planning and land use powers of local governments or regional planning agencies; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SF, § 5-312 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB258 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Sale or Transfer of Solar Renewable Energy Credits – Elimination of Minimum Required Term

Sponsored By: Delegate Haddaway-Riccio

Synopsis: Eliminating the minimum required term for specified contracts involving the sale or transfer of solar renewable energy credits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

PU, § 7-709(c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB259 – Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund – Municipal Electric Utility – Exemption

Sponsored By: Delegate Haddaway-Riccio

Synopsis: Providing that a specified provision of law relating to the use of specified proceeds received by the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund and credited to a specified account does not apply to residential customers of a municipal electric utility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SG, § 9-20B-05(g-2) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB280 – Electric Service Quality and Reliability Standards – Deadlines

Sponsored By: Delegate Feldman

Synopsis:

Altering the dates by which the Public Service Commission is required to determine whether specified electric companies have met specified service quality and reliability standards under specified circumstances; and altering the date by which specified electric companies are required to submit to the Commission a specified annual performance report.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

PU, § 7-213(f)(1) and (g)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB282 – Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring Systems Warnings

Sponsored By: Delegate McConkey, et al

Synopsis: Requiring specified agencies to mail warning notices instead of citations for specified violations recorded by a speed monitoring system during the first 30 days that the speed monitoring system is in use.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 21-809(d)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB296 – Environment – Hydraulic Fracturing Wastewater – Prohibited Acts

Sponsored By: Delegate Robinson, et al

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from shipping or transporting into the State, or storing, treating, discharging, or disposing of in the State, wastewater resulting from hydraulic fracturing activities occurring in another state.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, § 9-293 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB298 – Procurement – State Funds – Energy Efficient Outdoor Lighting Fixtures

Sponsored By: Delegate Carr

Synopsis: Expanding the prohibition on the use of State funds to install or replace a permanent outdoor luminaire to include all permanent outdoor luminaires unless the luminaire meets specified requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SF, § 14-412 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB292 – Vehicle Laws – Provisional Driver’s Licenses – Drivers Education Requirements

Sponsored By: Delegate Glenn, et al

Synopsis: Reducing the period of time that specified individuals at least 25 years old who hold a learner’s instructional permit are required to wait before taking an examination for a provisional driver’s license; establishing that specified driving practice requirements and a requirement to complete a driver skills log book before taking examinations for a provisional driver’s license do not apply to an individual at least 25 years old; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 16-105(d) and 16-111(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB313 – Motor Vehicles – Child Seating and Safety Seats – Requirements and Prohibition

Sponsored By: Delegate Stein, et al

Synopsis: Requiring a person transporting a child under the age of 2 years in a motor vehicle to secure the child in a rear-facing child safety seat in accordance with specified instructions; repealing the exception for children weighing more than 65 pounds to the requirement that a child under the age of 8 years must be secured in a child safety seat; prohibiting a person from transporting a child under the age of 13 years in a motor vehicle if the child is seated in the outboard front seat of the motor vehicle; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 22-412.2 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB326 – Vehicle Laws – Use of Work Zone Speed Control Systems – Presence of Workers Required

Sponsored By: Delegate Frank, et al

Synopsis: Altering the definition of “work zone” as it relates to work zone speed control systems; and providing that a work zone speed control system may be used only when a worker is present on the roadway, median divider, or shoulder within or adjacent to the work zone.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 21-810(a)(6) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB340 – Vehicle Laws – Seat Belts and Child Safety Seats

Sponsored By: Delegates Arora and Wilson

Synopsis: Requiring restrictions on specified provisional driver’s licenses to prohibit specified licensees from operating a motor vehicle unless each occupant is restrained by a seat belt or a child safety seat; altering the standard for the number of seat belts required to be equipped in the front and back seats of specified motor vehicles; redefining a specified term; clarifying the circumstances under which specified restraint devices may be sold; altering specified penalties for violating specified provisions of this Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 16-113(d-1), 22-412, 22-412.2, 22-412.3, and 27-106(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB343 – Vehicle Laws – Child Safety Seats and Seat Belts – Penalty

Sponsored By: Delegate Reznik, et al

Synopsis: Increasing the fine from \$25 to \$75 for failing to secure a child under a specified age in a child safety seat or seat belt while transporting the child in a motor vehicle or operating a motor vehicle; and repealing a requirement that court costs are included in a specified fine.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 22-412.2, 22-412.3, and 27-106(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB354 – Speed Monitoring Systems and School Bus Monitoring Cameras – Use of Fines – Public Education

Sponsored By: Delegate Holmes

Synopsis: Authorizing a political subdivision that collects fines as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems or school bus monitoring cameras, after recovering costs of implementing and administering the speed monitoring systems or school bus monitoring cameras, to spend the remaining balance on public education purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
CJ, § 7-302(e)(4) - amended
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB437 – Local States of Emergency – Time Period – Extension

Sponsored By: Delegate Malone

Synopsis: Increasing from 7 to 30 days the time period that a local state of emergency may continue or be renewed without the consent of the local governing body.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

PS, § 14-111 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB441- Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2012

Sponsored By: The Speaker (By request – Administration) et al

Synopsis: Altering the Maryland Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Program to include a specified amount of energy derived from offshore wind energy; prohibiting the portion of the renewable energy portfolio that represents offshore wind energy from applying to retail electricity sales by a supplier in excess of a specified amount of industrial process load; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

PU, §§ 7-208, 7-701, 7-703, 7-704(e), and 7-705(b) and (f) - amended and §§ 7-704.1 and 7-704.2 - added and NR, § 8-1102 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB445 – The Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012

Sponsored By: The Speaker (By request – Administration) et al

Synopsis: Altering the contents of a specified element that is required in a specified plan; prohibiting the approval of a residential major subdivision if a local jurisdiction has established specified tiers unless a planning board reviews and recommends the approval under specified circumstances; prohibiting the Department of the Environment from approving a major residential subdivision under specified circumstances on or before a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

Art. 66B, EN, and LU, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB446 – Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Fees

Sponsored By: The Speaker (By request – Administration) et al

Synopsis: Increasing specified Bay Restoration Fees paid by users of specified wastewater facilities, onsite sewage disposal systems, and sewage holding systems beginning on July 1,

2012; and providing for the collection of specified fees by specified billing authorities under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

EN, § 9-1605.2(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB457 – Transportation – Highway Construction Training and Supportive Services

Sponsored By: Delegate Howard

Synopsis: Requiring the State Highway Administration to use the maximum amount of specified federal funds available for a highway construction training program and supportive services, including skill improvement programs; requiring the Administration to submit a specified report by February 1 each year to specified committees of the General Assembly; providing for the contents of the report; defining “highway construction”; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

TR, § 8-508 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB464 – Agriculture – Total Maximum Daily Load – Regulations

Sponsored By: Delegate Rudolph

Synopsis: Prohibiting the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the Environment, and the Department of Natural Resources from adopting regulations to help the State meet the agricultural sector requirements of the Total Maximum Daily Load for the Chesapeake Bay unless New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia achieve or exceed the percentage reduction of nitrogen and the percentage reduction of phosphorus that the State has achieved from 2009 levels under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

AG, § 8-803.9 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB486 – Environment – Watershed Implementation Plan – Ranking Best Management Practices

Sponsored By: Delegate Jacobs, et al

Synopsis: Requiring, on or before October 1, 2012, the Department of the Environment to create a list that ranks best management practices relating to a Watershed Implementation Plan based on cost and expected pollution reduction value; authorizing the Department to include specified information in the list; requiring the Department to update the list annually; and requiring the Department to publish the list on the Department’s Web site and to mail a hard copy of the list to each county.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

EN, §§ 4-801 and 4-802 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB487 – Environment – Watershed Implementation Plan – County Implementation

Sponsored By: Delegate Jacobs, et al

Synopsis: Providing that a local jurisdiction may not be required to implement activities or strategies of a State Watershed Implementation Plan unless specified funding is provided.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, §§ 4-801 and 4-802 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB501 – State Government – Open Meetings Act – Online Training

Sponsored By: Delegate O'Donnell

Synopsis: Requiring the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board to develop and offer an online training program on the requirements of the open meetings law to employees, officers, or members of a public body and members of the general public.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SG, § 10-502.4(d) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB522 – Maryland Green Fuel Initiative – Motor Fuel Taxes – Biodiesel

Sponsored By: Delegate A. Miller, et al

Synopsis: Reducing from 24.25 cents per gallon to 14.25 cents per gallon the motor fuel tax rate for biodiesel fuel at least 10% of which is derived from agricultural products, animal fats, or the wastes of agricultural products or animal fats.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

TG, § 9-101(c-1) - added and §§ 9-101(h) and 9-305 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB529 – Environment – Local Stormwater Management Charges – State Property

Sponsored By: Delegate Carr, et al

Synopsis: Providing a specified exception to an exemption from specified taxes, user charges, and utility fees relating to stormwater management for property owned by the State or a unit of State government; providing, with specified exceptions and under specified conditions, that property owned by the State or a unit of State government is subject to a specified stormwater management charge imposed by the governing body of the county or municipality within which the property is located; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

Art. 24, § 24-406 and EN, §§ 4-204 and 4-205 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB549 – Stormwater Management – Residential Stormwater Practices – Inspection and Maintenance

Sponsored By: Delegate Hogan

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations that specify alternatives for inspection of stormwater management systems located on residential lots, including public outreach, education, or other methods that promote maintenance of stormwater practices.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, § 4-203(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB552 – Vehicle Laws – Distracted Driving – Prohibition

Sponsored By: Delegates Malone and Wilson

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from driving a motor vehicle in an inattentive manner resulting in the unsafe operation of the motor vehicle when the inattention is caused by the driver engaging in specified preoccupying activities; providing that a violation of the Act is not a moving violation for the purpose of assessing points; authorizing a police officer to enforce the Act only as a secondary offense; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 21-901.3 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB568 – Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program – Credit Allocation

Sponsored By: Delegate Rosenberg

Synopsis:

Authorizing the allocation of the Sustainable Communities tax credit among the partners, members, or shareholders of an entity in any manner agreed to by specified persons in writing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SF, § 5A-303(c)(5) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB569 – Motor Vehicles – Motor Scooters, Mopeds, and Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles – Titling and Required Use of Protective Headgear

Sponsored By: Delegate Stein, et al

Synopsis: Requiring a motor scooter or a moped in the State to be titled by the Motor Vehicle Administration; requiring the Administration to issue a permanent decal to the owner of a motor scooter, a moped, or an off-highway recreational vehicle; establishing a fee for a title issued for a motor scooter, a moped, or an off-highway recreational vehicle;

prohibiting a person from operating or riding on a motor scooter or an off-highway recreational vehicle unless the person is wearing protective headgear; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

TR, §§ 11-104, 11-176, 13-102, 13-104(a), 13-106, 13-802, 13-809(a)(2), 21-1202, 21-1207.1, and 21-1207.2 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB575 – Local Government Investment Pool – Authorized Participants

Sponsored By: Delegate Gutierrez, et al

Synopsis: Renaming the Local Government Investment Pool to be the Investment Pool; expanding the list of participants that may place specified funds in the Investment Pool to include specified units of State government or specified entities created by the State in addition to specified local governmental entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

Art. 95, § 22G - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB576 – Public-Private Partnerships

Sponsored By: The Speaker (by request – Administration)

Synopsis: Establishing the policy of the State on public-private partnerships; altering provisions of law relating to public-private partnerships; authorizing a reporting agency to establish a public-private partnership and execute a partnership agreement in connection with specified functions, services, or assets; requiring a reporting agency to adopt regulations and establish processes for the development, screening, solicitation, evaluation, award, and delivery of public-private partnerships; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SF, § 10A-101 - amended, § 10A-102 - repealed, and Various Sections - added and TR, §§ 4-205 and 4-406 - repealed

Assigned to: Environmental Matters and Appropriations

HB626 – Environment – Discharge of Pollutants – Permit Exemption

Sponsored By: Delegate Kipke

Synopsis:

Exempting a person from having to hold a specified pollutant discharge permit for a facility, an outlet, or any other establishment that makes less than 50 yards of a concrete product per week if the Department of the Environment determines that the facility, outlet, or establishment does not cause or increase the discharge of any pollutant into the waters of the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

EN, § 9-323 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB628 – Street Lighting – Purchase of Equipment By Local Government and Tariffs

Sponsored By: Delegate Carr, et al

Synopsis:

Requiring a local government to pay a specified electric company the fair market value of specified street lighting equipment as determined by an agreement between the local government and the electric company or as determined in a condemnation proceeding under specified circumstances; authorizing a local government to include all street lighting equipment that the local government seeks to acquire in its jurisdiction that is owned by one electric company in a single petition of condemnation under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

Art. 24, § 5-101 - amended and PU, § 4-210 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB635 – Task Force to Study the Creation of Regional Transit Financing Authorities

Sponsored By: Delegate James, et al

Synopsis: Establishing a Task Force to Study the Creation of Regional Transit Financing Authorities; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations concerning the establishment of regional transit financing authorities as a potential means to generate additional revenue to meet growing transit funding needs; specifying the membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit interim and final reports by specified dates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB637 – State Finance and Procurement – Renewable Energy Resources – Lease of State Property

Sponsored By: Delegate Serafini

Synopsis: Requiring the Board of Public Works to lease specified renewable energy resources in accordance with specified provisions of law; requiring the Board to charge a specified rental fee and specified royalties in a specified lease in a specified manner; and prohibiting the Board from approving a specified lease until specified information is submitted to the Legislative Policy Committee and the lease is approved by the Legislative Policy Committee or the General Assembly in a specified manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SF, § 10-307 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters

HB654 – State Development Plan – Repeal

Sponsored By: Delegate Smigiel, et al

Synopsis: Repealing a requirement that the Department of Planning prepare and revise specified plans for the development of the State for specified purposes and based on specified studies; repealing a requirement that the Department seek comments from and consult with specified local governments and seek the cooperation and advice of specified persons when preparing and revising a specified Plan; repealing a provision stating that the Plan shall embody specified policy recommendations of the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, § 14-508(a) and SF, §§ 5-307(b), 5-402, 5-507, 5-706(4) - amended and §§ 5-601 through 5-605 and 5-608 through 5-615 - repealed

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB662 – Gas Companies – Rate Regulation – Infrastructure Replacement Surcharge

Sponsored By: Delegate Barkley, et al

Synopsis: Stating the intent of the General Assembly with regard to a gas infrastructure replacement surcharge; allowing a gas company to recover specified costs associated with specified gas infrastructure replacement projects through a specified surcharge on customer bills; requiring project cost calculation to include specified elements; specifying when costs will be collectable; specifying how the pre-tax rate of return will be calculated and adjusted and what it shall include; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

PU, § 4-210 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB671 – Stormwater Management – Dredging – Testing for Toxic Substances

Sponsored By: Delegate S. Robinson, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations and a model ordinance to require that sediment dredged from stormwater retention structures be tested for toxic substances and to prohibit dredged sediment from being used in a specified manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, § 4-203 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB683 – Electric Vehicles – Use of High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes – Reciprocity with Virginia

Sponsored By: Delegate Simmons

Synopsis: Requiring that electric vehicles registered in Virginia that qualify for the use of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in Virginia be allowed to use HOV lanes in Maryland; and making the Act subject to a specified contingency related to enactment of a similar Act in Virginia providing for reciprocity for electric vehicles registered in Maryland.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB685 – Maryland Transportation Authority – Tolls – Legislative Approval Required

Sponsored By: Delegate McDonough

Synopsis: Prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority from fixing, revising, charging, or collecting a toll on any part of any transportation facilities project in an amount in excess of a specified amount unless the General Assembly approves the toll through legislation that is enacted into law; authorizing the Authority, on or after the effective date of the Act, to continue to charge and collect a toll of the same amount in effect on a specified date.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

TR, § 4-312 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB712 – Street Lighting – Purchase of Equipment by Local Government and Tariff

Sponsored By: Delegate Carr

Synopsis: Requiring a local government to pay an electric company the fair market value of specified street lighting equipment as determined by an agreement between the local government and the electric company or in a condemnation proceeding; specifying factors to be considered in determining fair market value of street lighting equipment under specified circumstances; authorizing a local government that owns street lighting equipment to maintain the equipment under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

Art. 24, § 5-101 and PU, § 7-305 - amended and Art. 24, § 5-102 and PU, § 4-210 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB731 – Housing and Community Development – Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program – Project Proposals

Sponsored By: Delegate Lafferty

Synopsis: Increasing from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 the maximum sum of contributions for specified projects under the Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program that are eligible for a specified tax credit; and authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to give preference to a proposal for a specified project that benefits a neighborhood conservation district designated under the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HS, § 6-405 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB733 – Public Utility Companies – Generating Stations - Wind

Sponsored By: Delegate Beitzel

Synopsis: Repealing a provision that exempts a specified person from having to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a generating station that produces electricity from wind under specified circumstances; repealing a provision that requires a person to obtain approval from the Public Service Commission prior to any construction of a generating station that produces electricity from wind under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
PU, § 7-207.1 - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB770 – Public Service Commission – Electric Companies – New Generation Facilities and Customer Credits

Sponsored By: Delegate Davis

Synopsis:
Providing that the Public Service Commission may not require an electric company to construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, its own generating facilities and specified transmission facilities; providing that if a party to a merger or acquisition of an electric company or an electric company affiliate must distribute a credit to customers under an agreement with the Commission, the party or electric company must deposit the amount of the credit in the electric universal service program fund to be disbursed in a specified manner; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
PU, § 7-510(c)(6) - amended and § 7-512.1(g) - added
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB837 – Vehicle Laws – Distracted Driving – Animals

Sponsored By: Delegate Malone

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from driving a vehicle if there is an animal or animal activity in the front seat of the vehicle that obstructs the view of the driver in a specified manner or interferes with the control of the driver over the driving mechanism of the vehicle.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
TR, § 21-1104 - amended
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB842 – Maryland Transit Administration – Free Ridership for State Employees

Sponsored By: Delegate Oaks

Synopsis: Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to extend to employees of the Judicial Branch and the Legislative Branch of State government the application of any program, policy, or practice through which free ridership on transit vehicles is offered to employees of the Executive Branch of State government.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB845 – Transportation – Highway User Revenues – Distribution
Sponsored By: Delegate Parrott, et al

Synopsis: Altering the allocation of funds in the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account between the Department of Transportation and Baltimore City, the counties, and the municipalities; and altering the allocation of highway user revenues to Baltimore City and the counties and municipalities.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
TR, §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - amended
Assigned to: Appropriations

HB854 – Forest Conversation Act – Exception for Local Stormwater Management Activity
Sponsored By: Delegate Gilchrist

Synopsis: Creating an exception to the requirements of the Forest Conservation Act for stormwater management activity performed by a local jurisdiction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
NR, § 5-1602 - amended
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB858 – Land Use – Local Historic District Commissions and Historic Preservation Commissions – Alternate Members
Sponsored By: Delegate Gilchrist

Synopsis: Authorizing a local jurisdiction that creates a historic district commission or historic preservation commission to designate one alternate member for the historic district commission or historic preservation commission to sit on the commission under specified circumstances; authorizing the local jurisdiction to designate a temporary alternate when the alternate member is absent; providing for the effective date of specified provisions of the Act; and providing for the termination of specified provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
Art. 66B, § 8.03(a) and LU, § 8-202 - amended
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB863 – Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems – Local Employer Contributions
Sponsored By: Delegate Serafini

Synopsis: Requiring the State Board of Education to provide for the calculation of a payment of a portion of the employer contributions for local school board employees and community college employees who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System or the

Teachers' Pension System; requiring specified counties to pay a portion of the employer contributions for local school board employees and community college employees who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SP, §§ 21-304 and 21-308 - amended and § 21-309.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB864 – Electricity – Community Energy-Generating Facilities and Net Energy Metering

Sponsored By: Delegate Stein, et al

Synopsis: Creating a community energy-generating program; specifying that a community energy-generating facility is not an electric company or electricity supplier; authorizing a public service company or any other person to own a community energy-generating facility; authorizing subscriber organizations to contract with third parties for specified functions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

PU, §§ 1-101(h) and (j) and 7-306 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB879 - Environment – Statewide Electronics Recycling Program

Sponsored By: Delegate Morhaim

Synopsis: Making specified provisions of law relating to registration under the Statewide Electronics Recycling Program applicable to specified manufacturers; altering specified fees to be paid to the Department of the Environment; requiring that specified sales data be treated as confidential and proprietary; requiring a manufacturer that has a takeback program to destroy or sanitize data from returned electronic devices in a specified manner; increasing fines; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, §§ 9-1727, 9-1728, and 9-1730 - amended and § 9-1728.2 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB907 – Environment – Natural Gas Production – Severance Tax

Sponsored By: Delegates McIntosh and Hixson

Synopsis: Imposing a severance tax on the removal of natural gas from specified gas wells in the State; requiring a permit holder or producer to submit to the Department of the Environment specified reports in a specified manner; providing for the collection of the tax by the Department; requiring revenue from the tax to be deposited in a separate account within the Oil and Gas Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

EN, §§ 14-102, 14-122, and 14-123 - amended and §§ 14-1A-01 through 14-1A-04 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB922 – Maryland Smart Growth Advisory Council

Sponsored By: Delegate Clagett

Synopsis: Establishing the Maryland Smart Growth Advisory Council; requiring the Council to advise the Smart Growth Subcabinet on specified issues; requiring the Smart Growth Subcabinet to work with the Council to resolve specified local government issues; requiring the Council to inform the Governor and the General Assembly of issues concerning the implementation of smart growth policies; requiring the Council to make an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SG, § 9-1406 - amended and § 9-1501 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB923 – Property Tax Credit – Neighborhood Conservation Act of 2012

Sponsored By: Delegate Lafferty, et al

Synopsis: Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the property tax imposed on owner-occupied residential real property located in specified neighborhood conservation areas; providing for the duration and eligibility criteria for the credit; specifying the taxable year in which the tax credit is first applicable; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

TP, § 9-255 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB929 – Environment – Recycling Rates and Waste Diversion – Statewide Goals

Sponsored By: Delegate Stein, et al

Synopsis: Altering dates by which specified counties must include and implement recycling and waste diversion goals in the counties' recycling plans; increasing specified recycling and waste diversion goals that must be included in the counties' recycling plans; establishing statewide waste diversion and recycling goals; authorizing the statewide recycling goals to be met through cooperative efforts of specified parties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, §§ 9-505(a)(18) and (19) and (c), 9-1704, and 9-1706 - amended and § 9-1706.1 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB931 – Department of Planning – State Development Plan – Approval by the General Assembly

Sponsored By: Delegate Clagett, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the Secretary of Planning to submit a State Development Plan to the General Assembly; prohibiting the Plan from being finalized until it is approved by an Act of the General Assembly; requiring the Governor to file with the Secretary of State the Plan, part of the Plan, or revision to the Plan, together with any comments made by the Governor after enactment of a law that approves the Plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SF, § 5-605 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB932 – Department of Planning – State Development Plan – Denial of Projects, Permits, Approvals, or State Funding

Sponsored By: Delegate Clagett

Synopsis: Prohibiting the State Development Plan from being used to create or establish a new cause for State denial of specified projects, permits, or approvals or to deny specified State funding.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SF, § 5-606 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB946 – Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles – Riding on Sidewalks

Sponsored By: Delegate A. Miller, et al

Synopsis: Repealing a restriction, under specified circumstances, on riding a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 21-1103 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB952 – State Personnel – Teleworking – Eligibility

Sponsored By: Delegate A. Miller, at al

Synopsis: Stating that it is the policy of the State to have at least 25% of State employees participating in a telework program; providing that the Act applies to all employees in the Executive Branch of State government; requiring supervisors of specified State employees to approve requests to telework unless the supervisor makes a specified determination; and requiring a supervisor who denies a State employee's request to telework to provide to the employee a written description of the factors contributing to the denial.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SP, § 2-308 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB987 – Stormwater Management – Watershed Protection and Restoration Program

Sponsored By: Delegate Hucker, et al

Synopsis: Requiring each county and municipality to adopt laws or ordinances to establish a watershed protection and restoration program on or before July 1, 2013; exempting a county or municipality if the county or municipality has enacted and implemented a specified system of charges in a specified manner by specified dates; requiring the program to include a stormwater remediation fee and a local watershed protection and restoration fund; requiring counties and municipalities to collect the fee and administer the fund; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

EN, § 4-201.1 - amended and § 4-202.1 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB983 – Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area – Prohibitoin – Junk and Scrap Metal Facilities

Sponsored By: Delegates Frush and Hubbard

Synopsis: Requiring specified local critical area programs to, with a specified exception, prohibit the location of junkyards, scrap storage yards, and other scrap metal facilities in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

NR, § 8-1808(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB992 – Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Requirements – Authority to Withhold Funds to Local Entities

Sponsored By: Delegate Morhaim

Synopsis: Requiring specified State and local entities to make specified efforts to determine if another State or local entity is participating in a specified contract before initiating a specified procurement; and authorizing that, in specified fiscal years, the secretaries of specified agencies may withhold specified percentages of funds distributed under specified programs to local entities under specified circumstances.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SF, § 13-110 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB995 – Maryland Energy Administration – Sustainable Energy Regulated Entity Financing Program

Sponsored By: Delegate Niemann

Synopsis: Authorizing the Maryland Energy Administration to create a Sustainable Energy Regulated Entity Financing Program to authorize sustainable energy regulated entities to provide residential renewable energy installations and residential energy efficiency measures to residential property owners under specified qualified contracts; stating the intent of the General Assembly; requiring the Administration to manage, supervise, and administer a specified Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SG, §§ 9-20C-01 through 9-20C-08 - added and RP, § 14-201(b) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB998 – Counties – Compilations of Local Laws – Copies to State Agencies

Sponsored By: Allegany County Delegation

Synopsis: Authorizing a county, at its discretion, to notify specified State agencies that a digital copy of a code or compilation of local laws enacted by the county is available as an alternative to the county depositing or furnishing printed copies of the code or compilation; and altering specified provisions regarding the Department of Legislative Services receiving copies of compilations of local laws.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

Art. 25, § 32A, Art. 25A, § 7, and Art. 25B, § 12 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB1018 – Vehicle Laws – Parking for Individuals with Disabilities – Van Accessible Spaces

Sponsored By: Delegate George, et al

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a motor vehicle in a space designated as disabled van accessible unless the motor vehicle is a van and specified requirements are met; prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a motor vehicle in a specified access aisle accompanying a disabled van accessible parking space; requiring that a disabled van accessible parking space and the accompanying access aisle be identified in specified manners; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 21-1006 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB1058 – Program Open Space – Local Projects – Funding for Development

Sponsored By: Delegate Stein

Synopsis: Limiting the dispersal of specified Project Open Space funding to the costs associated with development projects and the construction of recreational facilities under specified circumstances; removing a requirement that, in order to obtain a certain percentage of State funding, the land acquired within a priority funding area be limited in the amount of impervious surface on the land; and exempting specified indoor recreational facilities from specified funding limits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
NR, § 5-905(c) - amended
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB1132 – State Highways – Telematics Technology – Request for Proposals

Sponsored By: Delegate Fisher, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the State Highway Administration, in collaboration with the Maryland Transportation Authority, to initiate the process to issue a request for proposals on or before December 31, 2012, to install telematics technology along or near State highways; defining “telematics technology”; and providing that the request for proposals be issued in accordance with specified procurement requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 8-655 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB1133 – State Highway Administration – Closure of Interstate 70 for Red Line Transit Project Expansion Prohibited

Sponsored By: Delegate Carter

Synopsis: Prohibiting the State Highway Administration from closing the portion of Interstate 70 that is east of Interstate 695 in the Baltimore region to allow for the construction of the Red Line transit project expansion; requiring the Administration to keep open and maintain for use by motor vehicles the portion of Interstate 70 that is east of Interstate 695 in the Baltimore region whether or not the Red Line transit project is constructed; requiring the Administration to obtain specified consent; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB1157 – Maryland Transportation Authority – Fixing or Revising Tolls – Legislative Approval Required

Sponsored By: Delegate Hershey, et al

Synopsis: 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 enacted into law; prohibiting the Authority, subject to a specified exception, from charging and collecting a toll that exceeds the amount of the toll in effect before October 1, 2011; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

TR, § 4-312 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB1163 – Environment – Penalty for Sewage Overflow – Establishment and Distribution

Sponsored By: Delegate Jacobs, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of the Environment to impose a civil penalty on specified persons for any sewage overflow or bypass that results in the discharge of raw or diluted sewage into the waters of the State; establishing a formula to determine the amount of the civil penalty; requiring the Department to distribute specified proceeds from the civil penalties to the Fisheries Research and Development Fund for oyster restoration purposes; and requiring the Department to adopt regulations.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, § 9-342 and NR, § 4-209 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB1186 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Renewable Energy Credits – Geothermal Heating and Cooling

Sponsored By: Delegate Jameson, et al

Synopsis: Specifying that energy generated from a geothermal heating and cooling system is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; entitling a specified person or entity to receive a renewable energy credit under specified circumstances; specifying the method by which energy generation and consumption shall be measured; requiring geothermal heating and cooling system installation to comply with specified standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

PU, §§ 7-701(c-1) and 7-704(h) - added and § 7-701(l) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB1187 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Solar Energy and Solar Water Heating Systems

Sponsored By: Delegate Jameson, et al

Synopsis: Altering the percentage of Tier 1 renewable energy that must be derived from solar energy in the State's renewable energy portfolio standard in specified years; authorizing the Public Service Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to approve an equivalent certification for measurement for energy generated by specified solar water heating systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

PU, §§ 7-703 and 7-704(g) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB1195 – Land Use – Rail Station Overlay Districts

Sponsored By: Delegate Holmes

Synopsis: Authorizing a local jurisdiction to establish a rail station overlay district adjacent to a railroad station, metro station, or light rail station in the local jurisdiction under specified standards and guidelines; requiring the Department of Planning, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, to establish standards and guidelines under which a local jurisdiction may establish a rail station overlay district in specified areas and a model ordinance for establishing the overlay district; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

LU, § 1-401(b) - amended and § 7-501 - added and SF, § 5-312 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB1201 – Departments of Planning – State Development Plan – Use and Conflicts of Law

Sponsored By: Delegate Conway, et al

Synopsis: Prohibiting the State Development Plan from being used to create or establish a new cause for State denial of specified projects, permits, or approvals or to deny specified State funding; requiring the Department of Planning and a specified county or municipal corporation to meet in good faith and seek to resolve a specified conflict under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SF, § 5-606 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB1231 – Maryland Transit Administration – Farebox Recovery Rate Increase

Sponsored By: Delegate Hershey, et al

Synopsis: Increasing from 35% to at least 50%, for fiscal year 2013 and thereafter, the percentage of operating costs for specified public transit services that the Maryland Transit Administration must recover from fares and other operating revenues; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

TR, § 7-208(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB1232 – Maryland Transportation Authority – Privatization of the Intercounty Connector and the I-95 Express Toll Lanes

Sponsored By: Delegate Fisher, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, to initiate the process to issue a request for proposals on or before a specified date to privatize the Intercounty Connector (ICC/MD 200) and the I-95 Express Toll Lanes north of Baltimore City; providing that the request for proposals be issued in accordance with specified procurement requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

TR, § 4-321(h) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB1233 – State Highway Administration – Privatization of Rest Areas and Welcome Centers on State Highways

Sponsored By: Delegate Fisher, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the State Highway Administration to initiate the process to issue a request for proposals on or before a specified date to privatize the operation and maintenance of rest areas and welcome centers within State highway rights-of-way; providing that the request for proposals be issued in accordance with the State procurement law; requiring that specified money paid to the State be credited to the Transportation Trust Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

TR, § 8-204(j) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB1250 – Transportation – Transit Authorities – Red Line and Purple Line

Sponsored By: Delegate Hershey, et al

Synopsis: Establishing the Red Line Transit Authority and the Purple Line Transit Authority to finance, construct, and operate the Red Line and the Purple Line light rail transit lines; providing for the members, appointments, terms, chairs, and staff of the Authorities; prohibiting the Department of Transportation from exercising jurisdiction or authority over the Red Line and the Purple Line light rail transit lines; authorizing the Authorities to take specified actions in the performance of their duties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 9-101 through 9-413 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB1251 – Transportation – Chesapeake Bay Bridge Authority

Sponsored By: Delegate Hershey, et al

Synopsis: Establishing the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Authority to finance, construct, operate, and maintain the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Chesapeake Bay Bridge and the parallel Chesapeake Bay Bridge; providing for the members, appointment, terms, chair, and staff of the Authority; prohibiting the Department of Transportation from exercising jurisdiction or authority over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge; authorizing the Authority to take specified actions in the performance of its duties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

TR, § 4-101(h)(1) - amended and §§ 4.5-101 through 4.5-412 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB1259 – Maryland Transportation Authority – Audit Statements Available Online

Sponsored By: Delegate Hershey, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority or an entity engaged by the Authority to annually audit the finances of each transportation facilities project; requiring the Authority to make specified audit statements available on its Internet site in a specified manner; and defining “audit statement”.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

TR, § 4-211 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB1278 – Transportation – Institutions of Higher Education and State Employment Facilities – Bicycle and Pedestrian Access

Sponsored By: Delegate Cardin

Synopsis: Requiring each public institution of higher education and State employment facility to develop by fiscal year 2014 a facility master plan to address bicycle and pedestrian circulation on and near the campus; and requiring the institution or employment facility to include in the facility master plan measures to incorporate bikeways and pedestrian facilities and to promote biking and walking on the campus.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 21-1008 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB1280 – Public Utilities – Electric Vehicle Users and Charging Stations – Exclusions

Sponsored By: Delegates McHale and Malone

Synopsis: Altering the definitions of “electricity supplier” and “public service company”, as those terms apply to specified provisions of the Public Utilities Article, to exclude a person that owns or operates equipment used for charging electric vehicles; and altering the definition of “retail electric customer”, as that term applies to specified provisions of the Public Utilities Article, to exclude a person that charges an electric vehicle at an electric vehicle charging station.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

PU, § 1-101(j), (x), and (cc) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB1290 – Land Use

Sponsored By: The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)

Synopsis: Adding a new article to the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be designated and known as the “Land Use Article”, to revise, restate, and recodify the laws of the State relating to zoning, planning, subdivision, and other land use mechanisms, including comprehensive plans, historic preservation, and related matters; revising, restating, and recodifying the laws of the State relating to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission, including the Regional District and the Metropolitan District; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

LU - added, Arts. 28 and 66B - repealed, Art. 2B, § 9-216(g) - added, and Art. 24, § 9-10B-01 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB1299 – State Highway Administration – Sale of Naming Rights to State Highways

Sponsored By: Delegate Fisher, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the State Highway Administration to initiate the process to issue a request for proposals on or before a specified date to sell the naming rights to State highways; providing that the request for proposals be issued in accordance with specified procurement requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

TR, § 8-604 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB1302 – Maryland Transportation Financing and Infrastructure Investment Act of 2012

Sponsored By: The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

Synopsis: Altering the distribution of the motor fuel tax revenue; requiring the Comptroller to make specified determinations and announcements regarding specified average retail prices of motor fuel and specified sales and use tax equivalent rates for specified periods; providing for the addition of specified sales and use tax equivalent rates to specified motor fuel tax rates under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

TG, §§ 2-1103 and 11-221 - amended and §§ 9-306 and 9-307 - added and TR, Various Sections - amended and 8-402.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB1323 – Task Force to Study Separating Mass Transit Funding from the Transportation Trust Fund

Sponsored By: Delegate Bates, et al

Synopsis: Establishing a Task Force to Study Separating Mass Transit Funding from the Transportation Trust Fund; requiring the Task Force to review and evaluate specified matters relating to separating mass transit funding from the Transportation Trust Fund; specifying the membership and staffing for the Task Force; prohibiting Task Force members from receiving compensation as members of the Task Force, except for reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to report findings and recommendations; terminating the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB1355 – Political Subdivisions – Legal Notice Requirements – Posting on Websites

Sponsored By: Delegate Niemann

Synopsis: Authorizing a county or municipality to satisfy a requirement to publish legal notices in a newspaper of general circulation by posting the notices on its Web site; requiring notices posted on a county or municipality Web site to be conspicuously displayed and be easily accessible; requiring a county or municipality that chooses to post notices on the Internet to publish specified advance notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality and to offer a specified mail service; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

Art. 24, § 1-112 - added and TP, § 6-308(b)(2) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB1375 – Vehicle Laws – Maryland Transportation Authority – Payment of Tolls

Sponsored By: Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

Synopsis: Clarifying procedures of the Maryland Transportation Authority for the collection of unpaid tolls through a specified notice and a citation for toll violations; specifying the content of a citation; altering procedures for paying or contesting the amounts due under a citation; providing for the admissibility and prima facie effect of the information in a citation in any proceeding to contest liability; altering specified defenses to a citation; altering procedures for collection of unpaid tolls and civil penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

TR, §§ 21-1414 and 27-110 - amended and § 21-1415 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB1388 – Motor Fuel Tax – Increase – Construction Cost Index

Sponsored By: Delegates Ross and Hixson

Synopsis: Increasing the motor fuel tax rates for specified motor fuel on specified dates by 5 cents per gallon; providing for the alteration of the motor fuel tax rates for specified motor fuel annually beginning on July 1, 2015, based on the percentage growth in the Construction Cost Index; prohibiting an increase of the motor fuel tax rates for specified motor fuel of more than 2 cents per gallon in specified fiscal years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

TG, § 9-305 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB1397 – Vehicle Laws – Overtaking and Passing Bicycles, EPAMDs, and Scooters

Sponsored By: Delegate Cardin, et al

Synopsis:

Creating an exception to specified prohibitions against driving a vehicle on the left side of the roadway in a no-passing zone for a driver who is making the minimum adjustment necessary under specified circumstances to facilitate the provision of the 3-foot clearance for overtaking and passing a bicycle, EPAMD, or motor scooter going in the same direction.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 21-307 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB1423 – Local Government – Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Funds – Distribution of Money to Volunteer Companies

Sponsored By: Delegate Conway, et al

Synopsis: Requiring that each county distribute a specified minimum amount of money that the county receives from the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund to volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance companies; requiring the Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on the amount of money distributed by each county to volunteer companies; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

PS, §§ 8-103 and 8-104 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB1467 – Sustainable Communities – Financing and Designation

Sponsored By: Delegate McIntosh

Synopsis: Authorizing specified counties and municipal corporations to finance the costs of public improvements located in a sustainable community and owned by the Maryland Economic Development Corporation, the State, or specified other governmental units; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Art. 23A, Art. 24, EC, and Chapter 487 of the Acts of 2010, Various Sections - amended and SF, § 5-312 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

2012 SENATE BILLS

SB3 – Maryland Toll Accountability Act

Sponsored By: Senator Simonaire

Synopsis: 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 prohibiting the Authority, on or after June 1, 2012, from charging and

collecting a toll that exceeds the amount in effect on February 1, 2012, under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

TR, § 4-312 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB7 – Vehicle Laws – Nonfunctioning Traffic Control Signals

Sponsored By: Senator Klausmeier

Synopsis: 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 under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 21-202(m) - added and amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB57 – Vehicle Laws – Use of Work Zone Speed Control Systems – Presence of Workers Required

Sponsored By: Senator Brochin

Synopsis: Altering the definition of “work zone” as it relates to work zone speed control systems; and providing that a work zone speed control system may be used only when a worker is present on the roadway, median divider, or shoulder within or adjacent to the work zone.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 21-810(a)(6) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB62 – Maryland Transportation Authority – Fixing or Revising Tolls – Legislative Approval Required

Sponsored By: Senator Stone

Synopsis: 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 enacted into law; and authorizing the Authority, on or after the effective date of the Act, to continue to charge and collect a toll of the same amount in effect before the effective date of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

TR, § 4-312 - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB65 – Dedicated Funds – Prohibition of Transfer – Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund and Bay Restoration Fund

Sponsored By: Senator Astle

Synopsis: Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to prohibit the transfer to the General Fund of funds dedicated to the Bay Restoration Fund or the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB88 – Local States of Emergency – Time Period – Extension

Sponsored By: Senator Glassman

Synopsis: Increasing from 7 to 30 days the time period that a local state of emergency may continue or be renewed without the consent of the local governing body.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

PS, § 14-111 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB110 – Motor Vehicle Administration – Young Driver Improvement Program – Parent and Guardian Attendance

Sponsored By: Chair, Judicial Proceedings (By request – MDOT)

Synopsis: Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to require a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult cosigner of an application for a driver's license to attend a young driver improvement program with a specified minor offender under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 16-213 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB116 – Vehicle Laws – Weight and Load Requirements – Vehicles Carrying Perishable Products

Sponsored By: Chair Education, Health and Environmental Affairs (By request – MDOT)

Synopsis: Altering the circumstances under which a police officer is required to allow an overweight vehicle carrying perishable products as its only load to proceed to its destination; providing that an overweight vehicle carrying perishable products as its only load shall be allowed to proceed to its destination if it is the first perishable load overweight violation by the motor carrier following a period of at least 365 consecutive days without a specified violation and the overweight does not exceed 5,000 pounds; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 24-111.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB117 – Environment – Water Appropriation Permits – Construction Dewatering Projects

Sponsored By: Chair Education, Health and Environmental Affairs (By request – MDE)

Synopsis: Authorizing the Department of the Environment to waive the notice and hearing requirements for water appropriation or use permit applications for construction dewatering projects.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, § 5-506 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB118 – Voluntary Agricultural Nutrient and Sediment Credit Certification Program

Sponsored By: Chair, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs (By request – MDE)

Synopsis: Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to establish requirements for the voluntary certification and registration of sediment credits on agricultural land under the Voluntary Agricultural Nutrient Credit Certification Program; clarifying the authority of the Department of the Environment to establish specified requirements under specified circumstances; and altering the intent of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

AG, §§ 8-901, 8-902, and 8-904 and Chapter 447 of the Acts of 2010, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB124 – Motor Vehicles – Eligibility for Driver’s License Test

Sponsored By: Chair, Judicial Proceedings (By Request –MDOT)

Synopsis: Reducing the time period that specified individuals at least 25 years old who hold a learner’s instructional permit are required to wait before taking a provisional driver’s license examination; reducing the amount of driving practice that an individual at least 25 years old is required to obtain before taking a provisional driver’s license examination; establishing additional driver training requirements for an individual who does not pass a provisional driver’s license examination after making a specified number of attempts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 16-105(d), 16-111, and 16-115(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB125 – Vehicle Laws – Public Transit Vehicles – Right-of-Way

Sponsored By: Chair, Judicial Proceedings (By request – MDOT)

Synopsis: Requiring the driver of a motor vehicle to yield the right-of-way to a public transit vehicle under specified circumstances; and requiring transit agencies in the State to conduct specified public information campaigns.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 21-101(y) and 21-406 - added and § 21-101(y) and (z) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB126 – Department of Natural Resources – Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan

Sponsored By: Chair, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs (By Request – DNR)

Synopsis: Establishing a minimum time frame for preparation and revision of the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan; and requiring consultation with local governments when preparing the Plan.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

NR, § 5-906(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB164 – Maryland Plastic Bag Recycling Act

Sponsored By: Senator Conway

Synopsis: Prohibiting a plastic carryout bag manufacturer from providing, selling, or offering for sale plastic carryout bags for use or distribution in the State unless specified language is printed or displayed on the bags and the manufacturer has registered with the Department of the Environment in a specified manner; requiring a plastic carryout bag manufacturer to register every 2 years by submitting to the Department a specified registration form, fee, and plan; terminating the Act after September 30, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, §§ 9-1701 and 9-1707(f)(2) - amended and §§ 9-1733 through 9-1743 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB177 – Vehicle Laws – Nonfunctioning Traffic Control Signals – Requirement to Stop

Sponsored By: Senators Robey and Klausmeier

Synopsis: Altering a provision of law requiring vehicular traffic to stop and take specified actions when approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control signal at specified intersections to apply the requirement to all intersections; and requiring vehicular traffic approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control signal at an intersection to stop in a specified manner, yield to other vehicles or pedestrians in the intersection, and remain stopped until it is safe to enter and continue through the intersection.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 21-209 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB185 – Motor Vehicles – Child Seating and Safety Seats – Requirements and Prohibition
Sponsored By: Senator Forehand, et al

Synopsis: Requiring a person transporting a child under the age of 2 years in a motor vehicle to secure the child in a rear-facing child safety seat in accordance with specified instructions; repealing the exception for children weighing more than 65 pounds to the requirement that a child under the age of 8 years must be secured in a child safety seat; prohibiting a person from transporting a child under the age of 13 years in a motor vehicle if the child is seated in the outboard front seat of the motor vehicle; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 22-412.2 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB208 – Environment – Recycling – Apartment Buildings and Condominiums
Sponsored By: Senator Pinsky, et al

Synopsis: Requiring owners or managers of apartment buildings or condominiums that contain 10 or more units to provide residents with the opportunity for recycling or before October 1, 2013; requiring specified owners or managers, beginning on March 1, 2014, to report annually on recycling activities to the county in which the property is located; requiring that the recycling required under the Act be done in accordance with specified recycling plans; specifying a civil penalty for a violation of the Act; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EN, § 9-1703(b) - amended and § 9-1711 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB217 – Motor Vehicles – Use of Wireless Communication Device – Prohibited Acts, Enforcement and Penalties
Sponsored By: Senator Robey, et al

Synopsis: Repealing provisions of law that require enforcement as a secondary offense of specified violations involving the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle; repealing provisions of law that apply prohibitions involving the use of a wireless communication device to specified operators of motor vehicles only if the motor vehicle is in motion; providing that specified prohibitions apply only if the motor vehicle is in the travel portion of a roadway; altering a specified penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 21-1124 and 21-1124.2 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB233 – Transportation Trust Fund – Appropriation of General Fund Surplus

Sponsored By: Senator Jacobs, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the Governor to include in the budget bill in specified fiscal years and appropriation to the Transportation Trust Fund of a specified amount of an unappropriated General Fund surplus; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SF, § 7-311(j) - amended and TR, § 3-218 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB236 – Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012

Sponsored By: The President (By request – Administration) et al

Synopsis: Altering the contents of a specified element that is required in a specified plan; prohibiting the approval of a residential major subdivision if a local jurisdiction has established specified tiers unless a planning board reviews and recommends the approval under specified circumstances; prohibiting the Department of the Environment from approving a major residential subdivision under specified circumstances on or before a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

Art. 66B, EN, and LU, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB237 – Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2012

Sponsored By: The President (By request – Administration) et al

Synopsis: Altering the Maryland renewable energy portfolio standard program to include a specified amount of energy derived from offshore wind energy; prohibiting the portion of the renewable energy portfolio that represents offshore wind energy from applying to retail electricity sales by a supplier in excess of a specified amount of industrial process load; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

PU, §§ 7-208, 7-701, 7-703, 7-704(e), and 7-705(b) and (f) - amended and §§ 7-704.1 and 7-704.2 - added and NR, § 8-1102 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB240 – Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Fees

Sponsored By: The President (By request – Administration) et al

Synopsis: Increasing specified Bay Restoration Fees paid by users of specified wastewater facilities, onsite sewage disposal systems, and sewage holding systems beginning on July 1, 2012; and providing for the collection of specified fees by specified billing authorities under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

EN, § 9-1605.2(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB252 – Baltimore City Community Enhancement Transit-Oriented Development Fund

Sponsored By: Senator Jones-Rodwell

Synopsis: Establishing the Baltimore City Community Enhancement Transit–Oriented Development Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund for specified purposes; providing for the contents and uses of the Fund; requiring that a portion of revenues from projects and other money, as specified, be paid into the Fund; requiring the Comptroller to pay specified money from the Fund to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City in a specified manner; authorizing the Mayor and City Council to use or award money received from the Fund for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EC, §§ 15-101 through 15-107 - added and SF, § 10-306 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB306 – Baltimore City – Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems

Sponsored By: Senator Ferguson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

Synopsis: Authorizing and establishing requirements for the use of specified vehicle height monitoring systems in Baltimore City to enforce specified State and local laws restricting vehicle height; establishing that a vehicle height monitoring system may be used under the Act only if its use is authorized by an ordinance adopted by the Baltimore City Council; providing for the contents of a citation under the Act; establishing a maximum fine of \$500 for a violation under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

CJ, IN, and SG, Various Sections - amended and TR, § 24-111.3 - added and § 26-401 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB309 – Mopeds and Motor Scooters – Titling, Registration, Insurance, and Required Use of Protective Headgear

Sponsored By: Senator Klausmeier, et al

Synopsis: Requiring a moped or motor scooter in the State to be titled and registered by the Motor Vehicle Administration; requiring an owner or prospective owner of a moped or motor scooter to obtain or maintain required security; establishing an annual registration fee and surcharge; prohibiting an individual from operating or riding on a moped or motor scooter unless the individual is wearing protective headgear and specified eye protection; providing for the registration classification of mopeds and motor scooters; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, Various Sections - amended and §§ 13-939.3, 21-1306.1, and 23-206.2(c) - added and IN, §§ 19-505(c) and 20-501 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB325 – Regional Mass Transit Account

Sponsored By: Senator Colburn

Synopsis: Increasing the sales and use tax rate in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, and Prince George’s County by a specified amount; creating the Regional Mass Transit Account in the Transportation Trust Fund to pay the cost of transit facilities and transit service in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, and Prince George’s County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

TG, §§ 2-1302.2 and 11-104(a-1) and TR, § 7-309 - added and TG and TR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB330 – Agriculture – Total Maximum Daily Load – Regulations

Sponsored By: Senator Glassman, et al

Synopsis: Prohibiting the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the Environment, and the Department of Natural Resources from adopting regulations to help the State meet the agricultural sector requirements of the Total Maximum Daily Load for the Chesapeake Bay unless New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia achieve or exceed the percentage reduction of nitrogen and the percentage reduction of phosphorus that the State has achieved from 2009 levels under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

AG, § 8-803.9 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB340 – Vehicle Laws – Stopping, Standing, and Parking – Plug-In Vehicles

Sponsored By: Senator Raskin

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle that is not a plug-in vehicle in a space that is marked for the use of plug-in vehicles and provides access to a plug-in vehicle recharging station.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 11-145.1 and 21-1003(ff) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB345 – Environment – Water and Sewer Authorities – Number of Directors

Sponsored By: Senator Glassman

Synopsis: Altering the apportionment of the number of directors between or among member political subdivisions required for a water and sewer authority.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, § 9-915 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB358 – Public-Private Partnerships

Sponsored By: The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Synopsis: Establishing the policy of the State on public–private partnerships; altering provisions of law relating to public–private partnerships; authorizing a reporting agency to establish a public–private partnership and execute a partnership agreement in connection with specified functions, services, or assets; requiring a reporting agency to adopt regulations and establish processes for the development, screening, solicitation, evaluation, award, and delivery of public–private partnerships; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SF, § 10A-101 - amended, § 10A-102 - repealed, Various Sections -added, and TR, §§ 4-205 and 4-406 - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB403 – Transportation Trust Fund – Dedicated Highway Funds

Sponsored By: Senator Brinkley, et al

Synopsis: Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish a Transportation Trust Fund to be used only for purposes relating to transportation; prohibiting the reversion or crediting of any part of the Transportation Trust Fund to the General Fund or a special fund of the State; requiring that specified taxes, fees, charges, and revenues be credited to the Transportation Trust Fund; requiring that specified tax and fee revenue credited to the Transportation Trust Fund be used only for specified highway purposes; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB440 – Highway User Revenue Distribution

Sponsored By: Senator Garagiola, et al

Synopsis: Reducing the percentages of revenues credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account that are authorized to be used by the Department of Transportation for specified purposes; increasing the percentages of revenues that are required to be used to pay allocations of highway user revenues to the counties, specified municipalities, and Baltimore City; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

TR, §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB441 – Transportation Trust Fund – Financing – Use of Funds

Sponsored By: Senator Garagiola, et al

Synopsis: Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish a Transportation Trust Fund to be used only for purposes relating to transportation except in specified circumstances; prohibiting the reversion or crediting of any part of the Transportation Trust Fund to the General Fund or a special fund of the State; providing that the amendment does not prohibit the allocation and use of specified funds in the Transportation Trust Fund for counties, municipalities, and Baltimore City as authorized by law; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB442 – Program Open Space – Local Projects – Funding for Development

Sponsored By: Senator Colburn

Synopsis: Limiting the dispersal of specified Project Open Space funding to the costs associated with development projects and the construction of recreational facilities under specified circumstances; removing a requirement that, in order to obtain a certain percentage of State funding, the land acquired within a priority funding area be limited in the amount of impervious surface on the land; and exempting specified indoor recreational facilities from specified funding limits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

NR, § 5-905(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB449 – Electric Service Quality and Reliability Standards – Deadlines

Sponsored By: Senator Middleton

Synopsis: Altering the dates by which the Public Service Commission is required to determine whether specified electric companies have met specified service quality and reliability standards under specified circumstances; and altering the date by which specified electric companies are required to submit to the Commission a specified annual performance report.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

PU, § 7-213(f)(1) and (g)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB460 – Vehicle Laws – Child Safety Seats and Seat Belts – Penalty

Sponsored By: Senator King, et al

Synopsis: Increasing the fine from \$25 to \$75 for failing to secure a child under a specified age in a child safety seat or seat belt while transporting the child in a motor vehicle or

operating a motor vehicle; and repealing a requirement that court costs are included in a specified fine.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 22-412.2, 22-412.3, and 27-106(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB463 – Local Government Self-Insurance Funds – Exclusion From Investment Guidelines

Sponsored By: Chair, Arundel County Senators

Synopsis: Altering the definition of “public funds”, as it relates to local government investment guidelines, to exclude funds held by specified local governments for self-insurance purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

Art. 95, § 22F(a)(7) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB475 – Stormwater Management – Dredging – Testing for Toxic Substances

Sponsored By: Senator King, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations and a model ordinance to require that sediment dredged from stormwater retention structures be tested for toxic substances and to prohibit dredged sediment from being used in a specified manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, § 4-203 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB483 – Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area – Prohibition – Junk and Scrap Metal Facilities

Sponsored By: Senators Benson and Miller

Synopsis: Requiring specified local critical area programs to, with a specified exception, prohibit the location of junkyards, scrap storage yards, and other scrap metal facilities in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

NR, § 8-1808(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB488 – Vehicle Laws – Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders – Exception

Sponsored By: Senator Astle

Synopsis: Providing that the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without specified protective headgear does not apply to an individual at least 21 years old who

carries at least \$10,000 in health insurance coverage for injuries that may be incurred in a motorcycle accident; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 21-1306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB493 – Transportation – Baltimore Corridor Red Line Transit Study – Study Period

Sponsored By: Senator Gladden

Synopsis: Specifying the factors the Maryland Transit Administration must consider in conducting the Baltimore Corridor Red Line Transit Study apply for fiscal years 2013 through 2018; altering the period during which a specified provision prohibiting the Administration from acquiring real property for specified purposes applies; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2006 Special Session, as amended, and Chapter 3 of the Acts of 2006 Special Session, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB506 – Vehicle Laws – Provisional Driver’s Licenses – Driver Education Requirements

Sponsored By: Senator Raskin, et al

Synopsis: Reducing the period of time that specified individuals at least 25 years old who hold a learner’s instructional permit are required to wait before taking an examination for a provisional driver’s license; establishing that specified driving practice requirements and a requirement to complete a driver skills log book before taking examinations for a provisional driver’s license do not apply to an individual at least 25 years old; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 16-105(d) and 16-111(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB513 – State Finance and Procurement – Renewable Energy Resources – Lease of State Property

Sponsored By: Senator Shank

Synopsis:

Requiring the Board of Public Works to lease specified renewable energy resources in accordance with specified provisions of law; requiring the Board to charge a specified rental fee and specified royalties in a specified lease in a specified manner; and prohibiting the Board from approving a specified lease until specified information is submitted to the Legislative Policy Committee and the lease is approved by the Legislative Policy Committee or the General Assembly in a specified manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SF, § 10-307 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

SB529 – Motor Vehicles – Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving

Sponsored By: Senator Robey

Synopsis: Altering the definition of “wireless communication device” to include a handheld or hands-free telephone but to remove from the definition a text messaging device; establishing that a specified prohibition against a minor using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle does not apply to the use of a text messaging device; altering the enforcement provision of the prohibition against a minor texting while driving; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 21-1124 and 21-1124.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB532 – Department of Planning – State Development Plan – Use and Conflicts of Law

Sponsored By: Senator Middleton, et al

Synopsis: Prohibiting the State Development Plan from being used to create or establish a new cause for State denial of specified projects, permits, or approvals or to deny specified State funding; requiring the Department of Planning and a specified county or municipal corporation to meet in good faith and seek to resolve a specified conflict under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SF, § 5-606 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB541 – Gas Companies – Rate Regulation – Infrastructure Replacement Surcharge

Sponsored By: Senators Astle and Kittleman

Synopsis: Stating the intent of the General Assembly with regard to a gas infrastructure replacement surcharge; allowing a gas company to recover specified costs associated with specified gas infrastructure replacement projects through a specified surcharge on customer bills; requiring project cost calculation to include specified elements; specifying when costs will be collectable; specifying how the pre-tax rate of return will be calculated and adjusted and what it shall include; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

PU, § 4-210 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB542 – Local Government Investment Pool – Authorized Participants

Sponsored By: Senator Jones-Rodwell

Synopsis: Renaming the Local Government Investment Pool to be the Investment Pool; expanding the list of participants that place specified funds in the Investment Pool to

include specified units of State government or specified entities created by the State in addition to specified local governmental entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

Art. 95, § 22G - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB559 – Vehicle Laws – Prohibition Against Smoking in Vehicle Containing Young Child

Sponsored By: Senator Forehand, et al

Synopsis: Prohibiting the driver of a motor vehicle in which a person who is under the age of 8 years is a passenger from smoking a tobacco product or allowing a passenger to smoke in the motor vehicle; establishing a fine of up to \$50 for a violation of the Act; specifying that the Act does not apply to a mobile home under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 21-1130 and 27-115 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB563 – Vehicle Laws – Seat Belts and Child Safety Seats

Sponsored By: Senators Forehand and Montgomery

Synopsis: Requiring restrictions on specified provisional driver's licenses to prohibit specified licensees from operating a motor vehicle unless each occupant is restrained by a seat belt or a child safety seat; altering the standard for the number of seat belts required to be equipped in the front and back seats of specified motor vehicles; redefining a specified term; clarifying the circumstances under which specified restraint devices may be sold; altering specified penalties for violating specified provisions of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 16-113(d-1), 22-412, 22-412.2, 22-412.3, and 27-106(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB589 – Sales and Use Tax – Mass Transit

Sponsored By: Senator Edwards

Synopsis: Increasing the sales and use tax rate on a sale in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, or Prince George's County by a specified amount; creating the Mass Transit Account in the Transportation Trust Fund to pay for the costs of light rail and subway transit facilities and transit service operated by the Maryland Transit Administration in specified counties; requiring that revenue from the increase in the sales and use tax rate under the Act be credited to the Mass Transit Account; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

TG and TR, Various Sections - added and amended and TR, § 3-216(d)(3) - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB595 – Electricity – Community Energy-Generating Facilities and Net Energy Metering
Sponsored By: Senators Pinsky and Rosapepe

Synopsis: Creating a community energy–generating program; specifying that a community energy–generating facility is not an electric company or electricity supplier; requiring community energy–generating facilities to meet specified location, size, and generation criteria; authorizing a public service company or any other person to own a community energy–generating facility; authorizing subscriber organizations to contract with third parties for specified functions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

PU, §§ 1-101(h) and (j) and 7-306 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB595 – Vehicle Laws – Distracted Driving – Animals
Sponsored By: Senator Robey

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from driving a vehicle if there is an animal or animal activity in the front seat of the vehicle that obstructs the view of the driver in a specified manner or interferes with the control of the driver over the driving mechanism of the vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 21-1104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB599 – Political Subdivisions – Legal Notice Requirements – Posting on Web Sites
Sponsored By: Senator Young, et al

Synopsis: Authorizing a county or municipality to satisfy a requirement to publish legal notices in a newspaper of general circulation by posting the notices on its Web site; requiring notices posted on a county or municipality Web site to be conspicuously displayed and be easily accessible; requiring a county or municipality that chooses to post notices on the Internet to publish specified advance notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality and to offer a specified mail service; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

Art. 24, § 1-112 - added and TP, § 6-308(b)(2) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB614 – Stormwater Management – Watershed Protection and Restoration Program
Sponsored By: Senator Raskin, et al

Synopsis: Requiring each county and municipality to adopt laws or ordinances to establish a watershed protection and restoration program on or before July 1, 2013; exempting a county or municipality if the county or municipality has enacted and implemented a specified system of charges in a specified manner by a specified date; requiring the program to

include a stormwater remediation fee and a local watershed protection and restoration fund; requiring counties and municipalities to collect the fee and administer the fund; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

EN, § 4-201.1 - amended and § 4-202.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB624 – Motor Vehicles – Motor Scooters, Mopeds, and Off-Highway Recreation Vehicles – Titling and Required Use of Protective Headgear

Sponsored By: Senators Forehand and Montgomery

Synopsis: Requiring a motor scooter or a moped in the State to be titled by the Motor Vehicle Administration; requiring the Administration to issue a permanent decal to the owner of a motor scooter, a moped, or an off-highway recreational vehicle; establishing a fee for a title issued for a motor scooter, a moped, or an off-highway recreational vehicle; prohibiting a person from operating or riding on a motor scooter or an off-highway recreational vehicle unless the person is wearing protective headgear; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

TR, §§ 11-104, 11-176, 13-102, 13-104(a), 13-106, 13-802, 13-809(a)(2), 21-1202, 21-1207.1, and 21-1207.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB635 – Environment – Water Appropriation or Use Permits – Fees

Sponsored By: Senator Frosh, et al

Synopsis: Requiring a person to pay specified water appropriation or use permit fees under specified circumstances and in a specified manner; requiring the Department of the Environment to set specified fees by regulation and at rates necessary to fund specified costs and activities; requiring specified fees to be paid into the Maryland Clean Water Fund; requiring the Secretary of the Environment to convene a specified workgroup to develop a specified fee structure; requiring the Department to report recommendations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

EN, § 5-502.1 - added and §§ 9-320 and 9-1008 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB636 – Environment – Presumptive Impact Areas – Damage Caused By Gas Wells in Deep Shale Deposits

Sponsored By: Senator Frosh

Synopsis: Establishing for each permit to drill a gas well in deep shale deposits a presumptive impact area around the gas well; requiring a permittee to replace a water supply and repair damage or pay monetary compensation to a property owner in the area under specified circumstances; prohibiting the Department of the Environment from

requiring a permittee to replace a water supply or repair or compensate an owner for damaged property under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, §§ 14-110.1 and 14-110.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB638 – Electricity Market – Goal of the State – Best Possible Price for Ratepayers Through Reregulation

Sponsored By: Senators Pipkin and Rosapepe

Synopsis: Providing that, on and after July 1, 2012, the goal of the State is to return as soon as possible to a regulated electricity market for specified customer classes that results in a reliable electricity system at the best possible price for ratepayers; providing that the purpose of a specified statute that establishes customer choice, competitive retail electricity markets, and deregulation of generation of electricity remains in effect only until the end of June 30, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

PU, § 7-504 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB651 – Economic Development – Green Business Incentive Zones

Sponsored By: Senator Ramirez, et al

Synopsis: Authorizing the creation of green business incentive zones in the State; establishing eligibility criteria and factors to be considered by the Secretary of Business and Economic Development in approving the zones; establishing procedures for applying for establishment of the zones and the benefits available in the zones; establishing a State income tax credit and real property tax credit available to specified businesses located in a green business incentive zone; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EC, §§ 5-102, 5-105, and 5-1403(b)(16) - amended and EC, §§ 5-1401 through 5-1408, TG, § 10-702.1, and TP, § 9-103.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

SB652 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Renewable Energy Credits – Geothermal Heating and Cooling

Sponsored By: Senator Middleton, et al

Synopsis: Specifying that energy generated from a geothermal heating and cooling system is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; entitling a specified person or entity to receive a renewable energy credit under specified circumstances; specifying the method by which energy generation and consumption shall be measured; requiring geothermal heating and cooling system installation to comply with specified standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

PU, §§ 7-701(c-1) and 7-704(h) - added and § 7-701(l) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB688 – Street Lighting – Purchase of Equipment by Local Government and Tariffs

Sponsored By: Senator Madaleno

Synopsis: Requiring a local government to pay a specified electric company the fair market value of specified street lighting equipment as determined by an agreement between the local government and the electric company or as determined in a condemnation proceeding under specified circumstances; authorizing a local government to include all street lighting equipment that the local government seeks to acquire in its jurisdiction that is owned by one electric company in a single petition of condemnation under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

Art. 24, § 5-101 - amended and PU, § 4-210 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB692 – Environment – County Plans – Authority

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin

Synopsis: Repealing the authority of the Department of the Environment to order a person to prepare and submit specified subdivision plans under specified circumstances; repealing the Department's authority to order the installation of specified water supply or sewerage systems for subdivisions under specified circumstances; repealing a requirement that a specified county plan be approved by the Department; repealing a requirement that a county adopt a revision or amendment to a specified county plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

EN, §§ 9-206, 9-501, 9-503, 9-510, 9-521(c), and 9-1703(a) - amended and §§ 9-507 and 9-508 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB693 – Maryland Transportation Authority – Termination – Exchange of Bonds

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin, et al

Synopsis: Terminating the Maryland Transportation Authority; transferring, subject to specified exceptions, all functions, powers, duties, responsibilities, regulations, policies, property, equipment, assets, liabilities, and employees of the Authority to the Maryland Department of Transportation on October 1, 2012; requiring the State to issue specified revenue refunding bonds in exchange for revenue bonds issued by the Authority before October 1, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 4-101 through 4-406 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB696 – Transportation – Transit Authorities – Red Line and Purple Line

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin, et al

Synopsis: Establishing the Red Line Transit Authority and the Purple Line Transit Authority to finance, construct, and operate the Red Line and the Purple Line light rail transit lines; providing for the members, appointments, terms, chairs, and staff of the Authorities; prohibiting the Department of Transportation from exercising jurisdiction or authority over the Red Line and the Purple Line light rail transit lines; authorizing the Authorities to take specified actions in the performance of their duties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, §§ 9-101 through 9-413 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

SB699 – Maryland Transit Administration – Farebox Recovery Rate Increase

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin, et al

Synopsis: Increasing from 35% to 50%, for fiscal year 2013 and thereafter, the percentage of operating costs for specified public transit services that the Maryland Transit Administration must recover from fares and other operating revenues; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

TR, § 7-208(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB701 – State Development Plan – Restriction on Use

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin, et al

Synopsis: Providing that the State Development Plan may be used in the determination of State funding decisions but may not be used to create or establish a new cause for the denial of a project, a permit, or an approval by the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SF, § 5-606 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB754 – Electric Companies – Generation Requests for Proposals – Expansion of Area

Sponsored By: Senator Young

Synopsis: Requiring the Public Service Commission to consider all areas of the State when determining the need for additional electricity generation; requiring an electric company to reference generation potential in all areas of the State in a request for proposals submitted to the Commission; specifying criteria that an electric company shall consider in a request for proposals; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

PU, § 7-214 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB766 – Motor Fuel – Mass Transit Tax – Transit Funding

Sponsored By: Senator Edwards

Synopsis: Imposing a mass transit tax on motor fuel in specified jurisdictions; establishing the rate of the mass transit tax as 2.1% of the sales price charged by a distributor for motor fuel sold to a retail service station dealer; requiring the mass transit tax to be imposed at a specified time and collected and paid in a specified manner; requiring a distributor to file a mass transit tax return; allowing a distributor to deduct a specified amount of the mass transit tax due to reimburse the distributor for expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

TG, Various Sections and TR, §§ 3-216(d)(3) and 7-309 - added and TR, § 3-216(c)(2)(i) and (d)(1) - amended and § 3-216(d)(3) - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB771 – Public Utility Companies – Generating Stations – Wind

Sponsored By: Senator Edwards

Synopsis: Repealing a provision that exempts a specified person from having to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a generating station that produces electricity from wind under specified circumstances; repealing a provision that requires a person to obtain approval from the Public Service Commission prior to any construction of a generating station that produces electricity from wind under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

PU, § 7-207.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB775 – Municipal Corporations – Collection of Charges

Sponsored By: Senator Young, et al

Synopsis: Requiring a collector of taxes for a municipal corporation, on request by the municipal corporation, to collect specified charges imposed by the municipal corporation that by law are liens against specified real property as part of and in addition to any taxes due on the property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TP, § 4-201(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB789 – Transportation – State Determination of Paratransit Service Eligibility – Acceptance by Local Government

Sponsored By: Senator Robey

Synopsis: Requiring a county or local government agency to consider an individual eligible for specified paratransit service on notification from the Maryland Department of Transportation that the individual has been certified eligible for paratransit service; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 2-103.5 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB791 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Solar Energy and Solar Water Heating Systems

Sponsored By: Senator Garagiola

Synopsis: Altering the percentage of Tier 1 renewable energy that must be derived from solar energy in the State’s renewable energy portfolio standard in specified years; authorizing the Public Service Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to approve an equivalent certification for measurement for energy generated by specified solar water heating systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

PU, §§ 7-703 and 7-704(g) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB796 – Renewable Portfolio Standard – Solar – Small Solar On-site Generators and Solar Water Heating Systems

Sponsored By: Senator Garagiola

Synopsis: Requiring that a specified percentage of the renewable energy portfolio standard for solar be from small solar on-site generators under specified circumstances; requiring an electricity supplier to purchase solar renewable energy credits from small solar on-site generators each year before purchasing solar renewable energy credits produced from other generating facilities in order to meet a specified requirement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

PU, § 7-701(k-1) - added and §§ 7-701(k-1) and 7-703 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB818 – Transportation – Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing – Environmental Impact Study for a Third Span

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin, et al

Synopsis: Explicitly stating the power of the Maryland Transportation Authority to conduct or coordinate a study of the environmental impact of a proposed transportation facility; requiring the Authority, in collaboration with specified other agencies, to commence the process, on or before January 1, 2013, to conduct and complete an Environmental Impact Study for a third crossing of the Chesapeake Bay; and requiring that the Environmental Impact Study be for a span at a specified location.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 4-205 - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB819 – Private Property Rights – Regulatory Infringement - Compensation
Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin, et al

Synopsis: Giving an owner of private property a cause of action under specified circumstances against the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the Environment, the Department of Natural Resources, or the Department of Planning if the application of specified regulations infringes on a private property right; providing that the cause of action shall be filed in a specified court; providing for the sum that a private property owner may recover; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

CJ, § 5-120 and SG, §§ 12-601 through 12-604 - added and CJ, § 6-203(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB820 – Transportation – Toll, Fee, or other Charge Increases – Notice and Public Comment
Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin, et al

Synopsis: Requiring specified staff of the Maryland Transportation Authority to provide, by a specified date, public notice regarding a proposal to increase specified tolls, fees, or other charges; requiring the Authority to make the proposal available to the public in a specified manner; and requiring the Authority to receive comments from the public at the meeting at which the Authority votes to implement the proposal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 4-312 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB821 – Environment – Watershed Implementation Plan – Cap on Costs
Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin, et al

Synopsis: Requiring each entity that prepares a Watershed Implementation Plan to prepare a cost assessment of costs associated with implementing the Plan through 2017; requiring a cost assessment to be updated each year by December 1; requiring the Department of the Environment to submit a report on the cost assessments to the Governor and the General Assembly each year by December 31; and prohibiting the implementation of a Watershed Implementation Plan if a specified cost assessment exceeds a specified amount.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

EN, §§ 4-801 and 4-802 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB822 – Environment – Watershed Implementation Plan – County Implementation
Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin, et al

Synopsis: Providing that a local jurisdiction may not be required to implement activities or strategies of a State Watershed Implementation Plan unless specified funding is provided.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
EN, §§ 4-801 and 4-802 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB823 – Environment – Watershed Implementation Plan – Ranking Best Management Practices

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin, et al

Synopsis: Requiring, on or before October 1, 2012, the Department of the Environment to create a list that ranks best management practices relating to a Watershed Implementation Plan based on cost and expected pollution reduction value; requiring the Department to include specified information in the list; requiring the Department to update the list annually; and requiring the Department to publish the list on the Department’s Web site and to mail a hard copy of the list to each county.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
EN, §§ 4-801 and 4-802 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB824 – Transportation – Chesapeake Bay Bridge Authority

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin, et al

Synopsis: Establishing the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Authority to finance, construct, operate, and maintain the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge and the parallel Chesapeake Bay Bridge; providing for the members, appointment, terms, chair, and staff of the Authority; prohibiting the Department of Transportation from exercising jurisdiction or authority over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge; authorizing the Authority to take specified actions in the performance of its duties; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
TR, § 4-101(h)(1) - amended and §§ 4.5-101 through 4.5-412 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

SB825 – Maryland Transportation Authority – Audits – Statements Available Online

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority or an entity engaged by the Authority to annually audit the finances of each transportation facilities project; requiring the Authority to make specified audit statements available on its Internet site in a specified manner; and defining “audit statement”.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
TR, § 4-211 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB826 – Local and Regional Planning and Land Use Powers – Prohibition on Restriction

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin, et al

Synopsis: Prohibiting the Department of Planning, the Office of Smart Growth, the Special Secretary of Smart Growth, or the Smart Growth Subcabinet from adopting regulations or taking actions that restrict the planning and land use powers of local governments or regional planning agencies.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SF, § 5-312 and SG, § 9-1407 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB828 – Maryland Transportation Authority – Fixing or Revising Tolls – Legislative Approval Required

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin, et al

Synopsis: 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; prohibiting the Authority from charging and collecting a toll that exceeds the toll charged on or before October 1, 2011, unless the toll is approved in accordance with the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

TR, § 4-312 - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB829 – Department of Planning – State Development Plan – Approval By the General Assembly

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the Secretary of Planning to submit a State Development Plan to the General Assembly; prohibiting the Plan from being finalized until it is approved by an Act of the General Assembly; requiring the Governor to file with the Secretary of State the Plan, part of the Plan, or revision to the Plan, together with any comments made by the Governor after enactment of a law that approves the Plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SF, § 5-605 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB834 – Transit Facilities – Farebox Recovery Deficiency – Payment By Political Subdivisions to State

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin

Synopsis: Requiring a political subdivision to remit a specified amount of funds to the State if a specified recovery from fares and operating revenues for specified transit services in the political subdivision is less than 35 percent of the total operating costs for specified transit services in the political subdivision; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 7-208(b-2) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB835 – State Development Plan – Conflicts With a County or Municipal Corporation

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of Planning and a county or municipal corporation to meet in good faith and seek to resolve a specified conflict between the State Development Plan and the county or municipal corporation under specified circumstances; and providing that the comprehensive plan, zoning laws, and local ordinances of a county or municipal corporation shall govern for a specified purpose if a specified conflict is not resolved.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SF, § 5-606 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB836 – Teachers’ Retirement and Pension Systems – Local Employer Contributions

Sponsored By: Senators Pipkin and Brinkley

Synopsis: Requiring the State Board of Education to provide for the calculation of a payment of a portion of the employer contributions for local school board employees and community college employees who are members of the Teachers’ Retirement System or the Teachers’ Pension System; requiring specified counties to pay a portion of the employer contributions for local school board employees and community college employees who are members of the Teachers’ Retirement System or the Teachers’ Pension System; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SP, §§ 21-304 and 21-308 - amended and § 21-309.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB877 – Environment – Water Pollution Control – Reporting and Penalties

Sponsored By: Senator Glassman

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of the Environment to publish annually on its Web site the total amount of sewage overflow into the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and the total amount of fines collected by the Department as a result of sewage overflows into the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; and altering specified civil and administrative penalties for violations of specified provisions relating to water pollution control.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

EN, § 9-317 - added and § 9-342 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB884 – Transportation – Highway Construction Training and Supportive Services
Sponsored By: Senator Jones-Rodwell, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the State Highway Administration to use the maximum feasible amount of specified federal funds available for a highway construction training program and supportive services, including skill improvement programs; requiring the Administration to submit a specified report by February 1 each year to specified committees of the General Assembly; providing for the contents of the report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

TR, § 8-508 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB940 – Consumer Protection – Tire Age – Required Notice
Sponsored By: Senator Dyson

Synopsis: Requiring a tire manufacturer or distributor to affix on any tire manufactured for sale in the State a label that displays in a specified manner the month and year in which the tire was manufactured and a specified statement relating to tire age and tire deterioration; requiring a merchant to provide a consumer with a receipt or an invoice stating in a specified manner the month and year in which the tire was manufactured; requiring a merchant to provide a specified written disclosure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

CL, § 14-1324 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB948 – Ethics – Financial Disclosure by Local Elected Officials and County Boards of Education

Sponsored By: Senator Raskin, et al

Synopsis: Authorizing a county, municipal corporation, or school board to limit elected local officials' required disclosures of interests in specified business entities by local elected officials, members of school boards, and candidates for election or appointment to the offices.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SG, §§ 15-805 and 15-813- amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB971 – Maryland Transportation Financing and Infrastructure Investment Act of 2012
Sponsored By: The President (By Request – Administration)

Synopsis: Altering the distribution of the motor fuel tax revenue; requiring the Comptroller to make specified determinations and announcements regarding specified average retail prices of motor fuel and specified sales and use tax equivalent rates for specified periods; providing for the addition of specified sales and use tax equivalent rates to specified motor fuel tax rates under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

TG, §§ 2-1103 and 11-221 - amended and §§ 9-306 and 9-307 - added and TR, Various Sections - amended and § 8-402.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB977 – Transportation – Institutions of Higher Education and State Employment Facilities – Bicycle and Pedestrian Access

Sponsored By: Senator Rosapepe

Synopsis: Requiring each public institution of higher education and State employment facility to develop by fiscal year 2014 a facility master plan to address bicycle and pedestrian circulation on and near the campus; and requiring the institution or employment facility to include in the facility master plan measures to incorporate bikeways and pedestrian facilities and to promote biking and walking on the campus.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

TR, § 21-1008 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB997 – Public Utilities – Electric Vehicle Users and Charging Stations – Exclusions

Sponsored By: Senator Garagiola

Synopsis: Altering the definitions of “electricity supplier” and “public service company”, as the terms apply to specified provisions of the Public Utilities Article, to exclude a person that owns or operates equipment used for charging electric vehicles; and altering the definition of “retail electric customer”, as the term applies to specified provisions of the Public Utilities Article, to exclude a person that charges an electric vehicle at an electric vehicle charging station.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

PU, § 1-101(j), (x), and (cc) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB1087 – Local Government – Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Funds – Distribution of Money to Volunteer Companies

Sponsored By: Senator Mathias, et al

Synopsis: Requiring that each county distribute a specified minimum amount of money that the county receives from the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund to volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance companies; requiring the Director of the Maryland

Emergency Management Agency to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on the amount of money distributed by each county to volunteer companies; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

PS, §§ 8-103 and 8-104 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules
