



Baltimore Metropolitan Council

**TRANSPORTATION, AIR QUALITY, AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-RELATED
LEGISLATION
INTRODUCED IN THE 2010 SESSION
OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

2010 Legislative Report

2010 Legislative Wrap-Up

June 2, 2010

**This session of the Maryland General Assembly began on
January 13, 2010 and adjourns on April 12, 2010**

**The filing deadline for bills and resolutions is February 5 for the Senate,
and February 12 for the House. March 8 is the final deadline in both
chambers for introduction of legislation without rules suspension.**

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LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

For the last seventeen 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 2010 session began on January 13 and will adjourn on April 12. 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 Purpose. 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.

This legislative report is for information purposes only.

For further information on specific bills, fiscal notes, and related information, contact Maryland General Assembly, Department of Legislative Services: Baltimore region phone 1-410-946-5400; Rest of Maryland phone 1-301-970-5400; Outside Maryland phone 1-800-492-7122.

See <http://mlis.state.md.us/2010RS/synopsis/synindx.htm> for a complete listing of all bills filed during the 2010 session based on the date of filing.

NOTES FOR LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP

Those bills which failed to pass the legislature are struck through with a single line in the summaries below. Bills passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor are shown in **green bold** type. Bills vetoed by the Governor are shown in **red bold** type

CATEGORIES OF LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE 2010 SESSION OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Bicycle and Pedestrian-Related

~~HB0140~~ ~~Bicycles, Mopeds, and Motor Scooters – Minors – Protective Headgear~~

~~HB0461~~ ~~Vehicle Laws – Bicycles, EPAMDS, and Motor Scooters – Rules of the Road~~

HB0786 **State Highway Administration – Sidewalk Construction in Priority Funding Areas**

~~HB1193~~ ~~Vehicle Laws – Bicycles and Motor Scooters – Rules of the Road~~

SB0051 **Vehicle Laws – Bicycle, EPAMDS, and Motor Scooters – Rules of the Road**

SB0624 **Vehicle Laws – Bicycles and Motor Scooters – Rules of the Road**

State & Local Government, Community Development and “Smart Growth”- Related

~~HB0058~~ ~~State Government – Open Meetings Act – Definition of a Public Body~~

~~HB0107~~ ~~Legislative Voting – Sunshine Act~~

~~HB0211~~ ~~State Government – Open Meetings Act – Notice of Complaints~~

~~HB0344~~ ~~Maryland Open Government Act~~

HB0777 **Local Government – Applicability of Laws to Counties and Baltimore City**

HB0839 **Political Subdivisions – Financial Reports¹**

HB0844 **Local Government Funds – Redeposit into Insured Account**

~~HB0888~~ ~~Land Use – Community Benefit Agreements~~

~~HB0959~~ ~~Procurement – Single Minority Business Enterprise Certification Agency for Local Government Procurement~~

~~HB1014~~ ~~Clean Energy Loan Programs~~

~~HB1031~~ ~~State Government – Open Meetings Act – Online Training~~

~~HB1125~~ ~~Stormwater Management – Development Projects – Redevelopment and Preliminary Plan Approval~~

~~HB1159~~ ~~Budget Reduction Act~~

HB1163 **Economic Development – Enterprise Zones – Designation**

HB1182 **Business Improvement Districts**

HB1244 **Municipal Corporations – Planning Commissions – Meetings**

~~HB1301~~ ~~State Government – Access to Public Records – Electronic Documents~~

~~HB1325~~ ~~State and Local Government Procurement – Banking and Financial Services – Preference for State Financial Institutions~~

~~HB1377~~ ~~Department of Transportation – Local Development Reviews –~~

¹ Vetoed on 5/20/10 as duplicative.

_____ Comments
 HB1401 _____ Local Government – Collective Bargaining Referendum – Local
 _____ Ordinance Prohibition
 HB1450 _____ Vehicle Laws – Parking Lot Requirements – Exceptions to Local Zoning
 Ordinances
HB1464 Land Bank Authorities – Establishment by Municipal Corporations
HB1473 Public Safety – Missing Offenders – Blue Alert System
 HB1480 _____ Stormwater Management – Construction Activities – State and Local
 Governments PG 430-10
 HB1567 _____ State Highway Administrator – County Construction Projects – Duty to
 _____ Provide Notice

 SB0285 _____ Smart, Green, and Growing – The Sustainable Communities Act of 2010
SB0278 Smart, Green, and Growing – Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission
**SB0394 Municipalities – Authority to Enter into Agreements with Other
 Municipalities**
 SB0407 _____ Maryland Open Government Act
SB0777 Local Government Funds – Redeposit into Insured Accounts
 SB0992 _____ Applications for Certificates of Need – Notice to and Involvement of
 _____ Bordering Counties
 SB1049 _____ State Highway Administration – Clearing Sidewalks of Snow at Transit
 _____ Stations – Agreements with Political Subdivisions
 SB1059 _____ Procurement – Employee Uniforms and Equipment – Place of Manufacture
 SB1082 _____ Stormwater Management – Development Projects – Redevelopment and
 _____ Preliminary Plan Approved
 SB1083 _____ Property Tax – Semiannual Payment for Real Property
 SB1099 _____ State and Local Government Procurement – Banking and Financial
 _____ Services – Preference for State Financial Institutions
**SB1123 Political Subdivisions – Collective Bargaining Agreements – Binding
 Arbitration**

Environmental/Sustainability – Air Quality, Energy, Water Quality
 HB0009 _____ Vehicle Laws – Vehicle Emissions Inspection – Test Performed by Dealers
 HB0018 _____ Environment – Lead Wheel Weights – Prohibited
 HB0035 _____ Environment – Brominated Flame Retardants – Decabrominated Diphenyl Ether
 _____ Prohibition
 HB0036 _____ Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Payments to Contractors
 HB0050 _____ Agriculture – Specialty Fertilizers – Low Phosphorous Fertilizer
 HB0053 _____ Environment – Sewage Sludge Utilization Permit – Septage
**HB0062 Environment – Payment of Cost Differential – Nitrogen Removal
 Technology**
**HB0068 Department of the Environment – Grants – Small Business and Certified
 Minority Business Enterprises**
 HB0070 _____ Bay Restoration Fund – Expanded Use of Funds
HB0072 Department of the Environment – Oil and Gas Production Permits – Fees
HB0073 Environment – Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund – Use of Funds
HB0089 Environment – Wetlands and Waterways Program Fees – Aquaculture
HB0218 Natural Resources – Oysters – Dredge Devices
HB0224 Plumbing – Greywater Recycling
 HB0237 _____ Environment – On-site Sewage Disposal Systems – Funding Availability
 HB0313 _____ Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Authorized Uses
 HB0349 _____ Maryland Efficiency Standards Act – Televisions
 HB0351 _____ Chesapeake Bay Restoration Consumer Retail Choice Act of 2010
 HB0357 _____ Natural Resources – Land Acquisition – Notification and Approval
HB0464 Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act of 2010

~~HB0468~~ ~~Off Shore Wind Generation~~ ~~Qualified Submerged Renewable Energy Lines~~
HB0469 **Motor Vehicle Excise Tax – Tax Credit for Electric Vehicles**
~~HB0471~~ ~~Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard~~ ~~Solar Energy~~
HB0474 **Smart, Green, and Growing – Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission**
~~HB0475~~ ~~Smart, Green, and Growing~~ ~~The Sustainable Communities Act of 2010~~
~~HB0486~~ ~~Environment~~ ~~Water Appropriation or Use Permits~~ ~~Wells~~
~~HB0522~~ ~~Public Service Commission~~ ~~Report on the State's Long-Term Energy Needs~~
~~HB0604~~ ~~Environment~~ ~~Greywater~~ ~~Residential Use~~
HB0606 **Natural Resources – Local Forest Conservation Funds – Use of Money**
~~HB0612~~ ~~Environment~~ ~~Use of Coal Combustion By-Products for Reclamation~~ ~~Bond Requirements~~
~~HB0614~~ ~~Environment~~ ~~Coal Combustion By-Products~~ ~~Permits~~
HB0647 **Department of Natural Resources – Conservation Service Opportunities –**
~~HB0648~~ ~~Environment~~ ~~Drug Stewardship Program~~
~~HB0649~~ ~~Environment~~ ~~Pharmaceutical Disposal Act~~
HB0674 **High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes – Use by Plug-In Vehicles**
HB0685 **Environment – Fluorescent and Compact Fluorescent Light Recycling – County Plans**
~~HB0696~~ ~~Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund~~ ~~Allocation of Proceeds~~
~~HB0697~~ ~~Public Service Commission~~ ~~Competitive Electricity and Gas Supplier Referral Program~~
~~HB0701~~ ~~Energy Companies~~ ~~Net Energy Metering~~ ~~Payment for Accrued Generation Credit~~
~~HB0744~~ ~~Electricity~~ ~~Competitive Supply~~ ~~Information~~
~~HB0705~~ ~~Energy Performance Ratings~~ ~~State, County, and Municipal Buildings~~
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HB0801 **Electricity – Net Energy Metering – Credits**
~~HB0810~~ ~~Public Service Commission~~ ~~Cost Reimbursement~~
HB0812 **Environment – Water Service – Property Owners**
HB0821 **Net Energy Metering – Fuel Cell**
~~HB0835~~ ~~Energy Performance Contracts~~ ~~Financing~~ ~~State Energy Performance Contract Loan of 2010~~
~~HB0852~~ ~~Energy Companies~~ ~~Net Energy Metering Credit Transfers~~ ~~Municipalities~~
~~HB0902~~ ~~Energy Companies~~ ~~Net Energy Metering~~ ~~Credit Transfers~~
HB0903 **Environment – Road Salt Management Programs**
HB0908 **Maryland Clean Energy Center – Miscellaneous Provisions**
~~HB0922~~ ~~The Renewables First Act~~
~~HB0930~~ ~~Agriculture~~ ~~Fertilizers and Pesticides~~ ~~Release Reporting~~
HB0943 **Chesapeake Conservation Corps**
~~HB0944~~ ~~Recycling~~ ~~Bars and Restaurants~~ ~~Beverage Containers~~
~~HB0964~~ ~~Environment~~ ~~Stormwater Management~~ ~~New Development and Redevelopment Projects~~
HB0982 **Solid Waste Management – Recycling – Requirements**
~~HB0985~~ ~~Public and Commercial Buildings~~ ~~Energy Benchmarking and Disclosure~~
~~HB0999~~ ~~Watershed Protection and Restoration Act~~
~~HB1013~~ ~~Wind-Powered Electric Generating Facilities~~ ~~Decommissioning and Restoration~~ ~~Surcharge, Bond or Other Security, and Fund~~
~~HB1040~~ ~~High Performance Buildings Act~~ ~~Applicability to Recipients of State Aid~~
HB1044 **High Performance Buildings Act – Applicable to Community College Capital Projects**

HB1085 — Clean Energy Loan Programs — Renewable Energy Projects
 HB1164 — Green Maryland Act of 2010
 HB1169 — Agricultural Energy Production Act of 2010
 HB1224 — Public Service Commission — Long-Term Power Purchasing Agreements
 — Renewable Energy
 HB1230 — Task Force to Develop Strategies to Encourage Recycling and Reduce
 — Litter in Maryland's Waterways
 HB1231 — Electric Companies — Information on Consumer Choice
 HB1257 — Natural Resources — Vessels — No-Discharge Designation for Maryland
 — Waters
 HB1408 — Stormwater Management — Regulations — Delay and Adoption of New
 HB1409 — Stormwater Management — Development Projects — Special Taxing
 — Districts
 HB1418 — Environment — At-Store Recycling — Plastic Carryout Bags
HB1425 — **Department of the Environment – Consolidation and Administration of
 Environmental Funds**
 HB1467 — Environment — Coal Combustion By-Products — Minimum Standards —
 — Beneficial Uses
HB1508 — **Environment – Coal Combustion By-Products – Disposal Sites**
 HB1510 — Renewable Energy Funding
 HB1534 — Electric Companies — Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard for Solar
 — Energy
 HB1535 — Electric Companies — Overhead Transmission Lines — Requirements
 — Sponsored By: Delegate Hecht
 HB1537 — Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard — Renewable Energy Credits —
 — Solar Water Heating Systems
 HB1549 — Local Government — Street Lighting Equipment

SB0003 — **Environment – Wetlands and Waterways Program Fees – Aquaculture**
 SB0008 — Environment — Bay Restoration Fund — Payments to Contractors
 SB0020 — Environment — Bay Restoration Fund — Authorized Uses
 SB0023 — Energy Companies — Net Energy Metering — Credit Transfers
 SB0050 — Energy Companies — Net Energy Metering
SB0088 — **Environment – Controlled Hazardous Substance Advisory Council**
 SB0200 — Wind-Powered Electric Generating Facilities — Decommissioning and Restoration
 — Surcharge, Bond, or Other Security, and Fund
SB0277 — **Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Solar Energy**
 SB0282 — Off-Shore Wind Generation — Qualified Submerged Renewable Energy Lines
SB0287 — **Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act of 2010**
SB0311 — **Chesapeake Conservation Corps**
 SB0353 — Environment — Brominated Flame Retardants — Decabrominated Diphenyl Ether
 — Prohibition
SB0355 — **Energy Companies – Net Energy Metering – Payment for Accrued
 Generation Credit**
 SB0359 — Agriculture — Fertilizers and Pesticides — Release Reporting
SB0361 — **Natural Resources – Local Forest Conservation Funds – Use of Money**
 SB0363 — Environment — Use of Coal Combustion by-Products for Reclamation — Bond
 Requirements
 SB0364 — Environment Coal Combustion By-Products — Permits
 SB0414 — Vehicle Laws — Equine Riding — Helmet Requirement for Minors
 SB0448 — Environment — Oil and Gas Drilling — Wells
 SB0455 — Maryland Efficiency Standards Act — Televisions
 SB0462 — Chesapeake Bay Restoration Consumer Retail Choice Act of 2010
 SB0464 — Marilyn J. Praisner Safe and Earth-Friendly Roadway Act
 SB0479 — State Capital Projects — High Performance Buildings — Green Globes
 — Rating

SB0513 — Natural Resources — Vessels — No-Discharge Designation for Maryland Waters
 SB0514 — Environment — Permits to Construct or Materially Alter an Incinerator —
 ————— Limitations on Issuance
 SB0515 — The Renewables First Act
SB0529 **Net Energy Metering – Fuel Cell**
 SB0537 — Energy Companies — Net Energy Metering — Credit Transfers
SB0556 **Environment – Decabrominated Diphenyl Ether – Prohibitions**
 SB0558 — Public Service Commission — Long-Term Power Purchasing Agreements —
 ————— Renewable Energy
 SB0569 — Biomass and Biofuels — In-State Production Incentives
 SB0653 — Environment — Coal Combustion By-Products — Minimum Standards —
 ————— Beneficial Uses
 SB0656 — Energy Performance Ratings — State, County, and Municipal Buildings
 SB0661 — Public Service Commission — Competitive Electricity and Gas Supplier
 ————— Referral Program
 SB0686 — Watershed Protection and Restoration Act
SB0693 **Green Maryland Act of 2010**
 SB0720 — Clean Energy Loan Programs
SB0775 **Environment – Road Sale Management Programs**
SB0791 **Procurement – Multi-Year Contracts for Renewable Energy –**
 ————— **Termination Clauses**
 SB0803 — Sewage Sludge Utilization Permits — Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal
 ————— Bays Critical Area — Judicial Review
 SB0807 — Electricity Market Goal of the State — Best Possible Price for Ratepayers
 ————— Through Reregulation
SB0893 **Maryland Clean Energy Center – Miscellaneous Provisions²**
 SB0910 — Comprehensive Energy Plan
SB0925 **Carroll County – Green Building Tax Credit³**
 SB0939 — Energy Performance Contracts — Financing — State Energy Performance
 ————— Contract Loan of 2010
 SB0942 — Public Service Commission — Customer Education on Customer Choice
 SB0971 — Public Service Companies — Gas and Electric Service — Alternative
 ————— Payment Agreements
 SB0987 — Natural Resources — Conservation Law Enforcement Act of 2010
 SB0993 — Nuclear Power Transparency Act of 2010
 SB1107 — Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Renewable Energy Credits – Solar
 ————— Water Heating Systems
 SB1108 — Electric Companies — Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards for Solar Energy

Highway

HB0216 — State Highway Administration — Unauthorized Signs on Highway Rights-Of-Way
 SB0457 — State Highway Administration — Speed Limits — Small Cities and Towns

Public Transportation

HB0057 — Subway and Light Rail Operation Safety Act
 HB0529 — Maryland Transit Administration — Audio Recording Devices on Vehicles
 ————— for Transit Service

SB0175 — Baltimore City — Highway User Revenues — Authorized Use

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Telecommuting and Travel Substitution

Traffic Operations, Public Safety and Transportation Safety

- HB0022 — Task Force to Study Traffic Accident Clearance Procedures
- HB0093 — Motor Vehicle Administration – Identification Cards and Drivers’ Licenses**
- HB0101 — Vehicle Laws — Rules of the Road — Use of Signals When Changing Lanes
- HB0143 — Vehicle Laws — Use of Work Zone Speed Control Systems — Presence of Workers Required
- HB0164 — Drunk and Drugged Driving — Repeat Offenders — Special Registration Plates
- HB0185 — Transportation — Unlawful Signs Along Highways — Enforcement
- HB0190 — Motor Vehicles – Use of Video Display Equipment**
- HB0192 — Motor Vehicles — Reading Text Message While Driving — Prohibition
- HB0210 — Malfunctioning Traffic Light Act
- HB0236 — Vehicle Laws — Distracted Driving — Prohibition
- HB0248 — Vehicle Laws — Equine Riding — Helmet Requirement for Minors
- HB0252 — Vehicle Laws — Exemption From Motor Vehicle Emissions Test and Inspection Requirements — Newer Vehicles
- HB0256 — Vehicle Laws — Alcohol — And Drug-Related Driving Offenses — Transporting Minors — Penalties
- HB0259 — Drunk or Drugged Driving — Subsequent Offenders — Notation on Driver’s License
- HB0299 — Vehicle Laws — Distracted Driving — Prohibition
- HB0315 — Criminal Law — Reckless Endangerment — Use of a Motor Vehicle
- HB0316 — Drunk & Drugged Driving — Refusal to Take a Blood or Breath Test — Prohibition
- HB0385 — Smartphone Safety Act
- HB0425 — Vehicle Laws — Races and Speed Contests — Enforcement and Penalties
- HB0480 — Motor Vehicles — Medium Speed Vehicles — Requirements and Prohibitions
- HB0485 — Motor Vehicle Equipment – Spare Tire Requirement – Application**
- HB0489 — Vehicle Laws — Use of Wireless Telephone While Driving — Prohibitions
- HB0499 — Motor Vehicles – Approaching Emergency Vehicles and Personnel**
- HB0515 — Vehicle Laws — Mandatory Use of Ignition Interlock System Program
- HB0520 — Transportation — Transit Vehicle Operators — Prohibition on Use of Wireless Communication Devices
- HB0588 — Rules of the Road — Duty to Remain at the Scene of an Accident — Penalties
- HB0630 — Vehicle Laws — Ignition Interlock System Program — Mandatory Participation
- HB0676 — Vehicle Laws – Equipment on Motorcycles – Auxiliary Lighting**
- HB0709 — Roadway Lighting — Expressways and Controlled Access Highways — Lighting Curfew and Tariffs
- HB0719 — Baltimore County — Four-Way Intersections — Stop Signs
- HB0743 — Drunk Driving Elimination Act
- HB0745 — Vehicle Laws — Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act
- HB0934 — Vehicle Laws — Use of Wireless Telephone While Driving — Prohibitions
- HB0975 — Vehicle Laws – Maryland Transportation Authority – Highways**
- HB0993 — Vehicle Laws — Use of Wireless Communication Devices — Prohibition
- HB1006 — Vehicle Laws — Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act
- HB1030 — Vehicle Laws — Motor Scooters — Protective Headgear
- HB1048 — Vehicle Laws — Detectable Level of a Controlled Dangerous Substance or Its Metabolites — Prohibition
- HB1221 — Maryland Safe Roads for Teens Act

HB1282 Vehicle Laws Protective Headgear Requirements for Motorcycle Riders
 –Exceptions
 HB1305 Public Safety Maryland Railroad Police Act Definition of “Railroad
 Police Officer”
 HB1321 Transportation Littering and Securing Loads on Vehicles Online
 Reporting of Violations and Issuance of Citations
HB1416 Vehicle Laws – Parking for Individuals with Disabilities – Zoning

SB0019 Vehicle Laws Use of Wireless Telephone While Driving Prohibitions
 SB0049 Vehicle Laws Vehicle Approaching Emergency or Police Vehicle Duty to
 Change Lane or Slow Down
**SB0066 Vehicle Laws – Length of Vehicles – Saddle-Mount and Full-Mount
 Combinations**

SB0124 Vehicle Laws Use of Work Zone Speed Control Systems Presence of
 Workers Required
 SB0159 Vehicle Laws Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act
 SB0169 Vehicle Laws Rules of the Road Use of Signals When Changing Lanes
**SB0189 Vehicle Laws – Reckless and Negligent Driving – Penalties for Death or
 Serious Bodily Injury**

SB0209 Motor Vehicle Air Bags Consumer Protection and Reporting Requirements
 SB0273 Vehicle Laws Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Death Penalty
 SB0294 Vehicle Laws Distracted Driving Prohibition
SB0322 Motor Vehicles – Use of Video Display Equipment
SB0324 Motor Vehicles – Approaching Emergency Vehicles and Personnel
 SB0343 Vehicle Laws Accidents Resulting in Death Appearance in Court for Traffic
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SB0350 Maryland Transit Administration Transit-Oriented Development Expansion of
 Geographic Area
**SB0475 Operating a Vessel While Under the Influence of or Impaired by Alcohol
 or Drugs – Compulsory Testing**

SB0492 Vehicle Laws Protective Headgear Requirement for Motor Vehicle
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SB0493 Vehicle Laws – Equipment on Motorcycles – Auxiliary Lighting

SB0502 Malfunctioning Traffic Light Act
 SB0525 Vehicle Laws Driver Improvement Programs Deduction of Accumulated
 Points
 SB0564 Drunk Driving Elimination Act
 SB0565 Drunk and Drugged Driving Refusal to Take Blood or Breath Test –
 Prohibition
 SB0584 Criminal Law Reckless Endangerment Use of a Motor Vehicle

**SB0602 Vehicle Laws – High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes – Use by Plug-In
 Vehicles**

SB0648 Transportation Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing Environmental
 Impact Study for a Third Span
 SB0649 Chesapeake Bay Bridge Inspection by Independent Entity Required
 SB0676 For Hire Driving Services Temporary for Hire Driver’s Licenses and
 Operator’s Dress Code
 SB0697 Alcohol Or Drug-Related Crimes Serious Physical Injury by Motor
 Vehicle or Vessel Penalties
 SB0698 Vehicle Laws Controlled Dangerous Substances Per Se Driving
 Offenses
 SB0699 Vehicle Laws Drug-Related Driving Offense Penalties
 SB0740 Vehicle Laws Detectable Level of a Controlled Dangerous Substance or
 its Metabolites Prohibition

~~SB1001 Vehicle Laws – Overtaking and Passing School Vehicles – School Bus~~
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Transportation Funding

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HB0282 Transportation Projects – Bicycle and Pedestrian Access – Funding and Reporting

~~HB0367 Transportation Trust Fund – Dedicated Highway Funds~~

~~HB0383 Transportation Trust Fund Protection Act~~

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HB0710 Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding

~~HB0732 State Government – Priority Funding for Transportation Projects for BRAC~~

~~HB1007 Highway Electronic Toll and Fee Consolidation Act~~

HB1155 Transportation – Consolidated Transportation Program – Evaluation and Selection of Proposed Capital Projects

~~HB1347 Maryland Transportation Authority – Toll Increase – Public Meeting Requirement~~

~~HB1404 Maryland Department of Transportation – Transit Review and Evaluation~~

~~HB1552 Construction and Development Projects – Expedited Approval of State Permits~~

SB0229 Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding

~~SB0281 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax – Tax Credit for Electric Vehicles~~

~~SB0650 Maryland Transportation Authority – Proposed Toll or Fee Charges – Public Comments~~

~~SB0651 Maryland Transportation Authority – Toll Increase – Public Meeting Requirement~~

~~SB0725 State Government – Priority Funding for Transportation Projects for BRAC~~

~~SB0760 Transportation – Consolidated Transportation Program – Evaluation and Selection of Proposed Capital Projects~~

SB0828 Special Taxing Districts – Transportation Improvements – Exemption From County Tax Limitations

~~SB0832 Maryland Community Enhancement Transit-Oriented Development Fund~~

~~SB0991 Maryland Transportation Authority – Chesapeake Bay Bridge – Tolls~~

2010 HOUSE BILLS

HB0009 - Vehicle Laws - Vehicle Emissions Inspection - Test Performed by Dealers

Sponsored By: Delegates McConkey, Barve, and Myers

Synopsis: Authorizing a licensed vehicle dealer to conduct an exhaust emissions test; establishing that a dealer may conduct an exhaust emissions test only by means of an on-board diagnostics test on vehicles that meet specified criteria; establishing that a dealer may conduct an exhaust emissions test only on equipment that meets requirements established by the Motor Vehicle Administration; requiring the collection of a specified fee; prohibiting a dealer who conducts an exhaust emissions test from imposing an additional fee; etc.

HB0018 - Environment – Lead Wheel Weights – Prohibited

Sponsored By: Delegate Hubbard

Synopsis: Prohibiting specified persons from using, allowing to be used, or selling specified lead wheel weights after specified dates; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations that at a minimum list environmentally safe lead-free wheel weights; requiring the Department to inform specified persons regarding the requirements under the regulations; providing for the enforcement of the Act, including the required issuance of a warning for an initial violation; etc.

HB0022 - Task Force to Study Traffic Accident Clearance Procedures

Sponsored By: Delegate V. Turner

Synopsis: Establishing a Task Force to Study Traffic Accident Clearance Procedures; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to appoint the chair of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation; authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive reimbursement for specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to report to the General Assembly by a specified date; etc.

HB0035 - Environment – Brominated Flame Retardants – Decabrominated Diphenyl Ether – Prohibition

Sponsored By: Delegate Hubbard

Synopsis: Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2011, the manufacturing, processing, selling, or distributing of a new product or a flame- retardant part of a new product that contains a specified amount of decabrominated diphenyl ether; and providing that the prohibition does not apply to specified processing of specified recyclables, specified manufacturer replacement service parts or other products, specified vehicles, or specified products or parts for use in vehicles.

HB0036 - Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Payments to Contractors

Sponsored By: Delegates Haddaway, Eckardt, Smigiel, and Norman

Synopsis: Requiring the Comptroller or local governments to disburse specified grant funds from the Bay Restoration Fund directly to contractors who incur costs eligible for reimbursement under specified circumstances.

HB0050 - Agriculture – Specialty Fertilizers – Low Phosphorous Fertilizer

Sponsored By: Delegate G. Clagett

Synopsis: Lowering the threshold for the phosphoric acid content of lawn fertilizers to which specified prohibitions and requirements apply; and altering the definition of "low phosphorous fertilizer".

HB0053 - Environment – Sewage Sludge Utilization Permit – Septage

Sponsored By: Delegate G. Clagett

Synopsis - Altering specified requirements for the adoption of specified regulations by the Department of the Environment; establishing requirements of septage haulers; establishing an Oversight Committee on Sewage Sludge Utilization; requiring the Department to review specified fees; authorizing the Department to reduce the fees under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department to make specified reimbursements from the Bay Restoration Fund; etc.

HB0058 – State Government – Open Meetings Act – Definition of a Public Body

Sponsored By: Delegate Smigiel

Synopsis: Altering the definition of a public body in the context of the Open Meetings Act to include an entity created by a memorandum of understanding, memorandum of agreement, or contract entered into by the chief executive authority of a political

subdivision of the State and an entity created by a political subdivision of the State while carrying out a quasi-legislative function; etc.

HB0062 - Environment – Payment of Cost Differential – Nitrogen Removal Technology

Sponsored By: Delegate V. Turner

Synopsis: Repealing a contingency on the requirement that the Department of the Environment pay for specified costs associated with the installation of on-site sewage disposal systems utilizing nitrogen removal technology; requiring the Department to pay specified costs from the Department's General Fund appropriation if specified funding is unavailable; and giving priority for specified funding to homeowners installing on-site sewage disposal systems utilizing nitrogen removal technology in the Critical Area.

HB0068 - Department of the Environment – Grants – Small Business and Certified Minority Business Enterprises

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

Synopsis: Requiring a grantee who receives financial assistance of over \$500,000 from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Nonpoint Source Fund to demonstrate that specified steps were taken to include small businesses and specified minority business enterprises; and authorizing the Department of the Environment to withhold financial assistance for a project under specified circumstances.

HB0070 - Bay Restoration Fund – Expanded Use of Funds

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

Synopsis: Authorizing the use of the Bay Restoration Fund as a source of revenue or security for the payment of principal of and interest on bonds issued by a local government if the proceeds are used to fund the eligible costs of enhanced nutrient removal under specified circumstances.

HB0072 - Department of the Environment – Oil and Gas Production Permits – Fees

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

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of the Environment to collect fees for specified purposes concerning oil and gas wells; requiring the Department to set the fees at a specified rate; requiring the Department to reduce the fees under specified circumstances; establishing an Oil and Gas Fund; specifying the composition of the Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund; prohibiting the reversion of unused money from the Fund to the General Fund; etc.

HB0073 - Environment – Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund – Use of Funds

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

Synopsis: Authorizing the use of the Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund to provide assistance in the form of grants, negative interest loans, forgiveness of principal, subsidized interest rates, and any other form of financial assistance as authorized or required by specified provisions of federal law.

HB0089 - Environment – Wetlands and Waterways Program Fees – Aquaculture

Sponsored By: Delegate O'Donnell

Synopsis: Exempting aquacultural activities for which the Department of Natural Resources has issued a specified permit from a requirement to pay application fees under the Wetlands and Waterways Program.

HB0093 - Motor Vehicle Administration – Identification Cards and Drivers' Licenses

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

Synopsis: Altering the period of validity of identification cards issued for specified applicants by the Motor Vehicle Administration; eliminating the requirement that an application for a driver's license state the employer of the applicant on the application form; authorizing the Administration to waive the requirement for a vision examination in specified circumstances; etc.

HB0101 - Vehicle Laws – Rules of the Road – Use of Signals When Changing Lanes

Sponsored By: Delegates Feldman and Bronrott

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from moving a vehicle right or left on a roadway in order to change lanes unless the person gives an appropriate signal in a specified manner; etc.

HB0107 - Legislative Voting Sunshine Act

Sponsored By: Delegates Ali, Bobo, Barkley, Carr, Feldman, Gutierrez, Hucker, Kaiser, Manno, McComas, McConkey, Miller, Montgomery, Norman, Olszewski, Pena-Melnyk, Reznik, Rice, Shewell, Stein, Taylor, and Waldstreicher

Synopsis: Requiring that the result of a roll call vote taken on a bill, an amendment to a bill, or any other motion relating to a bill in a standing committee be made available on the General Assembly website at the same time the report of the standing committee on the bill is made available on the website; and requiring the posted result to allow an individual to see how each member of the standing committee voted on a bill, an amendment to the bill, or other motion related to a bill and which members made the motion and seconded the motion.

HB0140 - Bicycles, Mopeds, and Motor Scooters – Minors – Protective Headgear

Sponsored By: Delegates Elliott and Mathias

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person who is under the age of 18 years from operating or riding as a passenger on a bicycle, moped, or motor scooter unless the person is wearing protective headgear; increasing to 18 years the age below which the operator or passenger of a bicycle is required to wear protective headgear; and clarifying that the defined term "bicycle" includes a moped.

HB0143 - Vehicle Laws – Use of Work Zone Speed Control Systems – Presence of Workers Required

Sponsored By: Delegate Morhaim

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.

HB0164 - Drunk and Drugged Driving – Repeat Offenders – Special Registration Plates

Sponsored By: Delegate Holmes

Synopsis: Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue special license plates to identify a vehicle that is owned by an individual who has been convicted of specified drunk or drugged driving offenses three or more times; requiring the special registration plates to be distinctive and to include the letters "DUI"; requiring the Administration to recall the registration plates of all vehicles owned by an individual who has been convicted of specified drunk and drugged driving offenses three or more times; etc.

HB0185 - Transportation – Unlawful Signs Along Highways – Enforcement

Sponsored By: Delegate Kelly

Synopsis: Establishing that, for purposes of enforcing specified provisions of law relating to sign placement and maintenance along highways, the presence of a sign in violation of the provisions of law is evidence of specified facts concerning the placement or maintenance of the sign; etc.

HB0190 - Motor Vehicles – Use of Video Display Equipment

Sponsored By: Delegate Malone

Synopsis: Providing that, with specified exceptions, a motor vehicle driven on a State highway may not be equipped with video display equipment that is visible to a driver while driving; permitting video display equipment in a vehicle exclusively for public safety or law enforcement purposes and permitting video display equipment that is designed, installed, and used in conformance with the intended purpose of the vehicle manufacturer.

HB0192 - Motor Vehicles – Reading Text Message While Driving – Prohibition

Sponsored By: Delegates Malone and Kach

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from using a text messaging device to read a text message while operating a motor vehicle in motion or in the travel portion of the roadway.

HB0210 - Malfunctioning Traffic Light Act

Sponsored By: Delegates Ali and Glenn

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.

HB0211 - State Government – Open Meetings Act – Notice of Complaints

Sponsored By: Delegate Morhaim

Synopsis: Requiring a complaint filed with the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board to be filed within 1 year of the action that is the basis for the complaint; altering specified notice requirements; requiring a public body to give notice of a meeting by posting the notice on a website that is regularly used by the public body to provide information to the public or by posting the notice at a location accessible to the public and regularly used by the public body for posting notices under specified circumstances; etc.

HB0216 - State Highway Administration – Unauthorized Signs on Highway Rights-Of-Way

Sponsored By: Delegates Pena-Melnyk, Barnes, Frush, Hecht, Holmes, Kipke, Niemann, F. Turner, V. Turner, Valderrama, and Walker

Synopsis: Providing for original jurisdiction of the District Court for specified actions; prohibiting a person without authorization from the State Highway Administration from placing a sign within the right-of-way of a State highway; clarifying that such signs may be removed by the Administration or other designated agencies; authorizing the Administration or a specified county or municipal corporation government to collect civil penalties and to seek an injunction against violations; etc.

HB0218 - Natural Resources – Oysters – Dredge Devices

Sponsored By: Delegates Elmore, Aumann, Bartlett, Bates, Beitzel, Bohanan, Boteler, Cane, Conway, Costa, DeBoy, Eckardt, Frank, George, Haddaway, Impallaria, Jameson, Jennings, Kach, Kelly, King, Kipke, Krebs, Kullen, Levy, Mathias, McConkey, McDonough, Miller, Murphy, Myers, Norman, O'Donnell, Rudolph, Serafini, Shank, Shewell, Smigiel, Sophocleus, Sossi, Stifler, Stull, Walkup, Weir, and Wood

Synopsis: Repealing a prohibition on a person on a dredge boat possessing or using specified dredge devices.

HB0224 - Plumbing – Greywater Recycling

Sponsored By: Delegates Morhaim, Cardin, McIntosh, and Stein

Synopsis: Prohibiting a county from adopting or enforcing provisions of a local plumbing code that prohibit a system that recycles greywater; and defining "greywater".

HB0236 - Vehicle Laws – Distracted Driving – Prohibition

Sponsored By: Delegate Malone

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 person 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.

HB0237 - Environment – On-site Sewage Disposal Systems – Funding Availability

Sponsored By: Delegates McConkey, Bates, Boteler, Dwyer, Eckardt, Elmore, George, Haddaway, Jennings, Kipke, McComas, Minnick, Shewell, Sossi, and Weir

Synopsis: Making specified prohibitions on the installation or replacement of specified on-site sewage disposal systems in specified areas subject to the availability of specified funds; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

HB0248 - Vehicle Laws – Equine Riding – Helmet Requirement for Minors

Sponsored By: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person under the age of 18 from riding an equine on a highway, an equine-riding path, or a specified other property unless the person is wearing a properly secured helmet that meets specified standards; establishing a fine schedule for subsequent violations of the helmet requirement; requiring a court to order the parent or guardian of a minor under 14 years of age who is convicted of a violation of the Act to pay the fine imposed for the violation under specified circumstances; etc.

HB0252 - Vehicle Laws – Exemption From Motor Vehicle Emissions Test and Inspection Requirements – Newer Vehicles

Sponsored By: Delegates Shewell, Aumann, Bartlett, Beitzel, Boteler, Eckardt, Elliott, Elmore, Frank, George, Impallaria, Jenkins, Jennings, Kach, Kelly, King,

Kipke, Krebs, McComas, McConkey, McDonough, Miller, Minnick, Myers, Norman, O'Donnell, Schuh, Serafini, Shank, Smigiel, Sophocleus, Sossi, Stocksdale, Stull, F. Turner, and Weir

Synopsis: Exempting a vehicle from specified motor vehicle emissions test and inspection requirements for 4 years after the vehicle's model year or first registration date, whichever is earlier.

HB0256 - Vehicle Laws – Alcohol – And Drug-Related Driving Offenses – Transporting Minors – Penalties
Sponsored By: Delegate Rosenberg

Synopsis: Increasing criminal penalties for various alcohol- and drug-related driving offenses involving transportation of a minor.

HB0259 - Drunk or Drugged Driving – Subsequent Offenders – Notation on Driver's License

Sponsored By: Delegates Shewell, Aumann, Bartlett, Boteler, Dwyer, Elliott, Elmore, George, Jenkins, Kach, King, Krebs, McComas, McDonough, Miller, Myers, Robinson, Serafini, Sophocleus, Sossi, Stocksdale, Stull, and Weir

Synopsis: Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to cancel the driver's license of a licensee convicted of specified drunk or drugged driving violations if the licensee previously was convicted of specified drunk or drugged driving violations; requiring the Administration to issue a new driver's license under specified circumstances; requiring a license issued to a specified individual to indicate that the licensee has been convicted of multiple violations of drunk or drugged driving; etc.

HB0271 - Transportation – Public-Private Partnerships – Notice to the General Assembly

Sponsored By: Delegates Rice, Hixson, Cardin, Howard, Ivey, Kaiser, Olszewski, Ross, and Shank

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of Transportation to provide specified information to specified committees of the General Assembly and the Department of Legislative Services not less than 45 days prior to issuing a public notice of solicitation related to specified public-private partnerships; requiring the Department to provide specified information to specified committees of the General Assembly and the Department of Legislative Services not less than 10 days prior to entering into specified public-private partnerships; etc.

HB0282 - Transportation Projects – Bicycle and Pedestrian Access – Funding and Reporting

Sponsored By: Delegate Pena Melnyk

Synopsis: Declaring that it is the policy of the State that, in developing the annual Consolidated Transportation Program, the Maryland Department of Transportation shall work to ensure that there is a balance between funding for specified transportation projects for pedestrians and bicycle riders and specified highway construction projects and place increased emphasis on specified transportation projects; requiring the Statewide 20-Year Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan to be revised in each year that the Maryland Transportation Plan is revised; etc.

HB0299 - Vehicle Laws – Distracted Driving – Prohibition

Sponsored By: Delegate Malone

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 person 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.

HB0313 - Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Authorized Uses

Sponsored By: Delegate Costa

Synopsis: Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to pay the cost of connecting properties served by onsite sewage disposal systems to specified existing municipal wastewater facilities under specified circumstances; and establishing specified conditions for the funding of specified costs.

HB0315 - Criminal Law – Reckless Endangerment – Use of a Motor Vehicle

Sponsored By: Delegates Sophocleus, DeBoy, Eckardt, and George

Synopsis: Establishing exceptions to an exclusion of conduct involving the use of a motor vehicle from the crime of reckless endangerment.

HB0316 - Drunk & Drugged Driving – Refusal to Take a Blood or Breath Test –

Prohibition

Sponsored By: Delegates Sophocleus, Beidle, Bronrott, DeBoy, Eckardt, Frank, George, Hecht, Jones, Kaiser, Love, Niemann, Robinson, Shewell, and Stocksdale

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person who is detained for specified alcohol- or drug- related driving offenses from knowingly refusing to take a specified blood or breath test if the person was detained previously for specified alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses and refused to take a blood or breath test; and providing that a violation is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year or both.

HB0344 - Maryland Open Government Act

Sponsored By: Delegates Mizeur, Lafferty, Anderson, Aumann, Barkley, Barnes, Barve, Benson, Bobo, Bohanan, Bromwell, Bronrott, Carr, G. Clagett, Costa, DeBoy, Donoghue, Doory, Dumais, Feldman, Frick, Frush, Gaines, Glenn, Griffith, Gutierrez, Guzzone, Hammen, Haynes, Healey, Hecht, Heller, Hixson, Howard, Hubbard, Hucker, Impallaria, Ivey, Kach, Kaiser, Kipke, Krebs, Kullen, Lee, Levi, Love, Manno, Mathias, McDonough, McHale, Minnick, Montgomery, Morhaim, Murphy, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Olszewski, Pena-Melnyk, Pendergrass, Ramirez, Reznik, Rice, Riley, Robinson, Rosenberg, Ross, Schuler, Smigiel, Stein, Stukes, Tarrant, Taylor, F. Turner, V. Turner, Valderrama, and Waldstreicher

Synopsis: Requiring that individuals be allowed to sign up on the General Assembly website during a specified time period to present testimony on a bill; requiring specified information about bills to be posted on the General Assembly website; requiring bill hearings to be broadcast on the General Assembly website under specified circumstances; requiring a meeting of the Board of Public Works to be broadcast on the Board's website under specified circumstances; requiring specified broadcasts of Board meetings to be archived; etc.

HB0349 - Maryland Efficiency Standards Act – Televisions

Sponsored By: Delegates Carr and Bronrott

Synopsis: Adding televisions to the list of products regulated under the Maryland Efficiency Standards Act; providing that the Act does not apply to televisions manufactured before a specified date; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to adopt regulations establishing minimum efficiency standards and compliance test methods for televisions; etc.

HB0351 - Chesapeake Bay Restoration Consumer Retail Choice Act of 2010

Sponsored By: Delegates Carr, Hucker, Ali, Anderson, Aumann, Barnes, Bronrott, Cardin, Dumais, Frush, Gaines, Gutierrez, Guzzone, Hecht, Holmes, Hubbard, Ivey, Lee, Manno, Mizeur, Montgomery, Niemann, Pena-Melnyk, Ramirez, Reznik, Ross, Schuler, Taylor, and V. Turner

Synopsis: Prohibiting a store from providing disposable carryout bags unless the bags meet specified requirements; requiring a store to charge and collect a fee for each disposable carryout bag the store provides to a customer; requiring the operator of a store to remit a specified amount of money to the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund; requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct public information and outreach campaigns; authorizing the use of specified funds; providing for a delayed effective date; etc.

HB0357 - Natural Resources – Land Acquisition – Notification and Approval

Sponsored By: Dorchester County Delegation

Synopsis: Requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to provide information about proposed land purchases by the Department of Natural Resources to the county or counties in which the land is located under specified circumstances; and prohibiting the State from acquiring land for open space purposes in Dorchester County unless the County Council of Dorchester County approves the purchase.

HB0367 - Transportation Trust Fund – Dedicated Highway Funds

Sponsored By: Delegates Krebs, Bates, Boteler, Dwyer, Eckardt, Elliott, Elmore, Frank, George, Jenkins, Kipke, McComas, Miller, Norman, Robinson, Shewell, Smigiel, Sossi, Stocksdale, and Wood

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

HB0383 - Transportation Trust Fund Protection Act

Sponsored By: Delegates Krebs, Barkley, Bates, Boteler, Dwyer, Eckardt, Elliott, Elmore, Frank, George, Jenkins, Kipke, McComas, Miller, Norman, Reznik, Robinson, Shewell, Smigiel, Sossi, Stocksdale, and Wood

Synopsis: Prohibiting the transfer or diversion of funds from the Transportation Trust Fund except under specified circumstances; requiring the Governor to make a specified declaration if funds are transferred or diverted from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

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

HB0385 - Smartphone Safety Act

Sponsored By: Delegates Ali, Bob, Cane, Holmes, Serafini, and Shewell

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from using a wireless communication device to engage in specified activities while operating a subway vehicle, light rail vehicle, or motor vehicle that is in motion; specifying activities that are authorized under the Act; repealing specified provisions of law relating to text messaging devices; etc.

HB0425 - Vehicle Laws – Races and Speed Contests – Enforcement and Penalties

Sponsored By: Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)

Synopsis: Authorizing a police officer to arrest without a warrant a person for driving a vehicle or participating as a timekeeper or flagman in a specified race or speed contest under specified circumstances; establishing a penalty of a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than 60 days or both for a specified violation; and establishing a penalty of a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year for a specified violation that results in serious bodily injury to another person.

HB0461 – Vehicle Laws – Bicycles, EPAMDS, and Motor Scooters – Rules of the Road

Sponsored By: Delegate Cardin, et al.

Synopsis: Requiring that a driver of a vehicle, when overtaking a bicycle, an Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device (EPAMD), or a motor scooter, pass safely at a specified distance, except under specified circumstances; requiring a driver of a vehicle to yield the right-of-way to a person who is riding a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter in a bike lane or shoulder under specified circumstances; etc.

HB0464 – Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act of 2010

Sponsored By: The Speaker (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Frick, Doory, Bartlett, Beidle, Bobo, Bronrott, Cardin, Carr, Elmore, Haddaway, Hecht, Levy, Love, Manno, Mathias, Niemann, Reznik, Ross, Shewell, and Stein

Synopsis: Extending until December 31, 2015, a specified credit against the State income tax for electricity produced by qualified Maryland facilities from qualified energy resources; and extending until December 31, 2015, the time period in which the Maryland Energy Administration may issue specified credit certificates.

HB0468 – Off-Shore Wind Generation – Qualified Submerged Renewable Energy Lines

Sponsored By: The Speaker (by request – Administration)

Synopsis: Exempting specified qualified submerged renewable energy lines from a specified prohibition in a Beach Erosion Control District under specified circumstances; requiring specified energy lines to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity under specified circumstances; requiring the Public Service Commission to conduct specified proceedings and consider specified factors in connection with a certificate for specified energy lines; and defining a term.

HB0469 – Motor Vehicle Excise Tax – Tax Credit for Electric Vehicles

Sponsored By: The Speaker (by request – Administration)

Synopsis: Allowing a tax credit against the motor vehicle excise tax for qualified plug-in electric vehicles; repealing an obsolete tax credit against the motor vehicle excise tax for qualified hybrid vehicles and electric vehicles; providing for the transfer of specified money from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to the Transportation Trust Fund to offset a reduction in revenues from the vehicle excise tax credit for qualified plug-in electric vehicles; etc.

HB0471 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Solar Energy

Sponsored By: The Speaker (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Hecht, Manno, Beidle, Bobo, Bronrott, Cardin, Carr, DeBoy, Doory, Love, Morhaim, Niemann, Reznik, Ross, Shewell, and Stein

Synopsis: Altering the renewable portfolio standard for electricity derived from solar energy in specified years; and altering the compliance fees for a shortfall in the requirement to satisfy the standard with electricity derived from solar energy.

HB0474 – Smart, Green, and Growing – Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission

Sponsored By: The Speaker (by request – Administration)

Synopsis: Repealing the Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland; establishing the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission; establishing the membership and the charge of the Commission; authorizing the Commission to adopt rules of procedure; etc.

HB0475 – Smart, Green, and Growing – The Sustainable Communities Act of 2010

Sponsored By: The Speaker (by request – Administration)

Synopsis: Stating findings and intent of the General Assembly concerning sustainable communities; providing for the designation of specified areas as sustainable communities eligible for specified programs; reestablishing and altering the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program to be the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program; authorizing the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust to issue up to \$50,000,000 in the aggregate in initial credit certificates for the tax credit; etc.

HB0479 – Motor Fuel Tax Increase

Sponsored By: Delegates Barkley and Bronrott

Synopsis: Increasing the motor fuel tax rates for motor fuels other than aviation gasoline or turbine fuel by 2 cents per gallon on July 1, 2010, and by 2 cents per gallon on July 1 of each year in 2011 through 2014; and providing for the payment of specified motor fuel taxes on tax-paid motor fuel by specified dates.

HB0480 – Motor Vehicles – Medium Speed Vehicles – Requirements and Prohibitions

Sponsored By: Delegate Malone

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from driving a medium speed vehicle on specified highways; prohibiting a person from driving a medium speed vehicle on a highway unless the vehicle displays a specified emblem; establishing specified standards for a specified emblem; prohibiting a motor vehicle dealer from selling a medium speed vehicle unless the dealer permanently affixes a specified emblem to the vehicle and informs the buyer that specified driving restrictions apply; defining "medium speed vehicle"; etc.

HB0485 – Motor Vehicle Equipment – Spare Tire Requirement – Application

Sponsored By: Delegate Malone

Synopsis: Expanding the requirement that a motor vehicle manufacturer equip specified motor vehicles with a spare tire that conforms with State law to apply to all new motor vehicles sold in the State; and creating an exception to the spare tire equipment standard for a motor vehicle equipped with a factory installed tire repair and inflation system.

HB0486 – Environment – Water Appropriation or Use Permits – Wells

Sponsored By: Delegate Serafini

Synopsis: Requiring a water appropriation or use permit to include provisions that prohibit the capping or elimination of specified wells and require the installation of a hand pump in specified wells; and providing that the Act does not apply if water in existing wells is determined to be contaminated and unsuitable for human or animal use.

HB0489 – Vehicle Laws – Use of Wireless Telephone While Driving – Prohibitions

Sponsored By: Delegates G. Clagett, Barkley, Hecht, Heller, Howard, Kullen, Reznik, Riley, Robinson, Rosenberg, F. Turner, and Weir

Synopsis: Prohibiting a driver of a specified school vehicle from using a wireless telephone; prohibiting a holder of a learner's instructional permit or provisional driver's license who is 18 years old or older from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone; prohibiting a driver of a motor vehicle that is in motion from using the driver's hands to use a wireless telephone; providing exceptions to the prohibitions; etc.

HB0499 – Motor Vehicles – Approaching Emergency Vehicles and Personnel

Sponsored By: Delegate Malone

Synopsis: Requiring drivers approaching an emergency vehicle that is stopped, standing, or parked on a highway and using any visual signals, unless otherwise directed by a police officer or traffic control device, to vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle under specified circumstances or to slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that ensures the safety of the emergency services personnel under specified circumstances.

HB0515 – Vehicle Laws – Mandatory Use of Ignition Interlock System Program

Sponsored By: Delegates Shewell, Serafini, Ali, Aumann, Bartlett, Bates, Beidle, Boteler, G. Clagett, DeBoy, Eckardt, Elliott, Elmore, Frank, Kach, Kaiser, King, Krebs, McComas, McConkey, McDonough, Murphy, Nathan-Pulliam, Niemann, Norman, Shank, Stocksdales, and Stull

Synopsis: Altering the Motor Vehicle Administration's authority to establish an Ignition Interlock System Program to require the Administration to establish the Program; requiring rather than authorizing the Administration to establish a protocol for the Program by specified regulations; providing that individuals who are convicted of, or granted probation for, specified alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses must participate in the Program; etc.

HB0520 – Transportation – Transit Vehicle Operators – Prohibition on Use of Wireless Communication Devices

Sponsored By: Delegates Stukes, Anderson, Boteler, George, Glenn, Howard, Kaiser, Myers, Olszewski, Rice, and Walker

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

HB0522 – Public Service Commission – Report on the State’s Long-Term Energy Needs

Sponsored By: Delegates Manno and Hecht

Synopsis: Requiring, on or before December 1, 2010, the Public Service Commission to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly related to analyzing and meeting Maryland's long-term energy needs; requiring the Commission to update and resubmit the report every 2 years; requiring the Commission to solicit and consider input from specified parties in developing the report required under the Act; requiring the report to contain specified information and to make a specified recommendation; etc.

HB0529 – Maryland Transit Administration – Audio Recording Devices on Vehicles for Transit Service

Sponsored By: Delegates Stukes, Glenn, Howard, and Morhaim

Synopsis: Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to install and activate an audio recording device on vehicles used for transit service, as specified; requiring the Administration to post a specified notice on each vehicle equipped with an audio recording device; limiting, to specified persons and only for specified purposes, the review of any audio recording that is made on vehicles used for transit service; requiring the Administration, in cooperation with the Office of the Attorney General, to adopt specified regulations; etc.

HB0588 – Rules of the Road – Duty to Remain at the Scene of an Accident – Penalties

Sponsored By: Delegate Norman, et al.

Synopsis: Increasing the maximum penalty for specified offenses relating to a driver's duty to remain at the scene of an accident.

HB0604 – Environment – Greywater – Residential Use

Sponsored By: Delegate V. Claggett

Synopsis: Authorizing a person to use up to 400 gallons of greywater per day for household gardening, composting, lawn watering, or landscape irrigation under specified circumstances; defining the term "greywater" to mean used, untreated water generated by the use of and collected from a clothes washing machine, shower, bathtub, or lavatory sink; etc.

HB0606 – Natural Resources – Local Forest Conservation Funds – Use of Money

Sponsored By: Delegate Love, et al

Synopsis: Repealing the requirement that, at the end of 2 years or 3 growing seasons, unused money in a local forest conservation fund be returned to the person who provided the money for specified tree planting purposes.

HB0612 – Environment – Use of Coal Combustion By-Products for Reclamation – Bond Requirements

Sponsored By: Delegate Love, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of the Environment to require a bond in a specified amount for a permit that authorizes the use of coal combustion by-products for reclamation.

HBO614 – Environment – Coal Combustion By-Products – Permits

Sponsored By: Delegate Love, et al

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of the Environment to hold an informational meeting in a specified location with respect to permit applications involving the disposal of coal combustion by-products; requiring the Department to hold a public hearing before the Secretary of the Environment issues permits that involve the disposal of coal

combustion by-products; and requiring the Department to mail written notice of a specified public hearing to specified local governments under specified circumstances.

HB0630 – Vehicle Laws – Ignition Interlock System Program – Mandatory Participation

Sponsored By: Delegate Simmons

Synopsis: Requiring a court to order participation in the Ignition Interlock System Program of the Motor Vehicle Administration for an individual convicted of, or granted probation for, specified alcohol-related driving offenses under specified circumstances; authorizing a court to choose not to require an individual who is a first time offender or who meets other criteria to participate in the Program if the court makes and states on the record a specified finding after considering specified factors; etc.

HB0647 – Department of Natural Resources – Conservation Service Opportunities – Procurement Exemption

Sponsored By: Delegates Reznik and Hammen

Synopsis: Exempting from specified provisions of the State Procurement law specified grants, agreements, or partnerships related to conservation service opportunities negotiated or entered into by the Department of Natural Resources and nonprofit entities.

HB0648 – Environment – Drug Stewardship Program

Sponsored By: Delegates Barnes, Frush, Holmes, Hubbard and Niemann

Synopsis: Requiring a drug manufacturer to operate a drug stewardship program for the collection, transporting, managing, and disposal of unwanted drugs; requiring a manufacturer to operate a drug stewardship program in a specified manner, pay specified costs, implement the program without charging a fee, and accept in the program specified drugs; requiring a manufacturer to submit a proposed drug stewardship program to the Department of the Environment for approval; etc.

HB0649 – Environment – Pharmaceutical Disposal Act

Sponsored By: Delegate Barnes, et al.

Synopsis: Prohibiting a health care facility and specified individuals acting on behalf of or under the direction or supervision of a health care facility from discharging, disposing of, flushing, pouring, or emptying an unused medication into a wastewater system;

providing for an exception for the disposal of specified medications by specified health care facilities; requiring the Department of the Environment to enforce health care facility compliance with specified requirements; etc.

HB0657 – Traffic Safety is No Accident Act of 2010

Sponsored By: Delegates Carr and Bronrott

Synopsis: Changing the term "accident" to the term "crash" in specified provisions of law relating to motor vehicles; requiring the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to replace specified references in the Code to the term "accident" with the term "crash" and to describe specified corrections in the Code; etc.

HB0674 – High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes – Use by Plug-In Vehicles

Sponsored By: Delegate Malone

Synopsis: Requiring the State Highway Administration, when designating a portion of a highway as a restricted use HOV lane, to place traffic control devices indicating that the HOV lane may be used by plug-in vehicles; authorizing the driver of a plug-in vehicle displaying a specified permit in accordance with specified guidelines to use an HOV lane; authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to charge a specified fee for issuing a specified permit; requiring a specified report; terminating the Act on September 30, 2012; etc.

HB0676 – Vehicle Laws – Equipment on Motorcycles – Auxiliary Lighting

Sponsored By: Delegates Malone and Kramer

Synopsis: Authorizing an operator of a motorcycle to use specified auxiliary lighting on the motorcycle.

HB0685 – Environment – Fluorescent and Compact Fluorescent Light Recycling – County Plans

Sponsored By: Delegates Stein, Cardin, Carr, Hucker, and Morhaim.

Synopsis: Requiring a county recycling plan to address the collection and recycling of fluorescent and compact fluorescent lights that contain mercury; and requiring a county to submit a revised recycling plan by October 1, 2011, to address this new requirement.

HB0696 – Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund – Allocation of Proceeds

Sponsored By: Delegate Hecht, et al

Synopsis: Altering the allocation to specified accounts of specified proceeds received by the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund from the sale of specified allowances under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

HB0697 – Public Service Commission – Competitive Electricity and Gas Supplier Referral Program

Sponsored By: Delegate Hecht, et al.

Synopsis: Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a Competitive Electricity and Gas Supplier Referral Program on or before October 1, 2010; specifying the terms and conditions under which an electricity or gas supplier may participate in the Program; requiring electric companies and gas companies to include specified information in specified customer bills in a specified manner at specified times; etc.

HB0701 – Energy Companies – Net Energy Metering – Payment for Accrued Generation Credit

Sponsored By: Delegates Hecht, Barkley, Bartlett, Beidle, Bobo, Bronrott, Carr, G. Clagett, Doory, Feldman, Frick, George, Glenn, Holmes, Krysiak, Lee, Love, Manno, Mathias, McHale, Mizeur, Montgomery, Niemann, Pena-Melnyk, and Riley

Synopsis: Requiring that a specified net metering contract or tariff credit electricity generated by specified eligible customer-generators at specified rates under specified circumstances; repealing a limitation on the period of time that an eligible customer-generator may accrue specified generation credit; repealing a limitation on the time that a specified electric company is required to carry forward a generation credit; requiring a specified electric company to carry forward a specified generation credit until specified events occur; etc.

HB0705 – Energy Performance Ratings – State, County, and Municipal Buildings

Sponsored By: Delegates Stein, Aumann, Benson, Cardin, Costa, Frank, Howard, Kipke, McHale, Morhaim, and Schuh

Synopsis: Requiring, beginning October 1, 2011, the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to post a specified Energy Star rating for specified county or

municipal buildings in a specified area of the buildings; and beginning on specified dates, requiring the Department of General Services to post a specified Energy Star rating for specified State buildings in a specified area of the buildings.

**HB0709 – Roadway Lighting – Expressways and Controlled Access Highways –
Lighting Curfew and Tariffs**

Sponsored By: Delegate Carr

Synopsis: Requiring the State Highway Administration and the Maryland Transportation Authority to cause all roadway lighting on expressways and controlled access highways to be turned off between midnight and dawn, unless a finding is made that the lighting is warranted based on specified determinations; etc.

HB0710 – Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding

Sponsored by: Delegate Howard et al.

Synopsis: Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding; requiring the Commission to review, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning specified issues; specifying the membership and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Commission; prohibiting members of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; etc.

HB0719 – Baltimore County – Four-Way Intersections – Stop Signs

Sponsored By: Delegate Schuler, et al.

Synopsis: Requiring the State Highway Administration as to Baltimore County highways, and any local authority as to other highways under its jurisdiction, to designate all four-way intersections within one-half mile of a public school as stop intersections and to place a stop sign at each entrance to these intersections; and providing that the Act applies only in Baltimore County.

**HB0732 – State Government – Priority Funding for Transportation Projects for
BRAC**

Sponsored By: Delegate Stifler, et al.

Synopsis: Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation, in its Consolidated Transportation Program, to include as a priority any capital project needed to

accommodate projected transportation needs resulting from recommendations of the 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

HB0743 – Drunk Driving Elimination Act

Sponsored By: Delegate Kramer, et al

Synopsis: Altering the Motor Vehicle Administration's authority to establish an Ignition Interlock System Program to require the Administration to establish the Program; requiring rather than authorizing the Administration to establish a protocol for the Program by specified regulations; altering the circumstances under which individuals may participate; requiring the Administration to require an individual convicted of, or granted probation for, specified alcohol-related driving offenses to participate in the Program; etc.

HB0744 – Electricity – Competitive Supply – Information

Sponsored By: Delegates Rosenberg, Carter, Hammen, McHale and Oats

Synopsis: Requiring the Public Service Commission to disseminate specified information about competitive electricity supply in a specified manner; requiring the Commission to establish a workgroup to advise the Commission on specified matters; requiring the publication of specified information concerning competitive supply in a specified manner; requiring specified information to be updated at specified intervals; requiring specified electricity suppliers to provide specified information to the Commission at specified times; etc.

HB0745 – Vehicle Laws – Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act

Sponsored By: Delegate Bates, et al.

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

HB0777 – Local Government – Applicability of Laws to Counties and Baltimore City

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

Synopsis: Specifying that specified powers are granted to code home rule and charter home rule counties in addition to powers granted in the Express Powers Act under Article 25A, § 5 of the Annotated Code; providing that the additional powers are supplemental and not intended to limit specified other powers; clarifying that specified other provisions of law apply to specified types of counties; clarifying that specified provisions of law apply to Baltimore City; etc.

HB0786 – State Highway Administration – Sidewalk Construction in Priority Funding Areas

Sponsored By: Delegates Healey, Beidle, Bobo, Carr, Frush, Gaines, Glenn, Ivey, Lafferty, Niemann, Ross, and Sossi

Synopsis: Requiring the State Highway Administration to categorize as "system preservation" and give corresponding funding priority to sidewalk construction projects that are requested by a local government along an urban highway that is located in a priority funding area and is not under construction or reconstruction; etc.

HB0791 – Public Utility Company – Wind Turbines – Performance Standards

Sponsored By: Delegates Beitzel, Bates, G. Clagett, DeBoy, Feldman, Frank, Frush, Jenkins, Kaiser, Kelly, McComas, McConkey, Miller, Myers, Norman, Riley, Serafini, Smigiel, Sophocleus, Stocksdale, Stukes, Stull, and F. Turner

Synopsis: Requiring the Public Service Commission and the Department of Natural Resources to develop jointly specified general performance standards for wind-powered electric generating turbines erected in the State; and requiring the Commission to adopt specified standards by regulation.

HB0801 – Electricity – Net Energy Metering – Credits

Sponsored By Delegates McHale, Bartlett, Hammen, Hecht, and Krysiak

Synopsis: Requiring a net metering contract or tariff to credit in a specified manner each billing period the net electricity, if any, generated by eligible customer-generators calculated at specified rates under specified circumstances; repealing a limitation on the period of time that an eligible customer-generator may accrue generation credit and an electric company is required to carry forward a generation credit or a negative kilowatt-hour reading; etc.

HB0810 – Public Service Commission – Cost Reimbursement

Sponsored By: Delegate McHale

Synopsis: Authorizing the Public Service Commission to require an applicant for authorization of specified transactions to reimburse the Commission for specified costs; prohibiting a public service company from passing these costs on to ratepayers; requiring the Commission to provide specified notice to specified applicants; and providing that a reimbursement under the Act is not an assessment under § 2-110 of the Public Utility Companies Article, and is not subject to specified limits under that provision.

HB0812 – Environment – Water Service – Property Owners

Sponsored By: Delegate Rudolph

Synopsis: Clarifying that a political subdivision shall send a bill for water service to each property owner for each property served on a monthly, quarterly, or semiannual basis.

HB0821 – Net Energy Metering – Fuel Cell

Sponsored By: Delegates Barkley, King, McHale, Taylor, and Vaughn

Synopsis: Including, among the list of eligible customer-generators that are eligible for net energy metering, a customer that uses a specified fuel cell electric generating facility that meets specified conditions; and defining "fuel cell".

HB0835 – Energy Performance Contracts – Financing – State Energy Performance Contract Loan of 2010

Sponsored By: Delegate Heller (Chair, Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds) and Delegates Elmore, Howard, and Levy

Synopsis: Authorizing the financing of energy performance contracts by capital lease or general or special obligation bonds authorized by the General Assembly; providing for the timely payment of principal and interest on bonds and capital leases used to finance energy performance contracts; authorizing the issuance of \$100,000,000 in general obligation bonds to finance State energy performance contracts; etc.

HB0839 – Political Subdivisions – Financial Reports

Sponsored By: Delegate Heller (Chair, Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds) and Delegates Elmore, Howard, and Levy

Synopsis: Amending the timeframes for the submission of comprehensive annual reports on the financial condition of political subdivisions in the State to the Department of Legislative Services and the State Treasurer to conform those timeframes to those required for the submission to the Department of annual financial reports of counties, municipal corporations, and special taxing districts in the State.

HB0844 – Local Government Funds – Redeposit into Insured Account

Sponsored By: Delegates Conway, Mathias, and Rudolph

Synopsis: Authorizing a local government to deposit unexpended or surplus money in any federally insured bank or savings and loan association without specified security under specified conditions.

HB0852 – Energy Companies – Net Energy Metering Credit Transfers – Municipalities

Sponsored By: Delegates George, Barkley, Elmore, Haddaway, Hecht, Impallaria, King, Love, Mathias, McHale, Minnick, and Shewell

Synopsis: Authorizing specified municipalities to transfer specified generation credits to specified properties; and requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt specified regulations.

HB0888 – Land Use – Community Benefit Agreements

Sponsored By: Delegates Benson, Cane, Nathan-Pulliam, Ross, Stukes, and V. Turner

Synopsis: Authorizing governing bodies that have zoning authority under Article 66B of the Code to recommend that a developer negotiate and enter into a community benefit agreement as part of a review of a site plan or development permit required by law; requiring, with a specified exception, that the governing body be a party to a community benefit agreement; authorizing the governing body to seek to enforce the terms of a community benefit agreement; and providing that the Act applies to charter counties and Baltimore City.

HB0902 – Energy Companies – Net Energy Metering – Credit Transfers

Sponsored By: Delegates George, Elmore, Haddaway, Hecht, Impallaria, King, Love, McHale, Minnick, and Shewell

Synopsis: Authorizing specified not-for-profit customers to transfer specified generation credits accrued from electricity produced from specified renewable sources to specified properties.

HB0903 – Environment – Road Salt Management Programs

Sponsored By: Delegates Kramer, Barkley, Barnes, Bobo, Bronrott, Conaway, Frick, Hecht, Heller, Ivey, Kaiser, Kullen, Manno, Morhaim, O'Donnell, Ramirez, Reznik, Shank, Shewell, Simmons, and Waldstreicher

Synopsis: Requiring the State Highway Administration and each local jurisdiction that is responsible for highway maintenance to establish and implement a best practices road salt management program by October 31, 2011; requiring the Administration and a responsible local jurisdiction to submit a preliminary program to the Department of the Environment for review and comment and to review and update the program annually; establishing standards and requirements for a road salt management program; etc.

HB0908 – Maryland Clean Energy Center – Miscellaneous Provisions

Sponsored By: Delegates Feldman, Hecht, and Rice

Synopsis: Altering the quorum requirement for the Maryland Clean Energy Center Board; altering the minimum vote required for the Board to act; designating employees and officials of the Maryland Clean Energy Center as State personnel under the Maryland Tort Claims Act; authorizing employees and retirees of the Maryland Clean Energy Center to participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; etc.

HB0922 – The Renewables First Act

Sponsored By: Delegate Hecht

Synopsis: Declaring specified findings and policies of the General Assembly; stating specified energy policy goals for the State; declaring that it is the policy of the State that specified policy goals should be prioritized in a specified manner; requiring a specified person to submit a specified statement when applying for a certificate of public convenience and necessity; requiring a specified person to submit a specified statement when applying for permission to construct a specified generating station under specified circumstances; etc.

HB0930 – Agriculture – Fertilizers and Pesticides – Release Reporting

Sponsored By: Delegates Frush, Hucker, Barnes, Gaines, Healey, Hubbard, Niemann, and Pena-Melnyk

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt specified regulations regarding reporting on the release of fertilizers and pesticides; declaring specified findings of the General Assembly; requiring a person that releases fertilizers and pesticides to submit a specified report to the Department; requiring the report to contain specified information; requiring the report to cover the preceding calendar year and be submitted annually beginning on March 1, 2012; requiring the Department to establish the format of the report; etc.

HB0934 – Vehicle Laws – Use of Wireless Telephone While Driving – Prohibitions

Sponsored By: Delegates McIntosh, Barkley, Beidle, Bobo, Bronrott, Cane, Carr, V. Clagett, Conaway, Donoghue, Dumais, Frick, Frush, Glenn, Healey, Hecht, Howard, Hucker, Kullen, Love, Manno, Minnick, Montgomery, Morhaim, Niemann, Olszewski, Pendergrass, Reznik, Rice, Riley, Stein, and Weir

Synopsis: Prohibiting a driver of a specified school vehicle from using a wireless telephone; prohibiting a holder of a learner's instructional permit or a provisional driver's license who is 18 years of age or older from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone; prohibiting a driver of a motor vehicle that is in motion from using the driver's hands to use a wireless telephone; providing exceptions to the prohibitions; providing for enforcement of and penalties for a violation of the Act; etc.

HB0943 – Chesapeake Conservation Corps

Sponsored By: Delegates McIntosh, Beidle, Bobo, Bronrott, Cane, Carr, DeBoy, Dumais, Frick, Frush, Glenn, Healey, Hecht, Howard, Hucker, Kaiser, Kullen, Lafferty, McHale, Montgomery, Morhaim, Niemann, Olszewski, Ramirez, Reznik, Riley, and Weir

Synopsis: Establishing the Chesapeake Conservation Corps as a body politic and corporate; providing for the purposes of the Corps; establishing a Board of Directors of the Corps, with specified membership, officers, duties, and terms; providing for an Executive Director of the Corps, with specified duties and powers; establishing the powers of the Corps; requiring the Corps to undertake specified projects for specified purposes; requiring the Corps to develop and implement specified volunteer service programs; etc.

HB0944 – Recycling – Bars and Restaurants – Beverage Containers

Sponsored By: Delegates Niemann, Carter, Ali, Bobo, Carr, Frush, Gilchrist, Glenn, Hecht, Hucker, Montgomery, Ross, and Stein

Synopsis: Requiring specified distributors, on or before January 1, 2012, to establish a program for the collection and recycling of specified beverage containers; requiring specified owners and managers of bars and restaurants, beginning January 1, 2012, to separate, store, and arrange for the collection and recycling of specified beverage containers; requiring the Department of the Environment to provide specified financial assistance to distributors for establishing a specified recycling program; etc.

HB0959 – Procurement – Single Minority Business Enterprise Certification Agency for Local Government Procurement

Sponsored By: Delegates Carter, Anderson, Montgomery, Oaks, Pena-Melnyk, and Taylor

Sponsored By: Requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations to designate one State agency as the certification agency for business entities seeking minority business enterprise status to participate in specified local government procurement.

HB0964 – Environment – Stormwater Management – New Development and Redevelopment Projects

Sponsored By: Delegates Haddaway, Bates, Beitzel, Conway, Eckardt, Elmore, Impallaria, Jenkins, Krebs, Mathias, McComas, McDonough, Myers, Norman, O'Donnell, Shewell, Smigiel, Sossi, and Stull

Synopsis: Making specified stormwater management regulations adopted by the Department of the Environment applicable to all new development and redevelopment projects that do not have final approval for erosion and sediment control and stormwater management plans by May 4, 2020; and making the Act an emergency measure.

HB0975 – Vehicle Laws – Maryland Transportation Authority – Highways

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

Synopsis: Altering the definition of "vehicular crossing" for purposes of specified provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law to include specified highways under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority, thereby applying specified provisions of law to highways under the jurisdiction of the Authority; etc.

HB0982 – Solid Waste Management – Recycling – Requirements

Sponsored By: Delegates Niemann, Ali, Carr, Carter, Glenn, Hecht, Hucker, and Montgomery

Synopsis: Requiring the Office of Recycling in the Department of the Environment to establish specified commodity-based solid waste reduction through recycling goals; altering county recycling requirements by requiring counties to include in specified county plans a specified commodity-based recycling plan by October 1, 2011, that provides for specified solid waste reduction and requires full implementation by January 1, 2020; establishing a solid waste management fee; etc.

HB0985 – Public and Commercial Buildings – Energy Benchmarking and Disclosure

Sponsored By: Delegates Hecht, Ali, Bronrott, Carr, Frush, Manno, Morhaim, and Stein

Synopsis: Requiring gas or electric companies to maintain, in a specified format, gas or electric consumption records for nonresidential retail gas and electric customers; requiring a gas or electric company to upload to the EPA Portfolio Manager certain gas consumption records after receiving authorization from an owner or operator of a nonresidential building; requiring that certain commercial buildings be benchmarked annually, beginning in specified years, using the EPA Portfolio Manager; etc.

HB0993 – Vehicle Laws – Use of Wireless Communication Devices – Prohibition

Sponsored By: Delegate Conaway

Synopsis: Altering a specified provision of law prohibiting the use of a text messaging device while operating a motor vehicle in specified circumstances to prohibit the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle in motion or in the travel portion of the roadway; and altering a specified exception to provide that the Act does not apply to the use of a wireless communication device to contact a 9-1-1 system.

HB0999 – Watershed Protection and Restoration Act

Sponsored By: Delegates Hucker, Cardin, Ali, Bobo, Bronrott, Carr, Feldman, Frush, Glenn, Hecht, Holmes, Mizeur, Montgomery, Niemann, Reznik, Ross, and Taylor

Synopsis: Requiring counties and municipalities to adopt laws or ordinances to establish a stormwater remediation fee and a local watershed protection fund on or before July 1, 2011; requiring counties and municipalities to collect the fees and administer the funds in accordance with the Act; requiring counties and municipalities to set the amount of the fee and assess the fee in a specified manner; requiring counties and municipalities to report specified information to the Department of the Environment; etc.

HB1006 – Vehicle Laws – Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act

Sponsored By: Delegates Conaway and Anderson

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

HB1007 – Highway Electronic Toll and Fee Consolidation Act

Sponsored By: Delegates Ali, Barkley, Barnes, Benson, Bronrott, Davis, Feldman, Gutierrez, Heller, Hucker, Ivey, Levi, Montgomery, Niemann, Pena-Melnyk, Ramirez, Reznik, Rice, Ross, Simmons, Taylor, and Valderrama

Synopsis: Providing that the Maryland Transportation Authority may send only one notice each month to a vehicle owner regarding unpaid tolls owed for the use of specified toll facilities; requiring the Authority to consolidate all tolls owed in the monthly notice; authorizing the Authority to assess one service fee in the monthly notice and limiting the amount of the fee; requiring the Authority to develop a website that allows specified vehicle owners to access information regarding tolls due; etc.

HB1013 – Wind-Powered Electric Generating Facilities – Decommissioning and Restoration – Surcharge, Bond or Other Security, and Fund

Sponsored By: Delegate Beitzel

Synopsis: Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a surcharge on wind-powered electric generating facilities in the State with a generating capacity that does not exceed 70 megawatts; requiring the Comptroller to collect the revenue from the surcharge and deposit it into the Maryland Wind-Powered Electric Generating Facility Decommissioning and Restoration Fund; authorizing a wind-powered electric generating

facility to post a bond or other security acceptable to the Commission in lieu of the surcharge; etc.

HB1014 – Clean Energy Loan Programs

Sponsored By: Delegates Hecht, Waldstreicher, Barkley, Bobo, Bronrott, G. Clagett, Feldman, Frick, Gilchrist, Guzzone, Lafferty, Lee, Manno, McHale, Mizeur, Montgomery, Niemann, Rice, and Stull

Synopsis: Altering the requirements of a specified Clean Energy Loan Program adopted by a political subdivision under specified circumstances; requiring that a specified energy audit required to be performed before a political subdivision approves a specified loan identify specified cost-effective energy efficiency projects and renewable energy projects that would generate a specified projected yearly energy cost savings; etc.

HB1030 – Vehicle Laws – Motor Scooters – Protective Headgear

Sponsored By: Delegates Bronrott and Olszewski

Synopsis: Prohibiting an individual from operating or riding on a motor scooter unless the individual is wearing protective headgear that meets specified standards.

HB1031 – State Government – Open Meetings Act – Online Training

Sponsored By: Delegates O'Donnell and Mizeur

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, and members of a public body; requiring a public body to designate employees, officers, and members of the public body to receive the online training; requiring the designated individuals to complete the training within 30 days of being designated; etc.

HB1040 – High Performance Buildings Act - Applicability to Recipients of State Aid

Sponsored By: Delegates Bronrott, Barkley, Barnes, Barve, Beidle, Bobo, Carr, Dumais, Frick, Frush, Gaines, Gutierrez, Guzzone, Hammen, Haynes, Hecht, Hixson, Hubbard, Hucker, Jones, Kaiser, Krysiak, Lafferty, Lee, Manno, McIntosh, Mizeur, Montgomery, Morhaim, Niemann, Ramirez, Reznik, Rice, Ross, Stein, and Taylor

Synopsis: Making the High Performance Buildings Act applicable to specified capital projects that are funded solely or partly by a grant of State aid to specified grantees; altering in the definition of "state aid" the amount of a specified contribution, grant, or subsidy; etc.

HB1044 – High Performance Buildings Act – Applicable to Community College Capital Projects

Sponsored By: Delegates Bronrott, Ali, Aumann, Barkley, Barnes, Bartlett, Barve, Beidle, Beitzel, Bobo, Cardin, Carr, G. Clagett, Conway, Dumais, Eckardt, Feldman, Frick, Frush, Gaines, Griffith, Gutierrez, Guzzone, Hammen, Haynes, Healey, Hecht, Hixson, Hubbard, Hucker, Ivey, Jones, Kaiser, Kipke, Krysiak, Lafferty, Lee, Manno, McIntosh, Mizeur, Montgomery, Morhaim, Niemann, Pena-Melnyk, Pendergrass, Proctor, Ramirez, Reznik, Rice, Robinson, Ross, Stein, Taylor, F. Turner, and V. Turner

Synopsis: Making the High Performance Buildings Act applicable to community college capital projects that receive State funds; authorizing a community college to apply for a waiver from specified high performance building requirements under a waiver process established by the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of General Services; making the Act applicable to specified capital projects that have not initiated a Request for Proposal on or before July 1, 2011; etc.

HB1048 – Vehicle Laws – Detectable Level of a Controlled Dangerous Substance or Its Metabolites – Prohibition

Sponsored By: Delegates McComas, Bates, Frank, George, Impallaria, Jennings, Krebs, McDonough, Riley, Sophocleus, Sossi, Stocksdale, and Stull

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from driving or attempting to drive any vehicle while the person has a detectable level of a controlled dangerous substance, or its metabolites, in the person's blood, if the person is not entitled to use the controlled dangerous substance under the laws of the State; making a stylistic change; etc.

HB1085 – Clean Energy Loan Programs – Renewable Energy Projects

Sponsored By: Delegates Mizeur and Hecht

Synopsis: Altering the purpose of a specified Clean Energy Loan Program to include providing loans to commercial property owners for the financing of renewable energy products with an electric generating capacity of not more than the equivalent thermal energy output measured in BTUs that is equivalent to 100 kilowatts.

HB1125 – Stormwater Management – Development Projects – Redevelopment and Preliminary Plan Approval

Sponsored By: Delegates Holmes, Barkley, Beidle, Cane, G. Clagett, Elmore, James, Jameson, Love, McConkey, Norman, O'Donnell, Serafini, Sossi, Stull, and Wood

Synopsis: Establishing specified requirements for a specified redevelopment project design; authorizing a developer to make a fee-in-lieu payment to a local government to offset specified stormwater management requirements; requiring the fee-in-lieu payment to be in an amount determined by a local government and used for specified purposes; authorizing a person to submit a stormwater management plan that complies with specified laws and regulations if a development project receives specified approvals before May 4, 2010; etc.

HB1155 – Transportation – Consolidated Transportation Program – Evaluation and

Selection of Proposed Capital Projects

Sponsored By: Delegates Lafferty, Ali, Anderson, Beidle, Bobo, Bronrott, Cardin, Carr, Frush, Gilchrist, Hecht, Huckler, Lee, Manno, Montgomery, Morhaim, Niemann, Reznik, Rosenberg, Schuh, Schuler, Stein, and Waldstreicher

Synopsis: Altering the process and the criteria used for selecting projects to be included in the Consolidated Transportation Program; requiring that the annual Consolidated Transportation Program report include specified goals, a summary of how determinations were made, and specified information for each major capital project; requiring that each major capital project proposed by an entity include specified elements; and requiring the Department of Transportation to evaluate requests for, select, and provide for funding for capital projects.

HB1159 – Budget Reduction Act

Sponsored By: Delegates Costa, Bates, Dwyer, Elmore, Frank, George, Kipke, McComas, Norman, Schuh, and Sossi

Synopsis: Altering or repealing specified State aid to local jurisdictions; altering or repealing specified grants to specified persons or institutions; altering the distribution of specified revenues; altering or repealing specified required appropriations; altering the distribution of highway user revenues; stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding restraining spending in the State budget by implementation of specified actions; etc.

HB1163 – Economic Development – Enterprise Zones – Designation

Sponsored By: Delegates Carr, Gutierrez, and Waldstreicher

Synopsis: Increasing to two the number of enterprise zones that the Secretary of Business and Economic Development is authorized to designate in a county in a calendar year.

HB1164 – Green Maryland Act of 2010

Sponsored By: Delegate Niemann

Synopsis: Increasing the price preference for recycled paper and the percent of recycled paper to be procured; requiring a review of procurement practices and a study of the use of compost as fertilizer; establishing a goal to increase use of compost as fertilizer; requiring development of strategies and best practices for implementing environmentally preferable purchasing; requiring review and alteration of specifications to account for environmentally preferable procurement strategies and best practices; etc.

HB1169 – Agricultural Energy Production Act of 2010

Sponsored By: Delegates Bartlett, Cane, Elmore, Frick, Hecht, Kipke, Krebs, McHale, Sossi, and Stull

Synopsis: Authorizing a specified customer-generator to use specified methods of meter aggregation for specified agricultural property; etc.

HB1182 – Business Improvement Districts

Sponsored By: Delegates Ivey, Benson, Frush, McIntosh, Niemann, Pena-Melnyk, Ramirez, and Valderrama

Synopsis: Authorizing a county or municipal corporation to create specified business improvement districts; providing for the purposes of a district; requiring a county or municipal corporation to adopt specified resolutions to provide for the creation, organization, and alteration of a district; providing for the governance of the district through a district corporation; requiring that a county or municipal corporation impose a specified tax in a specified manner under specified circumstances; etc.

HB1193 – Vehicle Laws – Bicycles and Motor Scooters – Rules of the Road

Sponsored By: Delegates Carr, Barkley, Bobo, Bronrott, Cardin, Frick, Frush, Hecht, Heller, Hucker, Kaiser, Kramer, Lee, Manno, Mizeur, Montgomery, Ross, Taylor, and Waldstreicher

Synopsis: Authorizing a person operating a bicycle to ride the bicycle in or through a crosswalk in specified locations under specified circumstances; requiring a vehicle to yield the right-of-way under specified circumstances to a bicycle that is in a crosswalk; authorizing, under specified circumstances, a person who is operating a bicycle or motor scooter to use the roadway even if a shoulder is present; etc.

HB1221 – Maryland Safe Roads for Teens Act

Sponsored By: Delegate Bronrott

Synopsis: Altering the hours during which a minor holder of a provisional driver's license may drive unsupervised; modifying a license restriction that prohibits a minor holder of a provisional driver's license from driving a motor vehicle carrying specified passengers under specified circumstances; and repealing specified provisions requiring that restrictions on a minor holder of a provisional driver's license related to passengers and the use of wireless communication devices be enforced as a secondary action.

HB1224 – Public Service Commission – Long-Term Power Purchasing Agreements – Renewable Energy

Sponsored By: Delegates Hucker, Bobo, Bronrott, Frush, Hecht, Hubbard, Lafferty, and Taylor

Synopsis: Requiring the Public Service Commission to direct specified electricity suppliers to enter into specified long-term power purchasing agreements according to a specified schedule; stating the findings of the General Assembly; authorizing the Commission to waive the requirement for an electricity supplier to enter into long-term power purchasing agreements under specified circumstances; requiring the Commission to consider specified factors when making a specified determination related to granting a waiver; etc.

HB1230 – Task Force to Develop Strategies to Encourage Recycling and Reduce Litter in Maryland's Waterways

Sponsored By: Delegates Olszewski, Frick, Hecht, Manno, and Montgomery

Synopsis: Establishing the Task Force to Develop Strategies to Encourage Recycling and Reduce Litter in Maryland's Waterways; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study specified issues relevant to recycling and

reducing litter in Maryland's waterways; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2010; providing for the staff of the Task Force; etc.

HB1231 – Electric Companies – Information on Consumer Choice

Sponsored By: Delegates Taylor, Ali, Conaway, and Hucker

Synopsis: Requiring an electric company that provides standard offer service to a customer to include a specified list of competitive electric supply options available to the customer with the customer's monthly bill; authorizing electric companies to apply to the Public Service Commission for reimbursement from a specified fund of specified costs; requiring the Commission to impose a special assessment on specified electricity suppliers; requiring the Commission to set the amount of the special assessment at a specified level; etc.

HB1244 – Municipal Corporations – Planning Commissions – Meetings

Sponsored By: Delegates Sossi, Eckardt, Haddaway, James, Rudolph, and Smigiel

Synopsis: Requiring that a planning commission appointed by a municipal corporation shall hold specified meetings at the call of the chair of the planning commission or at other times determined by the planning commission.

HB1257 – Natural Resources – Vessels – No-Discharge Designation for Maryland Waters

Sponsored By: Delegates Holmes, Barkley, Bartlett, Beidle, Bobo, Bronrott, Carr, Costa, DeBoy, Frush, Gilchrist, Glenn, Guzzone, Healey, Hucker, Kelly, Kullen, Lafferty, Malone, Niemann, Rosenberg, and Stein

Synopsis: Clarifying provisions relating to the duties of operators of vessels with respect to the overboard discharge of treated and untreated sewage into the waters of the State; increasing the maximum amount of the penalty for violations of specified provisions to \$10,000; authorizing specified officers to enforce specified provisions of law and to inspect specified vessels; and requiring the State to initiate a process with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to designate Maryland waters as a no-discharge zone.

**HB1282 – Vehicle Laws – Protective Headgear Requirements for Motorcycle Riders
- Exceptions**

Sponsored By: Delegates Anderson, Aumann, Bartlett, Bates, Beitzel, Bohanan, Boteler, Bromwell, Cane, Conway, Costa, Dwyer, Eckardt, Feldman, Glenn, Gutierrez, Haddaway, Harrison, Jameson, Jennings, Kach, Kelly, Kramer, Kullen, McComas, McConkey, McDonough, Miller, Minnick, Myers, Norman, O'Donnell, Oaks, Olszewski, Riley, Schuler, Serafini, Smigiel, Sossi, Stocksdale, Stukes, Stull, Vaughn, and Weir

Synopsis: Providing specified exceptions to the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without specified protective headgear; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to study the effect of the Act on motorcycle injuries and fatalities during the first 2 years that the Act is in effect and to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2012; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

HB1301 – State Government – Access to Public Records – Electronic Documents

Sponsored By: Delegates Carr, Pena-Melnyk, Ali, Beidle, Hucker, Lafferty, Manno, Mizour, and Niemann

Synopsis: Requiring a custodian of a public record to provide specified applicants with a copy of the public record in an electronic format under specified circumstances; requiring the custodian to make a public record available in any electronic format in which the public record is kept; requiring a custodian of a public record to provide the public record in the electronic format requested under specified circumstances; etc.

HB1305 – Public Safety – Maryland Railroad Police Act – Definition of “Railroad Police Officer”

Sponsored By: Delegate Kelly

Synopsis: Altering the definition of "railroad police officer" for purposes of the Maryland Railroad Police Act to provide that a railroad police officer is an individual who performs official duties in the State on a regular or periodic basis.

HB1321 – Transportation – Littering and Securing Loads on Vehicles – Online Reporting of Violations and Issuance of Citations

Sponsored By: Delegates Carr, Bronrott, Frick, Frush, Gutierrez, Healey, Holmes, Lee, Manno, Niemann, Oaks, Reznik, Riley, and Stukes

Synopsis: Requiring the State Highway Administration to establish an online reporting system that allows an individual to report violations of specified provisions of law relating to littering and to securing loads on vehicles; requiring the Administration to forward specified reports to specified local police departments; requiring a police officer

with a local police department to conduct an investigation and mail a specified citation under specified circumstances; requiring the maintenance of specified records; etc.

HB1325 – State and Local Government Procurement – Banking and Financial Services – Preference for State Financial Institutions

Sponsored By: Delegates Frick, Barkley, Bobo, Bronrott, Carr, G. Clagett, Dumais, Frush, Hecht, Howard, Lee, Mizeur, Reznik, Rice, and F. Turner

Synopsis: Requiring the State Treasurer to apply a specified preference in favor of a State financial institution when evaluating competing bids or proposals submitted by financial institutions to provide banking or financial services to the State or an agency of the State; requiring a local government unit to apply a specified preference in favor of a State financial institution when evaluating competing bids submitted by financial institutions to provide banking or financial services to the local government unit; etc.

HB1347 – Maryland Transportation Authority – Toll Increase – Public Meeting Requirement

Sponsored By: Delegates George, Aumann, Bartlett, Bates, Beitzel, Boteler, Eckardt, Frank, Frick, Haddaway, Kach, Kipke, McComas, McConkey, Miller, Murphy, Norman, O'Donnell, Olszewski, Schuh, Serafini, Shank, Smigiel, Sophocleus, Sossi, Stocksdales, Stukes, and Walker

Synopsis: Requiring that, prior to instituting a toll increase for a transportation facilities project under its jurisdiction, the Maryland Transportation Authority hold a public meeting at a place located within a 30-mile radius of the transportation facilities project.

HB1377 – Department of Transportation – Local Development Reviews – Comments

Sponsored By: Delegate Lafferty

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of Transportation to act as a reviewing unit for specified land use and development review activities of local jurisdictions in a specified manner; requiring the Department to provide comments in a specified manner to specified local jurisdictions in the development of the transportation element of a comprehensive plan and specified plans and plats; providing for the scope of actions subject to review under the Act; requiring the comments of the Department to address specified matters; etc.

HB1401 – Local Government – Collective Bargaining Referendum – Local Ordinance Prohibition

Sponsored By: Delegates DeBoy, Smigiel, and Guzzone

Synopsis: Prohibiting a county from enacting prohibitions on collective bargaining by county employees under specified conditions; authorizing a county under specified conditions to submit a specified local law for referendum; establishing that a specified local law enacted under specified conditions shall not take effect unless approved by referendum; and requiring the county governing body and board of elections to take specified actions to provide for and hold the referendum.

HB1404 – Maryland Department of Transportation – Transit Review and Evaluation

Sponsored By: Delegates Gaines, Aumann, Barkley, Barnes, Barve, Beitzel, Branch, Braveboy, Bronrott, Feldman, Frick, Frush, Gutierrez, Healey, Holmes, Hucker, Ivey, Kramer, Lee, Levy, Manno, Mizeur, Niemann, Pena-Melnyk, Ramirez, and Ross

Synopsis: Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to review and evaluate transit priority treatments, best practices, and specified transit thresholds; and requiring the Secretary of Transportation to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date.

HB1408 – Stormwater Management – Regulations – Delay and Adoption of New Regulations

Sponsored By: Delegate Clagett

Synopsis: Making specified stormwater management regulations adopted by the Department of the Environment applicable to all new development and redevelopment projects that do not have final approval for erosion and sediment control and stormwater management plans by May 4, 2012; requiring the Department to repeal Title 26, Subtitle 17, Chapter 2 of the Code of Maryland Regulations and propose new stormwater management regulations developed in consultation with stakeholder groups; etc.

HB1409 – Stormwater Management – Development Projects – Special Taxing Districts

Sponsored By: Delegate Clagett

Synopsis: Authorizing a person to submit a specified stormwater management plan that complies with specified laws and regulations in effect on May 3, 2009, if the

development project is located within a special taxing district that meets specified requirements; and making the Act an emergency measure.

HB1416 – Vehicle Laws – Parking for Individuals with Disabilities – Zoning

Sponsored By: Delegate Frush

Synopsis: Making provisions related to exceptions to local zoning ordinances for compliance with the Maryland Accessibility Code applicable to charter counties and Baltimore City; providing that a person may comply with Maryland Accessibility Code requirements governing specified disabled parking spaces by restriping the parking lot; requiring a local jurisdiction to grant an exception to relevant local zoning ordinances for restriped parking lots under specified circumstances; etc.

HB1418 – 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 stores to print or display specified language on plastic carryout bags; requiring stores to provide collection bins for the recycling of plastic carryout bags; etc.

HB1425 – Department of the Environment – Consolidation and Administration of Environmental Funds

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

Synopsis: Requiring penalties recovered by State agencies, and specified other penalties collected for violations of sediment control laws, to be deposited in the Maryland Clean Water Fund; repealing the Sewage Sludge Utilization Fund and requiring specified fees, funds, penalties, and fines to be deposited in the Maryland Clean Water Fund; etc.

HB1450 – Vehicle Laws – Parking Lot Requirements – Exceptions to Local Zoning Ordinances

Sponsored By: Delegate Frush

Synopsis: Establishing that specified provisions of law that require a local legislative body to provide exceptions to local zoning ordinances when necessary to bring an

existing parking lot into compliance with the requirements of the Maryland Accessibility Code apply to charter counties; establishing that a parking lot constructed before October 1, 2010, may be brought into compliance with specified requirements by restriping the parking lot; etc.

HB1464 – Land Bank Authorities – Establishment by Municipal Corporations

Sponsored By: Delegates Myers, Beitzel, Kelly, Lafferty, Norman, Serafini, Stein, and Stull

Synopsis: Authorizing a municipal corporation to establish a land bank authority by ordinance; requiring an ordinance establishing an authority to include specified articles of incorporation; requiring specified articles of incorporation to be filed, accepted, and amended in a specified manner; authorizing a municipal corporation creating an authority to take specified actions by ordinance; providing for the disposition of property and obligations of the authority on termination; etc.

HB1467 – Environment – Coal Combustion By-Products – Minimum Standards – Beneficial Uses

Sponsored By: Delegate Stein

Synopsis: Requiring a person using or disposing of coal combustion by-products to comply with specified standards if the by-products come into contact with the ground; requiring a person making specified use of coal combustion by-products to comply with regulations and permit provisions; requiring a person using coal combustion by-products for specified purposes to use engineering practices that are at least as protective of the environment and public health as the practices required for landfill disposal of coal combustion by-products; etc.

HB1473 – Public Safety – Missing Offenders – Blue Alert System

Sponsored By: Delegate Anderson

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of State Police to establish a Blue Alert Program to provide a system for rapid dissemination of specified information to assist in locating and apprehending specified missing offenders; requiring the Department to adopt guidelines and develop procedures for issuing a Blue Alert for missing offenders, provide specified training and assistance to local law enforcement agencies, and provide specified notice when missing offenders are apprehended; etc.

HB1480 – Stormwater Management – Construction Activities – State and Local Governments PG 430-10

Sponsored By: Prince George's County Delegation

Synopsis: Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from establishing criteria and procedures for stormwater management for construction activities of the State or a local government that are less stringent than the requirements for construction activities of the private sector.

HB1508 – Environment – Coal Combustion By-Products – Disposal Sites

Sponsored By: Delegate Rudolph

Synopsis: Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a permit to install a new refuse disposal system that would accept coal combustion by-products for disposal if the refuse disposal system would be located in or adjacent to a critical area; and altering the application of the definition of "coal combustion by-product".

HB1510 – Renewable Energy – Funding

Sponsored By: Delegates Bartlett and Haddaway

Synopsis: Requiring an electric company to include an option on a customer's monthly bill to add a specified voluntary charge to be paid to the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund for purposes related to creating new solar energy resources in the State; renaming the Solar Energy Grant Program to be the Solar and Wind Energy Grant Program; adding wind projects to the allowable recipients of grants under the Program; limiting grants under the Program; etc.

HB1534 – Electric Companies – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard for Solar Energy

Sponsored By: Delegate Hecht

Synopsis: Providing that the renewable energy portfolio standard for solar energy applies to all retail electricity delivered in the State and that the responsibility for meeting the solar renewable energy portfolio standard shall be fulfilled only by electric companies; altering the eligibility criteria for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard for specified energy from a specified Tier 1 source; etc.

HB1535 – Electric Companies – Overhead Transmission Lines – Requirements

Sponsored By: Delegate Hecht

Synopsis: Prohibiting an electric company from beginning construction on an overhead transmission line that is designed to carry a voltage in excess of 69,000 volts or exercising a right of condemnation in connection with the construction unless the electric company first meets specified conditions and has an ownership that meets specified criteria; etc.

HB1537 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Renewable Energy Credits – Solar Water Heating Systems

Sponsored By: Delegate Hecht

Synopsis: Providing that energy from a specified solar water heating system is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; providing that a person that owns and operates a specified solar water heating system shall receive a specified renewable energy credit under specified circumstances; requiring the total amount of energy generated and consumed by a commercial solar water heating system to be measured by a specified meter; etc.

HB1549 – Local Government – Street Lighting Equipment

Sponsored By: Delegates Niemann and Carr

Synopsis: Requiring a local government to pay a specified electric company the fair market value of specified street lighting equipment as agreed on by the local government and the electric company or as awarded by a jury 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.

HB1552 – Construction and Development Projects – Expedited Approval of State Permits

Sponsored By: Delegates James and Bonahan

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of the Environment and the State Highway Administration to develop and implement processes to expedite the approval of State permits for construction and development projects that have received "fast track" or similar status from a county in the State or that will create a significant number of jobs and have a positive economic impact on the State; requiring a specified report to the General Assembly; and making the Act an emergency measure.

HB1567 – State Highway Administrator – County Construction Projects – Duty to Provide Notice

Sponsored By: Delegate McHale

Synopsis: Requiring the State Highway Administrator, on receipt of a request from a county for an engineering review or approval that is required for a construction project to receive federal funding, to notify the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and specified representatives of railroad employees and other persons of the request; etc.

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SB0003 - Environment – Wetlands and Waterways Program Fees – Aquaculture

Sponsored By: Senators Klausmeier, Middleton, and Robey

Synopsis: Exempting aquacultural activities for which the Department of Natural Resources has issued a specified permit from a requirement to pay application fees under the Wetlands and Waterways Program.

SB0008 - Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Payments to Contractors

Sponsored By: Senator Colburn

Synopsis: Requiring the Comptroller or local governments to disburse specified grant funds from the Bay Restoration Fund directly to contractors who incur costs eligible for reimbursement under specified circumstances.

SB0019 - Vehicle Laws – Use of Wireless Telephone While Driving – Prohibitions

Sponsored By: Senator Lenett

Synopsis: Prohibiting a driver of a specified school vehicle from using a wireless telephone; prohibiting a holder of a learner's instructional permit or provisional driver's license who is 18 years of age or older from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone; prohibiting a driver of a motor vehicle that is in motion from using the driver's hands to use a wireless telephone; providing exceptions to the prohibitions; providing for enforcement of and penalties for a violation of the Act; etc.

SB0020 - Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Authorized Uses

Sponsored By: Senator Colburn

Synopsis: Authorizing that specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund may be used, under specified circumstances, to pay the cost of connecting properties served by onsite sewage disposal systems to existing municipal wastewater facilities that achieve enhanced nutrient removal; and terminating the Act at the end of September 30, 2015.

SB0023 - Energy Companies – Net Energy Metering – Credit Transfers

Sponsored By: Senator Mooney

Synopsis: Authorizing specified not-for-profit customers to transfer all renewable energy generation credits from net energy metering to specified properties; and requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt specified regulations.

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SB0049 - Vehicle Laws – Vehicle Approaching Emergency or Police Vehicle – Duty to Change Lane or Slow Down

Sponsored By: Senator Colburn

Synopsis: Requiring drivers approaching emergency or police vehicles stopped, standing, or parked on a highway and using any visual signals, except when otherwise directed by a police officer, to vacate the lane closest to the emergency or police vehicle under specified circumstances or to reduce the speed of the vehicle to a speed that is sufficient to ensure the safety of police officers or emergency services personnel in the vicinity of the emergency or the police vehicle under specified circumstances.

SB0050 - Energy Companies – Net Energy Metering

Sponsored By: Senator Mooney

Synopsis: Repealing a limitation on the period of time that a specified eligible customer-generator may accrue specified generation credit; repealing a limitation on the time that a specified electric company is required to carry forward a generation credit or a negative kilowatt-hour reading; requiring a specified electric company to carry forward a specified generation credit until specified events occur; etc.

SB0051 - Vehicle Laws – Bicycle, EPAMDS, and Motor Scooters – Rules of the Road

Sponsored By: Senator Raskin

Synopsis: Requiring that a driver of a vehicle, when overtaking a bicycle, an Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device (EPAMD), or a motor scooter, pass safely at a specified distance; requiring a driver of a vehicle to yield the right-of-way to a person who is riding a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter in a bike lane or shoulder under specified circumstances; etc.

SB0066 - Vehicle Laws – Length of Vehicles – Saddle-Mount and Full-Mount Combinations

Sponsored By: Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental Transportation)

Synopsis: Providing that a specified truck tractor or unloaded truck towing one or more other truck tractors or unloaded trucks in combination may not exceed 97 feet in length.

SB0088 - Environment – Controlled Hazardous Substance Advisory Council

Sponsored By: Chair, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

Synopsis: Providing that the Controlled Hazardous Substance Advisory Council is required to meet only at the request of the Secretary of the Environment; altering the membership of the Council; altering the term of a member from 6 to 10 years; repealing specified obsolete language; repealing a requirement that the Council elect a chairperson annually; and repealing a requirement that the Council determine the times and places of its meetings.

SB0124 - Vehicle Laws – Use of Work Zone Speed Control Systems – Presence of Workers Required

Sponsored By: Senators Brochin, Kittleman, and Zirkin

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.

SB0159 - Vehicle Laws – Emergency and Police Vehicle and Personnel Protection Act

Sponsored By: Senators Jacobs, Haines, Harris, Munson, and Stoltzfus

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

SB0169 - Vehicle Laws – Rules of the Road – Use of Signals When Changing Lanes
Sponsored By: Senator Raskin

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from moving a vehicle right or left on a roadway in order to change lanes unless the person gives an appropriate signal in a specified manner; etc.

SB0175 - Baltimore City – Highway User Revenues – Authorized Use
Sponsored By: Senator McFadden

Synopsis: Extending through fiscal year 2013 the authorization for Baltimore City to use local highway user revenues to pay for students' costs of discounted Maryland Transit Administration fares for eligible public school students in Baltimore City.

SB0189 - Vehicle Laws – Reckless and Negligent Driving – Penalties for Death or Serious Bodily Injury

Sponsored By: Senators Simonaire, Haines, Jacobs, Kittleman, Reilly, Stoltzfus, and Stone

Synopsis: Establishing that if a person violates a specified provision of law relating to reckless and negligent driving and the violation contributes to an accident that results in the death or the serious bodily injury of another, the person is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 and the Motor Vehicle Administration is authorized to suspend the person's license for not more than 180 days; providing that a licensee may request a hearing on a license suspension imposed under the Act; etc.

SB0200 - Wind-Powered Electric Generating Facilities – Decommissioning and Restoration – Surcharge, Bond, or Other Security, and Fund

Sponsored By: Senator Edwards

Synopsis: Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a surcharge on wind-powered electric generating facilities in the State with a generating capacity that does not

exceed 70 megawatts; requiring the Comptroller to collect the revenue from the surcharge and deposit it into the Maryland Wind-Powered Electric Generating Facility Decommissioning and Restoration Fund; authorizing a wind-powered electric generating facility to post a bond or other security acceptable to the Commission in lieu of the surcharge; etc.

SB0209 - Motor Vehicle Air Bags – Consumer Protection and Reporting Requirements

Sponsored By: Senator Kelley

Synopsis: Prohibiting specified acts related to the fraudulent sale or installation of motor vehicle air bags; requiring specified records to be maintained in connection with the sale or installation of motor vehicle air bags; requiring specified information to be provided or made available for inspection under specified circumstances; requiring a person who sells or installs salvaged air bags to disclose specified information to specified persons; requiring specified accident reports and forms to contain specified information; etc.

SB0273 - Vehicle Laws – Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Death – Penalty

Sponsored By: Senators Brochin, Mooney, and Stone

Synopsis: Increasing to 20 years the maximum term of imprisonment for a person who was involved in a vehicular accident that resulted in the death of another person if the person left the scene of the accident in violation of a specified provision of law and knew or should have known that the accident might result in the death of another person.

SB0277 - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Solar Energy

Sponsored By: The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Garagiola, Forehand, Frosh, Harrington, King, Lenett, Madaleno, McFadden, and Pinsky

Synopsis: Altering the renewable portfolio standard for electricity derived from solar energy in specified years; and altering the compliance fees for a shortfall in the requirement to satisfy the standard with electricity derived from solar energy.

SB0278 - Smart, Green, and Growing – Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission

Sponsored By: The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Astle, Della, Exum, Forehand, Gladden, Harrington, King, Klausmeier, Kramer, Lenett, Madaleno, Middleton, Miller, Peters, Pinsky, Pugh, and Stone

Synopsis: Repealing the Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland; establishing the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission; establishing the membership and the charge of the Commission; authorizing the Commission to adopt rules of procedure; etc.

SB0282 - Off-Shore Wind Generation – Qualified Submerged Renewable Energy Lines

Sponsored By: The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Klausmeier, Forehand, Harrington, King, Madaleno, McFadden, and Pinsky

Synopsis: Exempting specified qualified submerged renewable energy lines from a specified prohibition in a Beach Erosion Control District under specified circumstances; requiring specified energy lines to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity under specified circumstances; requiring the Public Service Commission to conduct specified proceedings and consider specified factors in connection with a certificate for specified energy lines; and defining a term.

SB0285 - Smart, Green, and Growing – The Sustainable Communities Act of 2010

Sponsored By: The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Della, Exum, Forehand, Gladden, Harrington, Jones, King, Klausmeier, Lenett, Madaleno, Middleton, Peters, Pinsky, Pugh, and Stone

Synopsis: Stating findings and intent of the General Assembly concerning sustainable communities; providing for the designation of specified areas as sustainable communities eligible for specified programs; reestablishing and altering the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program to be the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program; authorizing the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust to issue up to \$50,000,000 in the aggregate in initial credit certificates for the tax credit; etc.

SB0287 - Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act of 2010

Sponsored By: The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators King, Madaleno, McFadden, Munson, Forehand, Garagiola, Harrington, Klausmeier, Lenett, and Pinsky

Synopsis: Extending until December 31, 2015, a specified credit against the State income tax for electricity produced by qualified Maryland facilities from qualified energy

resources; and extending until December 31, 2015, the time period in which the Maryland Energy Administration may issue specified credit certificates.

SB0294 - Vehicle Laws – Distracted Driving – Prohibition

Sponsored By: Senator Glassman

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 person 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.

SB0311 - Chesapeake Conservation Corps

Sponsored By: Senators Miller, Klausmeier, Astle, Brochin, DeGrange, Della, Dyson, Exum, Forehand, Frosh, Garagiola, Gladden, Harrington, Jones, Kasemeyer, Kelley, King, Kramer, Lenett, Madaleno, McFadden, Middleton, Peters, Pinsky, Pugh, Raskin, and Robey

Synopsis: Establishing the Chesapeake Conservation Corps as a body politic and corporate; providing for the purposes of the Corps; establishing a Board of Directors of the Corps, with specified membership, officers, duties, and terms; providing for an Executive Director of the Corps, with specified duties and powers; establishing the powers of the Corps; requiring the Corps to undertake specified projects for specified purposes; requiring the Corps to develop and implement specified volunteer service programs; etc.

SB0322 - Motor Vehicles – Use of Video Display Equipment

Sponsored By: Senator Stone

Synopsis: Providing that, with specified exceptions, a motor vehicle driven on a State highway may not be equipped with video display equipment that is visible to a driver while driving; permitting video display equipment in a vehicle exclusively for public safety or law enforcement purposes; permitting electronic display equipment used in conjunction with a vehicle navigation system; and permitting use in a vehicle of video display equipment that is designed, installed, and used in conformance with the intended purpose of the vehicle manufacturer.

SB0324 - Motor Vehicles – Approaching Emergency Vehicles and Personnel

Sponsored By: Senator Glassman

Synopsis: Requiring drivers approaching an emergency vehicle that is stopped, standing, or parked on a highway and using any visual signals, unless otherwise directed by a police officer or traffic control device, to vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle under specified circumstances or to slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that ensures the safety of the emergency services personnel under specified circumstances.

SB0343 - Vehicle Laws – Accidents Resulting in Death – Appearance in Court for Traffic Citations

Sponsored By: Senators Stone, Della, Jacobs, Klausmeier, McFadden, Mooney, Pinsky, and Simonaire

Synopsis: Requiring a person who receives a traffic citation for a violation that contributed to an accident that resulted in the death of another to comply with the notice to appear in court contained in the citation by appearance in person.

SB0344 - Vehicle Laws – Medium Speed Vehicles – Requirements and Prohibitions

Sponsored By: Senator Glassman

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from driving a medium speed vehicle on specified highways; prohibiting a person from driving a medium speed vehicle on a highway unless the vehicle displays a specified emblem; establishing specified standards for a specified emblem; prohibiting a motor vehicle dealer from selling a medium speed vehicle unless the dealer permanently affixes a specified emblem to the vehicle and informs the buyer that specified driving restrictions apply; defining "medium speed vehicle"; etc.

SB0350 - Maryland Transit Administration – Transit-Oriented Development – Expansion of Geographic Area

Sponsored By: Senator Currie

Synopsis: Altering a specified definition to expand the geographic area within which a specified project could be constructed and yet qualify as a transit-oriented development.

SB0353 - Environment – Brominated Flame Retardants – Decabrominated Diphenyl Ether – Prohibition

Sponsored By: Senators Lenett, Forehand, Frosh, Garagiola, Gladden, Glassman, Harrington, Jacobs, Jones, King, Klausmeier, Madaleno, Muse, Peters, Pinsky, Pugh, Raskin, Robey, Rosapepe, Stone, and Zirkin

Synopsis: Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2011, the manufacturing, processing, selling, or distributing of a new product or a flame- retardant part of a new product that contains a specified amount of decabrominated diphenyl ether; and providing that the prohibition does not apply to specified processing of specified recyclables, specified manufacturer replacement service parts or other products, specified vehicles, or specified products or parts for use in vehicles.

SB0355 - Energy Companies – Net Energy Metering – Payment for Accrued Generation Credit

Sponsored By: Senators Pinsky, Della, Frosh, Harrington, Pipkin, Raskin, and Rosapepe

Synopsis: Requiring that a specified net metering contract or tariff credit electricity generated by specified eligible customer-generators at specified rates under specified circumstances; repealing a limitation on the period of time that an eligible customer-generator may accrue specified generation credit; repealing a limitation on the time that a specified electric company is required to carry forward a generation credit; requiring a specified electric company to carry forward a specified generation credit until specified events occur; etc.

SB0359 - Agriculture – Fertilizers and Pesticides – Release Reporting

Sponsored By: Senators Lenett, Exum, Harrington, King, McFadden, Pinsky, Pugh, Raskin, Robey, and Rosapepe

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt specified regulations regarding reporting on the release of fertilizers and pesticides; declaring specified findings of the General Assembly; requiring a person that releases fertilizers and pesticides to submit a specified report to the Department; requiring the report to contain specified information; requiring the report to cover the preceding calendar year and be submitted annually beginning on March 1, 2012; requiring the Department to establish the format of the report; etc.

SB0361 - Natural Resources – Local Forest Conservation Funds – Use of Money

Sponsored By: Senator Astle

Synopsis: Repealing the requirement that, at the end of 2 years or 3 growing seasons, unused money in a local forest conservation fund be returned to the person who provided the money for specified tree planting purposes.

SB0363 - Environment – Use of Coal Combustion by-Products for Reclamation – Bond Requirements

Sponsored By: Senators Astle and Simonaire

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of the Environment to require a bond in a specified amount for a permit that authorizes the use of coal combustion by-products for reclamation.

SB0364 - Environment Coal Combustion By-Products – Permits

Sponsored By: Senators Astle and Simonaire

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of the Environment to hold an informational meeting in a specified location with respect to permit applications involving the disposal of coal combustion by-products; requiring the Department to hold a public hearing before the Secretary of the Environment issues permits that involve the disposal of coal combustion by-products; and requiring the Department to mail written notice of a specified public hearing to specified local governments under specified circumstances.

SB0394 - Municipalities – Authority to Enter into Agreements with Other Municipalities

Sponsored By: Senators Exum, Conway, Currie, Harrington, Kelley, Peters, Pinsky, Pugh, and Rosapepe

Synopsis: Authorizing municipalities to enter into agreements with other municipalities for purposes that include the joint administration of the municipalities, procurement activities, the provision of municipal services, and the joint funding and management of projects that are centrally located to the municipalities.

SB0407 - Maryland Open Government Act

Sponsored By: Senators King, Harrington, Lenett, Brochin, Conway, Currie, DeGrange, Della, Exum, Forehand, Garagiola, Gladden, Glassman, Jones, Kasemeyer, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Kramer, Madaleno, McFadden, Middleton, Munson, Muse, Peters, Pinsky, Pugh, Raskin, Robey, Rosapepe, Stone, and Zirkin

Synopsis: Requiring that individuals be allowed to sign up on the General Assembly website during a specified time period to present testimony on a bill; requiring specified information about bills to be posted on the General Assembly website; requiring bill hearings to be broadcast on the General Assembly website under specified circumstances; requiring a meeting of the Board of Public Works to be broadcast on the Board's website under specified circumstances; requiring specified broadcasts of Board meetings to be archived; etc.

SB0414 - Vehicle Laws – Equine Riding – Helmet Requirement for Minors

Sponsored By Senators Pugh, Lenett, Madaleno, Muse, Peters, and Raskin

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person under the age of 18 from riding an equine on a highway, an equine-riding path, or a specified other property unless the person is wearing a properly secured helmet that meets specified standards; establishing a fine schedule for subsequent violations of the helmet requirement; requiring a court to order the parent or guardian of a minor under 14 years of age who is convicted of a violation of the Act to pay the fine imposed for the violation under specified circumstances; etc.

SB0448 – Environment – Oil and Gas Drilling – Wells

Sponsored By: Senator Edwards

Synopsis: Reducing, from 1,000 feet to 500 feet, the distance from the boundary of a property from which gas or oil wells may be drilled for the production or underground storage of gas or oil; and adding a definition of "well".

SB0455 – Maryland Efficiency Standards Act – Televisions

Sponsored By: Senator Pinsky, et al

Synopsis: Adding televisions to the list of products regulated under the Maryland Efficiency Standards Act; providing that the Act does not apply to televisions manufactured before a specified date; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to adopt regulations establishing minimum efficiency standards and compliance test methods for televisions; etc.

SB0457 – State Highway Administration – Speed Limits – Small Cities and Towns

Sponsored By: Senator Glassman

Synopsis: Authorizing the State Highway Administration to establish, for the portion of a specified State highway that is located within the boundaries of a municipal corporation with a population of not more than 1,000, a maximum speed limit that is lower than the maximum speed limit that is otherwise specified under specified provisions of law; declaring a specified policy of the State; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly.

SB0462 – Chesapeake Bay Restoration Consumer Retail Choice Act of 2010

Sponsored By: Senator Raskin et al

Synopsis: Prohibiting a store from providing disposable carryout bags unless the bags meet specified requirements; requiring a store to charge and collect a fee for each disposable carryout bag the store provides to a customer; requiring the operator of a store to remit a specified amount of money to the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund; requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct public information and outreach campaigns; authorizing the use of specified funds; providing for a delayed effective date; etc.

SB0464 – Marilyn J. Praisner Safe and Earth-Friendly Roadway Act

Sponsored By: Senator Forehand et al

Synopsis: Authorizing the State Highway Administration, the Maryland Transportation Authority, or a political subdivision to install or replace a specified luminaire for highway lighting only if it determines that the concerns to be addressed by the lighting cannot be addressed by specified alternative means; authorizing the Administration, the Authority, a political subdivision, or an electric company to install or replace a specified luminaire only with a luminaire that meets specified requirements; etc.

SB0475 – Operating a Vessel While Under the Influence of or Impaired by Alcohol or Drugs – Compulsory Testing

Sponsored By: Senator Stone

Synopsis: Requiring a person to submit to breath or blood tests to determine alcohol concentration or drug or controlled dangerous substance content if the person is involved in an accident while operating or attempting to operate a vessel that results in the death of, or life-threatening injury to, another person and the person is detained by a police officer who has reasonable grounds to believe that the person has been operating the vessel while under the influence of or impaired by alcohol, drugs, or a controlled dangerous substance; etc.

SB0479 – State Capital Projects – High Performance Buildings – Green Globes Rating

Sponsored By: Senator Stoltzfus

Synopsis: Altering the definition of "high performance building" to include a building that achieves a rating of at least two Green Globes according to the Green Globes Program as adopted by the Green Building Initiative.

SB0492 – Vehicle Laws – Protective Headgear Requirement for Motor Vehicle Riders – Exceptions

Sponsored By: Senator Astle

Synopsis: Providing specified exceptions to the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without specified protective headgear; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to study the effect of the Act on motorcycle injuries and fatalities during the first 2 years that the Act is in effect and to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2012; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

SB0493 – Vehicle Laws – Equipment on Motorcycles – Auxiliary Lighting

Sponsored By: Senator Astle

Synopsis: Authorizing an operator of a motorcycle to use specified auxiliary lighting on the motorcycle.

SB0502 – Malfunctioning Traffic Light Act

Sponsored By: Senator Gladden

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.

SB0513 – Natural Resources – Vessels – No-Discharge Designation for Maryland Waters

Sponsored By: Senator Conway, et al

Synopsis: Clarifying provisions relating to the duties of operators of vessels with respect to the overboard discharge of treated and untreated sewage into the waters of the State;

increasing the maximum amount of the penalty for violations of specified provisions to \$10,000; authorizing specified officers to enforce specified provisions of law and to inspect specified vessels; and requiring the State to initiate a process with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to designate Maryland waters as a no-discharge zone.

SB0514 – Environment – Permits to Construct or Materially Alter an Incinerator – Limitations on Issuance

Sponsored By: Senator Lennet

Synopsis: Prohibiting the Secretary of the Environment from issuing permits to construct or materially alter an incinerator located within 3 miles of specified locations; repealing a provision prohibiting the Secretary from issuing specified permits to construct or operate a municipal waste incinerator for the disposal of a solid waste stream within 1 mile of specified schools; etc.

SB0515 – The Renewables First Act

Sponsored By: Senators Lenett and Roasapepe

Synopsis: Declaring specified findings and policies of the General Assembly; stating specified energy policy goals for the State; declaring that it is the policy of the State that specified policy goals should be prioritized in a specified manner; requiring a specified person to submit a specified statement when applying for a certificate of public convenience and necessity; requiring a specified person to submit a specified statement when applying for permission to construct a specified generating station under specified circumstances; etc.

SB0525 – Vehicle Laws – Driver Improvement Programs – Deduction of Accumulated Points

Sponsored By: Senator Haines

Synopsis: Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to deduct 2 points from a specified individual's driving record if the individual attends a specified driver improvement program or driver safety program; prohibiting the Administration from deducting more than 2 points from an individual's driving record in a 2-year period; requiring the Administration to apply a specified point deduction in a specified manner; etc.

SB0529 – Net Energy Metering – Fuel Cell

Sponsored By: Senators Garagiola, Astle, Exum, and Pugh

Synopsis: Including, among the list of eligible customer-generators that are eligible for net energy metering, a customer that uses a specified fuel cell electric generating facility that meets specified conditions; and defining "fuel cell".

SB0537 – Energy Companies – Net Energy Metering – Credit Transfers

Sponsor: Senator Mooney

Synopsis: Authorizing specified not-for-profit customers to transfer specified generation credits accrued from electricity produced from specified renewable sources to specified properties.

SB0556 – Environment – Decabrominated Diphenyl Ether – Prohibitions

Sponsor: Senator Conway, et al.

Synopsis: Prohibiting, on or after specified dates, the manufacturing, processing, or distributing of specified products that contain decabrominated diphenyl ether; providing that the Act does not prohibit retailers from selling, recycling, or disposing of specified products that contain decabrominated diphenyl ether under specified circumstances; and providing that the Act does not prohibit a person from transporting or storing specified products that contain decabrominated diphenyl ether under specified circumstances.

SB0558 – Public Service Commission – Long-Term Power Purchasing Agreements – Renewable Energy

Sponsored By: Senators Pinsky, Frosh, Harrington, Raskin, and Rosapepe

Synopsis: Requiring the Public Service Commission to direct specified electricity suppliers to enter into specified long-term power purchasing agreements according to a specified schedule; stating the findings of the General Assembly; authorizing the Commission to waive the requirement for an electricity supplier to enter into long-term power purchasing agreements under specified circumstances; requiring the Commission to consider specified factors when making a specified determination related to granting a waiver; etc.

SB0564 – Drunk Driving Elimination Act

Sponsored By: Senators Raskin, Astle, Colburn, Conway, Currie, DeGrange, Dyson, Forehand, Frosh, Glassman, Harrington, Jacobs, Kasemeyer, Kelley, King, Kramer, Lenett, Madaleno, McFadden, Middleton, Mooney, Munson, Peters, Pinsky, Pugh, Robey, Simonaire, Stone, and Zirkin

Synopsis: Altering the Motor Vehicle Administration's authority to establish an Ignition Interlock System Program to require the Administration to establish the Program; requiring rather than authorizing the Administration to establish a protocol for the Program by specified regulations; altering the circumstances under which individuals may participate; requiring the Administration to require an individual convicted of, or granted probation for, specified alcohol-related driving offenses to participate in the Program; etc.

SB0565 – Drunk and Drugged Driving – Refusal to Take Blood or Breath Test – Prohibition

Sponsored By: Senators Raskin, Astle, Conway, Forehand, Glassman, Jacobs, Madaleno, Middleton, Peters, Pugh, and Robey

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person who is detained for specified alcohol- or drug- related driving offenses from knowingly refusing to take a specified blood or breath test if the person was detained previously for specified alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses and refused to take a blood or breath test; and providing that a violation is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year or both.

SB0569 – Biomass and Biofuels – In-State Production Incentives

Sponsored By: Senators Middleton, Colburn, DeGrange, Garagiola, Kelley, Kramer, Lenett, and Madaleno

Synopsis: Altering provisions relating to net energy metering to allow eligible customer-generators generating electricity from cellulosic feedstock to recover accrued generation credit for electricity fed back to the grid; requiring, on or after specified dates and after a specified certification, that specified percentages of the total diesel sold by volume in the State be biodiesel produced from feedstock grown in the United States; requiring the Comptroller to adopt regulations; etc.

SB0584 – Criminal Law – Reckless Endangerment – Use of a Motor Vehicle

Sponsored By: Senator Stone

Synopsis: Establishing exceptions to an exclusion of conduct involving the use of a motor vehicle from the crime of reckless endangerment.

SB0602 – Vehicle Laws – High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes – Use by Plug-In Vehicles

Synopsis: Requiring the State Highway Administration when designating a portion of a highway as a restricted-use, high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane, to place traffic control devices indicating that the HOV lane may be used by specified plug-in vehicles; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, the State Highway Administration, and the Department of State Police to consult to design a specified permit; authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to charge a specified fee for issuing a specified permit; etc.

SB0624 – Vehicle Laws – Bicycles and Motor Scooters – Rules of the Road
Sponsored By: Senator Frosh et al.

Synopsis: Authorizing a person operating a bicycle to ride the bicycle in or through a crosswalk in specified locations under specified circumstances; requiring a vehicle to yield the right-of-way under specified circumstances to a bicycle that is in a crosswalk; authorizing, under specified circumstances, a person who is operating a bicycle or motor scooter to use the roadway even if a shoulder is present; etc.

SB0648 – Transportation – Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing – Environmental Impact Study for a Third Span
Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin

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 Transportation Authority, in collaboration with specified other agencies, to commence the process, on or before a specified date, 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.

SB0649 – Chesapeake Bay Bridge – Inspection by Independent Entity Required
Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin

Synopsis: Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to cause an inspection to be conducted of all elements of the superstructure and substructure of the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge (Chesapeake Bay Bridge) on or before December 31, 2010; requiring the Authority to retain the services of an entity independent of and not affiliated with the Authority to conduct the inspection; requiring the Authority to mandate that the entity conducting the inspection use the most exacting technology available; etc.

SB0650 – Maryland Transportation Authority – Proposed Toll or Fee Charges –

Public Comments

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin

Synopsis: Requiring specified staff of the Maryland Transportation Authority to receive and maintain written comments submitted by the public regarding proposed toll or fee charges for specified transportation facilities projects; and requiring the staff promptly to provide the members of the Authority with copies of the written comments.

SB0651 – Maryland Transportation Authority – Toll Increase – Public Meeting Requirement

Sponsored By: Senators Pipkin and Astle

Synopsis: Requiring that, prior to instituting a toll increase for a transportation facilities project under its jurisdiction, the Maryland Transportation Authority hold a public meeting at a place located within a 30-mile radius of the transportation facilities project.

SB0653 – Environment – Coal Combustion By-Products – Minimum Standards – Beneficial Uses

Sponsored By: Senators Lenett, Madaleno, and Raskin

Synopsis: Requiring a person using or disposing of coal combustion by-products to comply with specified standards if the by-products come into contact with the ground; requiring a person making specified use of coal combustion by-products to comply with regulations and permit provisions; requiring a person using coal combustion by-products for specified purposes to use engineering practices that are at least as protective of the environment and public health as the practices required for landfill disposal of coal combustion by-products; etc.

SB0656 – Energy Performance Ratings – State, County, and Municipal Buildings

Sponsored By: Senator Lenett

Synopsis: Requiring, beginning October 1, 2011, the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to post a specified Energy Star rating for specified county or municipal buildings in a specified area of the buildings; and beginning on specified dates, requiring the Department of General Services to post a specified Energy Star rating for specified State buildings in a specified area of the buildings.

SB0661 – Public Service Commission – Competitive Electricity and Gas Supplier

Referral Program
Sponsored By: Senator Klausmeier

Synopsis: Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a Competitive Electricity and Gas Supplier Referral Program on or before October 1, 2010; specifying the terms and conditions under which an electricity or gas supplier may participate in the Program; requiring electric companies and gas companies to include specified information in specified customer bills in a specified manner at specified times; etc.

SB0676 – For Hire Driving Services – Temporary for Hire Driver’s Licenses and Operator’s Dress Code

Sponsor: Senator McFadden

Synopsis: Requiring the Public Service Commission to issue to a specified applicant a temporary for-hire driver's license and, if applicable, a badge immediately on receipt of a completed application in which the applicant has included specified information regarding specified felony and misdemeanor convictions, paid a specified application fee, and a specified certified driver's record; etc.

SB0686 – Watershed Protection and Restoration Act

Sponsor: Senators Raskin, Frosh, Harrington, Lenett, Madaleno, Pinsky, Pugh, and Rosapepe

Synopsis: Requiring counties and municipalities to adopt laws or ordinances to establish a stormwater remediation fee and a local watershed protection fund on or before July 1, 2011; requiring counties and municipalities to collect the fees and administer the funds in accordance with the Act; requiring counties and municipalities to set the amount of the fee and assess the fee in a specified manner; requiring counties and municipalities to report specified information to the Department of the Environment; etc.

SB0693 – Green Maryland Act of 2010

Sponsor: Senators Raskin, Lenett, Pinsky, and Rosapepe

Synopsis: Increasing the price preference for recycled paper and the percent of recycled paper to be procured; requiring a review of procurement practices and a study of the use of compost as fertilizer; establishing a goal to increase use of compost as fertilizer; requiring development of strategies and best practices for implementing environmentally preferable purchasing; requiring review and alteration of specifications to account for environmentally preferable procurement strategies and best practices; etc.

SB0697 – Alcohol – Or Drug-Related Crimes – Serious Physical Injury by Motor Vehicle or Vessel-Penalties

Sponsor: Senator Haines

Synopsis: Altering specified alcohol- or drug-related crimes from prohibitions against causing a life-threatening injury to another person to specified prohibitions against causing serious physical injury to another person; providing penalties; altering the names of specified charges; and making conforming changes.

SB0698 – Vehicle Laws – Controlled Dangerous Substances – Per Se Driving Offenses

Sponsor: Senator Haines

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from driving or attempting to drive if there is in the person's blood any specified controlled dangerous substance or its metabolite under specified circumstances; providing that a specified defense is not available for specified charges; providing for penalties; etc.

SB0699 – Vehicle Laws – Drug-Related Driving Offense – Penalties

Sponsor: Senator Haines

Synopsis: Altering specified penalties for an offense of driving or attempting to drive while impaired by a drug, a combination of drugs, or a combination of one or more drugs and alcohol under specified circumstances; and making technical and stylistic changes.

SB0720 – Clean Energy Loan Programs

Sponsor: Senator Middleton

Synopsis: Altering the requirements of a specified Clean Energy Loan Program adopted by a political subdivision under specified circumstances; requiring that a specified energy audit required to be performed before a political subdivision approves a specified loan identify specified cost-effective energy efficiency projects and renewable energy projects that would generate a specified projected yearly energy cost savings; etc.

SB0725 – State Government – Priority Funding for Transportation Projects for BRAC

Sponsor: Senator Glassman

Synopsis: Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation, in its Consolidated Transportation Program, to include as a priority any capital project needed to accommodate projected transportation needs resulting from recommendations of the 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

SB0740 – Vehicle Laws – Detectable Level of a Controlled Dangerous Substance or its Metabolites – Prohibition

Sponsor: Senator Jacobs

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from driving or attempting to drive any vehicle while the person has a detectable level of a controlled dangerous substance, or its metabolites, in the person's blood, if the person is not entitled to use the controlled dangerous substance under the laws of the State; making a stylistic change; etc.

SB0760 – Transportation – Consolidated Transportation Program – Evaluation and Selection of Proposed Capital Projects

Sponsor: Senators Pugh and Harrington

Synopsis: Altering the process and the criteria used for selecting projects to be included in the Consolidated Transportation Program; requiring that the annual Consolidated Transportation Program report include specified goals, a summary of how specified determinations were made, and specified information for each major capital project; requiring that each major capital project proposed by an entity include specified elements; and requiring the Department of Transportation to evaluate requests for, select, and provide funding.

SB0775 – Environment – Road Sale Management Programs

Sponsored By: Senators Kramer, Conway, Currie, Forehand, Harrington, Kelley, Lenett, Muse, Pinsky, Raskin, Rosapepe, and Stone

Synopsis: Requiring the State Highway Administration and each local jurisdiction that is responsible for highway maintenance to establish and implement a best practices road salt management program by October 31, 2011; requiring the Administration and a responsible local jurisdiction to submit a preliminary program to the Department of the Environment for review and comment and to review and update the program annually; establishing standards and requirements for a road salt management program; etc.

SB0777 – Local Government Funds – Redeposit into Insured Accounts

Sponsored By: Senators DeGrange, Kasemeyer, King, Klausmeier, McFadden, Munson, Peters, Pugh, Robey, and Zirkin

Synopsis: Authorizing a local government to deposit unexpended or surplus money in any federally insured bank or savings and loan association without specified security under specified conditions.

SB0791 – Procurement – Multi-Year Contracts for Renewable Energy – Termination Clauses

Sponsored By: Senator Garagiola

Synopsis: Authorizing, on the recommendation of the Secretary of General Services, the Board of Public Works to waive a requirement to include an automatic termination clause in specified multi-year contracts for the procurement of energy generated from specified renewable sources; and requiring the Board to consider a specified factor in determining whether to grant a specified waiver.

SB0803 – Sewage Sludge Utilization Permits – Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area – Judicial Review

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin

Synopsis: Applying specified standing requirements, legal processes for judicial review of environmental permits, and a specified prohibition against contested case hearings to specified sewage sludge utilization permits issued for land in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area.

SB0807 – Electricity Market Goal of the State – Best Possible Price for Ratepayers Through Reregulation

Sponsored By: Senators Pipkin, Brochin, Conway, Currie, Della, Exum, Frosh, Harrington, Jones, Madaleno, McFadden, Middleton, Munson, Muse, Peters, Pinsky, Raskin, Rosapepe, Stone, and Zirkin

Synopsis: Providing that, on and after July 1, 2010, 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 those 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, 2010; etc.

SB0828 – Special Taxing Districts – Transportation Improvements – Exemption from County Tax Limitations

Sponsor: Senator Madaleno

Synopsis: Exempting ad valorem and special taxes imposed only within a special taxing district for the purpose of financing the cost of transportation improvements from county tax limitations; and defining specified terms.

SB0832 – Maryland Community Enhancement Transit-Oriented Development Fund

Sponsor: Senator Jones

Synopsis: Establishing the Maryland 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 specified local governing bodies; authorizing local governing bodies to use or make awards of money received from the Fund for specified purposes; etc.

SB0893 – Maryland Clean Energy Center – Miscellaneous Provisions

Sponsor: Senator Garagiola

Synopsis: Altering the quorum requirement for the Maryland Clean Energy Center Board; altering the minimum vote required for the Board to act; designating employees and officials of the Maryland Clean Energy Center as State personnel under the Maryland Tort Claims Act; authorizing employees and retirees of the Maryland Clean Energy Center to participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; etc.

SB0910 – Comprehensive Energy Plan

Sponsored by: Senators Lenett and Rosapepe

Synopsis: Requiring the Department of Planning to submit a specified interim report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a specified date; requiring the Department to submit a specified Comprehensive Energy Plan to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a specified date; requiring the Department to solicit and consider input from specified parties in developing the Plan; requiring the Plan to contain specified information and make a specified recommendation; etc.

SB0925 – Carroll County – Green Building Tax Credit

Sponsored By: Carroll County Senators

Synopsis: Expanding to residential property specified authority of the governing body of Carroll County to grant, by law, a green building tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified properties on which a person installs specified environmentally friendly technologies; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2010; etc.

SB0939 – Energy Performance Contracts – Financing – State Energy Performance Contract Loan of 2010

Sponsored By: Senator Jones (Chair, Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds) and Senators Forehand and Haines

Synopsis: Authorizing the financing of energy performance contracts by capital lease or general or special obligation bonds authorized by the General Assembly; providing for the timely payment of principal and interest on bonds and capital leases used to finance energy performance contracts; authorizing the issuance of \$200,000,000 in general obligation bonds to finance State energy performance contracts; etc.

SB0942 – Public Service Commission – Customer Education on Customer Choice

Sponsored By: Senators Pugh, Forehand, Harrington, Kelley, Klausmeier, Kramer, Madaleno, McFadden, and Muse

Synopsis: Requiring an electric company that provides standard offer service to include specified information in a specified manner and at specified intervals about electricity supply options available to a customer; requiring the Commission to educate consumers about customer choice in accordance with a provision of law; requiring the Commission to host a section on its website related to customer choice; requiring the website to include specified information; etc.

SB0971 – Public Service Companies – Gas and Electric Service – Alternative Payment Agreements

Sponsored By: Senators Klausmeier, Astle, Della, Exum, Madaleno, Munson, Pinsky, Pipkin, Pugh, and Rosapepe

Synopsis: Requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations to limit the authority of a public service company to terminate gas or electric service to a residential customer in arrears under specified circumstances; requiring regulations that would

require a public service company to offer customers the option of entering into a specified alternative payment agreement; requiring the Commission to specify the circumstances under which specified restrictions and agreements may be required; etc.

SB0987 – Natural Resources – Conservation Law Enforcement Act of 2010

Sponsored By: Senator Astle

Synopsis: Establishing specified responsibilities of the Natural Resources Police Force; stating specified findings of the General Assembly relating to conservation law enforcement; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to audit the books of specified individuals who sell fish resources at retail; providing that a specified audit shall be conducted for law enforcement purposes; providing specified penalties and sanctions; etc.

SB0991 – Maryland Transportation Authority

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin

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

SB0992 – Applications for Certificates of Need – Notice to and Involvement of Bordering Counties

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin

Synopsis: Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to give notice of the filing of specified applications for a certificate of need to members of the governing body of each county that borders on the county where the action is planned; and requiring the Commission to define a specified term in a specified manner.

SB0993 – Nuclear Power Transparency Act of 2010

Sponsored By: Senator Pipkin

Synopsis: Prohibiting a person from operating a nuclear generating facility until the person discloses specified information to the Public Service Commission in writing.

SB1001 – Vehicle Laws – Overtaking and Passing School Vehicles – School Bus Monitoring Cameras

Sponsored By: Senator Brinkley

Synopsis: Authorizing a county board of education, in consultation with a local law enforcement agency, to place school bus monitoring cameras on county school buses for the purpose of recording motor vehicles committing violations relating to overtaking and passing school vehicles; requiring a school bus operator to give a recording of the violations to a local law enforcement agency; requiring recordings made by a school bus monitoring camera to include specified images and information about the violations; etc.

SB1049 - State Highway Administration - Clearing Sidewalks of Snow at Transit Stations - Agreements with Political Subdivisions

Sponsored By: Senator Harrington:

Synopsis: Requiring the State Highway Administration, under specified circumstances, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding or any other agreement regarding the clearing of snow from the sidewalks serving specified transit stations after a declaration of a snow emergency; requiring the Memorandum of Understanding or agreement to include specified terms; etc.

SB1059 – Procurement – Employee Uniforms and Equipment – Place of Manufacture

Sponsored By: Senator Edwards

Synopsis: Prohibiting a public employer, under specified circumstances, from knowingly buying, furnishing, or requiring an employee to buy or acquire for use while on duty specified uniforms and other equipment unless the uniforms or other equipment are manufactured in the United States; and applying the Act prospectively.

SB1082 – Stormwater Management – Development Projects – Redevelopment and Preliminary Plan Approved

Sponsored By: Senator DeGrange

Synopsis: Establishing requirements for a specified redevelopment project design; authorizing a developer to make a fee-in-lieu payment to a local government to offset specified stormwater management requirements; requiring the fee-in-lieu payment to be

in an amount determined by a local government and used for specified purposes; authorizing a person to submit a stormwater management plan that complies with specified laws and regulations if a development project receives specified approvals before May 4, 2010; etc.

SB1083 – Property Tax – Seminannual Payment for Real Property

Sponsored By: Senators DeGrange, Kasemeyer, King, Munson, Peters, Robey, and Stoltzfus

Synopsis: Requiring the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide for a semiannual payment of State, county, municipal corporation, and special taxing district property taxes for real property; repealing obsolete provisions; etc.

SB1092 – Snowstorm and Related Climate Change Preparation Act

Sponsored By: Senators Rosapepe, Conway, Currie, Forehand, Frosh, Garagiola, Harrington, Jones, Lenett, Madaleno, Muse, Peters, Pugh, Raskin, and Zirkin

Synopsis: Requiring, on or before December 1, 2010, the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, to submit a specified report to the Governor and the General Assembly on specified investments necessary for the State to respond to specified weather emergencies; requiring the report to include specified information; etc.

SB1099 – State and Local Government Procurement – Banking and Financial Services – Preference for State Financial Institutions

Sponsored By: Senator Madaleno

Synopsis: Requiring the State Treasurer to apply a specified preference in favor of a State financial institution when evaluating competing bids or proposals submitted by financial institutions to provide banking or financial services to the State or an agency of the State; requiring a local government unit to apply a specified preference in favor of a State financial institution when evaluating competing bids submitted by financial institutions to provide banking or financial services to the local government unit; etc.

SB1107 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Renewable Energy Credits - Solar Water Heating Systems

Sponsored By: Senator Garagiola

Synopsis: Providing that energy from a specified solar water heating system is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; providing that a person that owns and operates a specified solar water heating system shall receive a specified renewable energy credit under specified circumstances; requiring the total amount of energy generated and consumed by a commercial solar water heating system to be measured by a specified meter; etc.

SB1108 – Electric Companies – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards for Solar Energy

Sponsored By: Senator Garagiola

Synopsis: Providing that the renewable energy portfolio standard for solar energy applies to all retail electricity delivered in the State and that the responsibility for meeting the solar renewable energy portfolio standard shall be fulfilled only by electric companies; altering the eligibility criteria for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard for specified energy from a specified Tier 1 source; etc.

SB1123 – Political Subdivisions – Collective Bargaining Agreements – Binding Arbitration

Sponsored By: Senator Frosh

Synopsis: Authorizing a county or municipal corporation to adopt a specified local law or ordinance regarding binding arbitration in specified collective bargaining disputes; and applying the Act retroactively.
