



Baltimore Metropolitan Council

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**TRANSPORTATION, AIR QUALITY, AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-RELATED  
LEGISLATION  
INTRODUCED IN THE 2011 SESSION  
OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**2011 Legislative Report**

***2011 Legislative Wrap-Up***

***June 15, 2011***

**This session of the Maryland General Assembly began on  
January 12, 2011 and adjourned on April 11, 2011**

**The filing deadline for bills and resolutions was February 4 for the  
Senate, and February 11 for the House. March 7 was the final deadline  
in both chambers for introduction of legislation without rules  
suspension.**

# LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## 2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

For the last eighteen 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 2011 session began on January 12 and adjourned on April 11. 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/2011RS/synopsis/synindx.htm> for a complete listing of all bills filed during the 2011 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/or signed by the Governor are shown in **green bold** type. Bills vetoed by the Governor are shown in **red bold** type. Bills that failed to make it out of the legislature are marked with a single strike through.

### CATEGORIES OF LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE 2011 SESSION OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN-RELATED

BILL #	TITLE
SB0012	MARYLAND QUIET VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TASK FORCE - RECONSTITUTION
<b>SB0226</b>	<b>BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEETINGS</b>

#### STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RELATED

BILL #	TITLE
SB0157	<del>CODE HOME RULE COUNTIES – DEVELOPMENT EXCISE TAX FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – APPLICABILITY</del>

#### ENVIRONMENTAL/SUSTAINABILITY – AIR QUALITY, ENERGY, WATER QUALITY

BILL #	TITLE
HB0024	<del>AGRICULTURE – SLUDGE – TIMING OF WINTER APPLICATION</del>
<b>HB0053</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT – COMMERCIAL DISHWASHING DETERGENT – PROHIBITION</b>
<b>HB0054</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT – DECABROMINATED DIPHENYL ETHER – TRACE AMOUNTS</b>
<b>HB0057</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES</b>
HB0177	<del>ENVIRONMENT – ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – NITROGEN REMOVAL</del>
HB0209	<del>MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION EASEMENTS – ALLOWABLE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT</del>
<b>HB0210</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT – MINING – ACID MINE DRAINAGE ABATEMENT AND TREATMENT FUND</b>
<b>HB0214</b>	<b>MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – CRITICAL FARMS FUND AND PROGRAM</b>
<b>HB0275</b>	<b><del>PUBLIC UTILITIES – NET ENERGY METERING – HYDROELECTRIC</del></b>
HB0278	<del>CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA – PROSPECTIVE LAND PURCHASES – INSPECTIONS</del>
<b>HB0281</b>	<b>MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND – SMALL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE – PROHIBITION</b>
HB0308	<del>MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – STUDY OF FEASIBILITY OF REQUIRING THE USE OF ELECTRIC AND ELECTRIC-HYBRID SCHOOL BUSES</del>
HB0341	<del>ENVIRONMENT – AT-STORE RECYCLING – PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS</del>
<b>HB0347</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT – NITROGEN REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY – EVALUATION AND</b>

	<b>RANKING</b>
HB0370	STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
HB0371	DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE – COST STUDY
HB0374	MARYLAND GREEN PURCHASING COMMITTEE – RECYCLING STUDY – POLYSTYRENE FOAM
HB0389	RECYCLING – BARS AND RESTAURANTS – BEVERAGE CONTAINERS
<b>HB0391</b>	<b>MARYLAND ELECTRICITY SERVICE QUALITY AND RELIABILITY ACT</b>
HB0415	ENVIRONMENT – SEVERN RIVER WATERSHED – SILT AND EROSION CONTROL – CERTIFICATION
HB0425	ENVIRONMENT – USE OF COAL COMBUSTION BY-PRODUCTS FOR RECLAMATION – BOND REQUIREMENTS
HB0428	ENVIRONMENT – COAL COMBUSTION BY-PRODUCTS – PERMITS
HB0431	ENVIRONMENT – COAL COMBUSTION BY-PRODUCTS – PERMITS
HB0473	ENVIRONMENT – LANDFILLS AND INCINERATORS – DISPOSAL OF WASTE
HB0512	HIGH PERFORMANCE HOMES – REBATE PROGRAM
<b>HB0573</b>	<b>FERTILIZER USE ACT OF 2011</b>
<b>HB0602</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM – TRANSIT STATIONS</b>
HB0658	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – SUSTAINABLE ENERGY UTILITIES
HB0659	AGRICULTURE – PESTICIDES – REGULATION OF ATRAZINE
HB0660	AGRICULTURE – PESTICIDES – USE, RELEASE, SALE, AND PURCHASE REPORTING
HB0668	ENVIRONMENT – LOCAL STORMWATER CHARGES – STATE PROPERTY
HB0687	CHESAPEAKE BAY NITROGEN REDUCTION ACT OF 2011
HB0706	CHESAPEAKE BAY PHOSPHORUS REDUCTION ACT OF 2011
HB0754	AGRICULTURE – COMMERCIAL FEED – ARSENIC PROHIBITION
<b>HB0817</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT – COMPOSTING</b>
HB0829	RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR ALL ACT
<b>HB0831</b>	<b>AGRICULTURE – INVASIVE PLANTS – PREVENTION AND CONTROL</b>
HB0847	ENVIRONMENT – PERMITTING PROCESS – ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE REVIEW
HB0852	THE MARCELLUS SHALE SAFE DRILLING ACT OF 2011
<b>HB0877</b>	<b>SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES, DESIGNATED NEIGHBORHOODS, AND PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS – MISCELLANEOUS CORRECTIONS</b>
<b>HB0881</b>	<b>AGRICULTURE – WASTE KITCHEN GREASE</b>
<b>HB0890</b>	<b>LAND PRESERVATION – LAND DRAINING TO A RESERVOIR</b>
HB0946	ENVIRONMENT – SEWAGE SLUDGE – REQUIREMENTS
HB1034	CLEAN THE STREAMS AND BEAUTIFY THE BAY ACT OF 2011
HB1054	MARYLAND OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY ACT
HB1064	WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT
HB1107	SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ACT OF 2011
<b>HB1121</b>	<b>RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO – WASTE-TO-ENERGY</b>

HB1227	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT – WIND TURBINE MANUFACTURING FACILITY
HB1259	CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA – JUNK OR SCRAP STORAGE OR YARDS – REGULATIONS
HB1354	ENVIRONMENT – CONSTRUCTION OF WELLS
HB1355	ZONING, CONSTRUCTION, AND STORMWATER – PERMITS AND VARIANCES – SOLAR PANELS

BILL #	TITLE
SB0111	ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING – APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND CONDOMINIUMS
SB0129	TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE DEVELOPMENT OF WETLAND TEACHING PROJECTS AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS
SB0131	MARYLAND WATER QUALITY REVOLVING LOAN FUND – LOAN FORGIVENESS
SB0153	REORGANIZATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT – CONSOLIDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
SB0160	ENVIRONMENT – ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – NITROGEN REMOVAL
<b>SB0176</b>	<b>MARYLAND ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL</b>
SB0177	INCOME TAX – TAX CREDIT FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT
<b>SB0179</b>	<b>ELECTRIC COMPANIES – DEMAND RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAM FOR CHARGING ELECTRIC VEHICLES</b>
SB0198	STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – REGULATIONS – APPLICABILITY
<b>SB0221</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT – DECABROMINATED DIPHENYL ETHER – TRACE AMOUNTS</b>
SB0304	RENEWABLE ENERGY SURCHARGE – RETAIL RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS
SB0314	PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES – GENERATING STATIONS – WIND
<b>SB0320</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT – PHOSPHORUS – COMMERCIAL DISHWASHING DETERGENT</b>
SB0332	GAS COMPANIES – INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT – SURCHARGE
<b>SB0372</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT – NITROGEN REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY – EVALUATION AND RANKING</b>
<b>SB0380</b>	<b>ELECTRICITY – NET ENERGY METERING</b>
SB0387	HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS ACT – APPLICABILITY TO RECIPIENTS OF STATE AID
<b>SB0398</b>	<b>SALES AND USE TAX – SALE OF ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY SOLAR ENERGY EQUIPMENT – EXEMPTION</b>
SB0399	MARYLAND GREEN FUEL INITIATIVE – MOTOR FUEL TAXES – BIODIESEL
SB0404	ENVIRONMENT – SEWAGE SLUDGE – REQUIREMENTS
SB0407	SEWAGE SLUDGE UTILIZATION PERMITS – CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA – JUDICIAL REVIEW
SB0417	AGRICULTURE – COMMERCIAL FEED – ARSENIC PROHIBITION
<b>SB0421</b>	<b>PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – ATTAINMENT OF ACQUISITION GOALS – INCREASED ALLOCATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>
SB0422	NATURAL GAS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION – MARCELLUS SHALE

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SB0442	MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST – EASEMENTS – LOCAL APPROVAL
<b>SB0487</b>	<b>FERTILIZER USE ACT OF 2011</b>
<b>SB0539</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES</b>
SB0544	CHESAPEAKE BAY NITROGEN REDUCTION ACT OF 2011
SB0546	CHESAPEAKE BAY PHOSPHORUS REDUCTION ACT OF 2011
SB0552	ENVIRONMENT – LOCAL STORMWATER CHARGES – STATE PROPERTY
SB0582	AGRICULTURE – PESTICIDES – REGULATION OF ATRAZINE STUDY
SB0602	CLEAN THE STREAMS AND BEAUTIFY THE BAY ACT OF 2011
SB0634	MARCELLUS SHALE SAFE DRILLING ACT OF 2011
SB0648	RENEWABLE ENERGY SURCHARGE – RETAIL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS
<b>SB0690</b>	<b>RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO – WASTE-TO-ENERGY</b>
<b>SB0751</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT – DISHWASHING DETERGENT CONTAINING PHOSPHORUS – PENALTIES</b>
SB0752	ENVIRONMENT – PERMITTING PROCESS – ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE REVIEW
SB0785	AGRICULTURE – PESTICIDES – USE, RELEASE, SALE, AND PURCHASE REPORTING
SB0827	ENVIRONMENT – SEVERN RIVER WATERSHED – SILT AND EROSION CONTROL – CERTIFICATION
SB0846	SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ACT OF 2011
SB0861	MARYLAND OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY ACT
SB0881	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT – WIND TURBINE MANUFACTURING FACILITY
<b>SB0958</b>	<b>MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY INCENTIVE ACT – QUALIFIED ENERGY RESOURCES</b>
<b>SB0959</b>	<b>BIO-HEATING OIL – INCOME TAX CREDIT</b>
SB0964	RENEWABLE ENERGY – POULTRY LITTER – NET ENERGY METERING AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD

## HIGHWAY

BILL #	TITLE
<b>HB0289</b>	<b>STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS ON HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY</b>

BILL #	TITLE
<b>SB0410</b>	<b>STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS ON HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY</b>

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

BILL #	TITLE
HB0796	MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – MARC PENN LINE EXTENSION

**TRAFFIC OPERATIONS, PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION SAFETY**

<b>BILL #</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
<b>HB0103</b>	<b>VEHICLE LAWS – GROSS WEIGHT LIMITS – FARM VEHICLES AND VEHICLES CARRYING FARM PRODUCTS</b>
<b>HB0105</b>	<b>VEHICLE LAWS – RACES AND SPEED CONTESTS – ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES</b>
<b>HB0109</b>	<b>TRANSPORTATION – OUTDOOR SIGNS ALONG FEDERAL-AID PRIMARY HIGHWAYS – SCENIC BYWAYS</b>
<b>HB0110</b>	<b>VEHICLE LAWS – WEIGHT LIMITS</b>
<b>HB0112</b>	<b>VEHICLE EQUIPMENT – PUBLIC TRANSIT VEHICLES – FLASHING LIGHTS</b>
HB0123	MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES ON VEHICLES USED FOR TRANSIT SERVICE
<b>HB0164</b>	<b>ELECTRIC COMPANIES – DEMAND RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAM FOR CHARGING ELECTRIC VEHICLES</b>
<b>HB0167</b>	<b>MARYLAND ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL</b>
<b>HB0196</b>	<b>MOTOR VEHICLES – USE OF TEXT MESSAGING DEVICE WHILE DRIVING – PROHIBITED ACTS</b>
<b>HB0204</b>	<b>VEHICLE LAWS – COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES ENGAGED IN INTRASTATE COMMERCE – MINIMUM SECURITY REQUIREMENTS</b>
HB0221	MOTOR VEHICLES – USE OF TEXT MESSAGING DEVICE WHILE DRIVING
HB0222	MOTOR VEHICLES – USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE – PROHIBITED ACTS AND ENFORCEMENT
HB0250	VEHICLE LAWS – MOTOR SCOOTERS AND MOPEDS – PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR FOR MINORS
HB0274	MOTOR SCOOTER AND MOPED RENTALS – PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR – REQUIREMENT
HB0318	IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM – MANDATORY PARTICIPATION
HB0360	VEHICLE LAWS – IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM – MANDATORY PARTICIPATION
HB0373	VEHICLE LAWS – WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES – ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITIONS ON USE WHILE DRIVING
HB0462	VEHICLE LAWS – OVERTAKING AND PASSING SCHOOL VEHICLES – SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS
HB0514	VEHICLE LAWS – WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS – SIGNAGE
HB0564	MOTOR VEHICLES – REQUIRED SEAT BELT USE BY EACH OCCUPANT
HB0854	VEHICLE LAWS – WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES – ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITIONS ON USE WHILE DRIVING
HB0904	VEHICLE LAWS – USE OF WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS – PRESENCE OF WORKERS REQUIRED
HB0948	LAND USE – STATE RAIL STATION OVERLAY DISTRICTS
HB1044	ELECTRICITY – ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING PROGRAM
HB1106	VEHICLE LAWS – OVERTAKING AND PASSING SCHOOL VEHICLES – SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS
HB1137	VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – UNIFORM WARNING SIGNS
HB1172	VEHICLE LAWS – RED LIGHT AND SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS –

	EMERGENCY VEHICLES
HB1173	MOTOR VEHICLES – SEATBELTS – EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
HB1203	MOTOR VEHICLE AIR BAGS – CONSUMER PROTECTION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
HB1205	VEHICLE LAWS – RED LIGHT AND SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES
HB1223	MARYLAND QUIET VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TASK FORCE – RECONSTITUTION
HB1288	VEHICLE LAWS – DISTRACTED DRIVING – PROHIBITION
HB1322	ELECTRIC COMPANIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES – STANDARD OFFER SERVICE – SERVICE RIGHTS AUCTIONS

BILL #	TITLE
<b>SB0014</b>	<b>VEHICLE LAWS – RACE-BASED TRAFFIC STOPS – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS</b>
<b>SB0019</b>	<b>VEHICLE LAWS – GROSS WEIGHT LIMITS – FARM VEHICLES AND VEHICLES CARRYING FARM PRODUCTS</b>
SB0030	VEHICLE LAWS – USE OF WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS – PRESENCE OF WORKERS REQUIRED
SB0113	VEHICLE LAWS – CHILD SAFETY SEATS AND SEAT BELTS – PENALTY
<b>SB0306</b>	<b>VEHICLE LAWS – MOTOR SCOOTERS - DEFINITION</b>
SB0338	MOTOR VEHICLES – THREE-AXLE DUMP SERVICE VEHICLES – MAXIMUM WEIGHT
<b>SB0402</b>	<b>MOTOR CARRIER COMPANIES – LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS – EXEMPTION FROM MOTOR CARRIER PERMIT REQUIREMENT</b>
<b>SB0424</b>	<b>MOTOR VEHICLES – USE OF TEXT MESSAGING DEVICE WHILE DRIVING – PROHIBITED ACTS</b>
SB0458	MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – ENHANCED INSPECTION OF BRIDGES – ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS
SB0499	MOTOR VEHICLES – REQUIRED SEAT BELT USE BY EACH OCCUPANT
SB0520	TRANSPORTATION – CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE CROSSING – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY FOR A THIRD SPAN
SB0563	MOTOR CARRIER COMPANIES – LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS – EXEMPTION FROM MOTOR CARRIER PERMIT REQUIREMENT
SB0623	MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – TRANSIT REVIEW AND EVALUATION
SB0671	VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – ENFORCEMENT
<b>SB0679</b>	<b>VEHICLE LAWS – OVERTAKING AND PASSING SCHOOL VEHICLES – SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS</b>
SB0708	MOPEDS AND MOTOR SCOOTERS – TITLING, REGISTRATION, INSURANCE, AND REQUIRED USE OF PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR
SB0729	TRANSPORTATION – TRANSIT AUTHORITIES – RED LINE AND PURPLE LINE
SB0766	SNOWSTORM AND RELATED CLIMATE CHANGE PREPARATION ACT
<b>SB0803</b>	<b>DRUNK DRIVING ELIMINATION ACT</b>
<b>SB0961</b>	<b>STATE VEHICLE FLEET – USE OF BIOFUELS</b>

## TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

BILL #	TITLE
HB0074	TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE – ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION
HB0155	VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED VEHICLES – TITLING AND REGISTRATION
<b>HB0163</b>	<b>INCOME TAX – TAX CREDIT FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT</b>
<b>HB0253</b>	<b>MOTOR FUEL TAX – PERSONAL LIABILITY – CORPORATIONS, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES, AND LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS</b>
HB0518	TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND ACT
HB0591	TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND – TRANSFER OR DIVERSION OF FUNDS – VOTER APPROVAL
HB0844	MARYLAND GREEN FUEL INITIATIVE – MOTOR FUEL TAXES – BIODIESEL
HB0916	MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE – ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION
HB0926	DEDICATED STATE FUNDS PROTECTION ACT
HB0985	MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – RECOVERY OF FARES AND FREE RIDERSHIP FOR STATE EMPLOYEES
HB1001	TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND – FINANCING – USE OF FUNDS
HB1059	MOTOR FUEL TAX – RATE INCREASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES
HB1186	TRANSPORTATION – STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – SALE OR LEASE OF HIGHWAY NAMING RIGHTS
HB1349	MARYLAND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT FUND

BILL #	TITLE
<b>SB0145</b>	<b>MOTOR FUEL TAX – PERSONAL LIABILITY – CORPORATIONS, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES, AND LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS</b>
SB0215	MARYLAND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT FUND
SB0451	TRANSPORTATION – SALES AND USE TAX – FUNDING FOR MASS TRANSIT PROJECTS
SB0543	MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – SUPPLEMENTAL TOLLS – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES FOR MUNICIPALITIES
SB0677	TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND – DEDICATED HIGHWAY FUNDS
SB0714	TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND – FINANCING – USE OF FUNDS
SB0796	TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION TRAINING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
SB0812	BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING – UNIFORM PROCESS FOR LOCAL PRIORITIES

## 2011 HOUSE BILLS

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### [HB0024](#) – Agriculture Sludge – Timing of Winter Application

**Sponsored By:** Delegate O'Donnell

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt regulations establishing criteria for the timing of the winter application of sludge that are the same as or substantially similar to the criteria adopted for the timing of the winter application of animal manure.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

AG, § 8-804(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the Senate - Unfavorable Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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### [HB0053](#) – Environment – Commercial Dishwashing Detergent – Prohibition

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Hubbard

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting a person from using, selling, manufacturing, or distributing for sale commercial dishwashing detergents that contain greater than a specified amount of phosphorus after October 1, 2012; and repealing obsolete language.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, § 9-1503 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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### [HB0054](#) – Environment – Decabrominated Diphenyl Ether – Trace Amounts

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Hubbard

**Synopsis:** Altering specified prohibitions on the manufacturing, leasing, selling, or distributing of specified products that contain decabrominated diphenyl ether; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

EN, § 6-1202.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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### [HB0057](#) – Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Authorized Uses

**Sponsored By:** Delegates Costa and Vitale

**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 conditions for the funding of specified costs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, § 9-1605.2(h)(2) and (3) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0074 – Transportation Authority – Chesapeake Bay Bridge – Electronic Toll Collection**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate McConkey, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to take all necessary actions to ensure that, by January 1, 2020, all tolls collected in connection with the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Chesapeake Bay Bridge and parallel Chesapeake Bay Bridge are collected by means of electronic toll collection.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

Assigned to: Ways and Means

***Bill is in the House – First Reading Ways and Means***

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**HB0103 – Vehicle Laws – Gross Weight Limits – Farm Vehicles and Vehicles Carrying Farm Products**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Haddaway-Riccio, et al

**Synopsis:** Allowing specified vehicles that are registered as farm vehicles or that are carrying specified farm products, and that are loaded in fields or other off-highway locations, a gross weight limit tolerance of 5 percent under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 24-109 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Vetoed by the Governor (Duplicative)***

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**HB0105 – Vehicle Laws – Races and Speed Contests – Enforcement and Penalties**

**Sponsored By:** Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – 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 for 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 26-202(a) - amended and § 27-101(ee) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0109 – Transportation – Outdoor Signs Along Federal-Aid Primary Highways – Scenic Byways**

**Sponsored By:** Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - MDOT)

**Synopsis:** TRANSPORTATION – OUTDOOR SIGNS ALONG FEDERAL–AID PRIMARY HIGHWAYS – SCENIC BYWAYS

Prohibiting the State Highway Administration from issuing a permit for an outdoor sign along or near a federal–aid primary highway if the sign is along or near a scenic byway located on the federal–aid primary highway.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, §§ 8-725 and 8-730 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0110 – Vehicle Laws – Weight Limits**

**Sponsored By:** Chair, Environmental Matters (By Request – MDOT)

**Synopsis:** VEHICLE LAWS – WEIGHT LIMITS

Altering specified weight limits for over–the–road buses and specified vehicles used as intrastate public agency transit passenger buses; providing specified weight limit tolerances for vehicles that use specified technology to reduce fuel use and emissions from engine idling under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 24-108 - amended and § 24-109(g) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0112 – Vehicle Equipment – Public Transit Vehicles – Flashing Lights**

**Sponsored By:** Chair, Environmental Matters (By Request – MDOT)

**Synopsis:** VEHICLE EQUIPMENT – PUBLIC TRANSIT VEHICLES – FLASHING LIGHTS

Authorizing a public transit service vehicle to be equipped with and to display amber flashing lights, or a white flashing light installed on the roof of the vehicle.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011  
TR, § 22-218 - amended  
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0123 – MTA – Audio and Video Recording Devices on Vehicles Used for Transit Service**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Stukes, et al  
**Synopsis:** Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to activate, or to install and activate, an audio recording device on specified vehicles; requiring the Administration to post a notice on vehicles, as specified; limiting, to specified persons and for specified purposes, the review of any audio recording made on a vehicle used to provide transit service; requiring the Administration to adopt specified regulations; regulating video recording devices installed on specified vehicles used to provide transit service; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011  
TR, §§ 7-705.1 and 7-705.2 - added  
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB0155 – Vehicle Laws – Specially Constructed Vehicles – Titling and Registration**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Eckardt, et al  
**Synopsis:** Clarifying that the Motor Vehicle Administration may issue certificates of title for and register specially constructed vehicles; requiring an applicant for registration of a specially constructed vehicle to certify that the vehicle will be used only according to specified standards; exempting specially constructed vehicles from specified equipment and inspection requirements; altering and expanding the application of the defined term “specially constructed vehicle”; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011  
TR, §§ 11-159.1, 13-937.2, and 23-206.2(c) - added and §§ 13-104.2, 22-101(e)(1), 23-101(i)(3), and 23-206.2(c) - amended  
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Environmental Matters***

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**HB0163 – Income Tax – Tax Credit for Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment**

**Sponsored By:** The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

**Synopsis:** Allowing a State income tax credit for tax years 2011, 2012, and 2013 only, for 20% of the cost of qualified electric vehicle recharging equipment placed in service by a taxpayer during a taxable year; providing for administration of the tax credit by the Maryland Energy Administration; limiting the credit to taxpayers receiving initial tax credits from the Administration; limiting the tax credit to \$400 for each individual recharging system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

TG, § 10-729 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0164 – Electric Companies – Demand Response Pilot Program for Charging Electric Vehicles**

**Sponsored By:** The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

**Synopsis:** ELECTRIC COMPANIES – DEMAND RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAM FOR CHARGING ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a demand response pilot program for charging electric vehicles by June 30, 2013; authorizing an electric company to request to participate in the program; requiring the pilot program to include incentives for specified customer classes; and requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the program by February 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

PU, § 7-211(m) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0167 – Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council**

**Sponsored By:** The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

**Synopsis:** Establishing the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; specifying the membership and staffing of the Council; requiring the Governor to designate the chair or co-chairs of the Council; prohibiting members of the Council from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Council to submit an interim and a final report by specified dates; defining terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

Assigned to: Environmental Matters and Economic Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0177 – Environment – On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems – Nitrogen Removal**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Lafferty, et al

**Synopsis:** ENVIRONMENT – ON–SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – NITROGEN REMOVAL

Prohibiting the installation of an on–site sewage disposal system in the State in the watersheds of the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays to service a newly constructed building unless the system utilizes nitrogen removal technology.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, § 9-1108 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – First Reading Environmental Matters***

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**HB0196 – Motor Vehicles – Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving – Prohibited Acts**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Malone, et al

**Synopsis:** MOTOR VEHICLES – USE OF TEXT MESSAGING DEVICE WHILE DRIVING – PROHIBITED ACTS

Prohibiting a person from using a text messaging device to read a text message while operating a motor vehicle; clarifying that a specified prohibition against a person using a text messaging device to write, send, or read a text message while operating a motor vehicle includes a prohibition against writing, sending, or reading an electronic message; and repealing a provision of law that applies the text messaging prohibition to an operator of a motor vehicle only if the motor vehicle is in motion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 21-1124.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0204 – Vehicle Laws – Commercial Motor Vehicles Engaged in Intrastate Commerce – Minimum Security Requirements**

**Sponsored By:** Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – MDOT)

**Synopsis:** VEHICLE LAWS – COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES ENGAGED IN INTRASTATE COMMERCE – MINIMUM SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

Extending to for–hire vehicles engaged in intrastate commerce that exceed a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 pounds and are designed to carry property, the authority of the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations in

conformance with federal standards establishing specific minimum levels of required security for commercial vehicles.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

TR, § 25-111.1 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0209 – Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation Easements – Allowable Residential Development**

**Sponsored By:** Chair, Environmental Matters (By Request – Dept. of Ag.)

**Synopsis:** MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION EASEMENTS – ALLOWABLE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Authorizing the purchase of agricultural land preservation easements if the land meets specified requirements and is subject to specified regulations governing the use of the land; prohibiting land subject to agricultural easement from being used for specified purposes; allowing a landowner to reserve up to three 1-acre lots to construct single-family residential dwellings, subject to specified conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

AG, § 2-513.2 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**HB0210 – Environment – Mining – Acid Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment Fund**

**Sponsored By:** Chair, Environmental Matters (By Request – MDOT)

**Synopsis:** ENVIRONMENT – MINING – ACID MINE DRAINAGE ABATEMENT AND TREATMENT FUND

Conforming State law to federal law as it relates to the percentage of funding available for specified acid mine drainage activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, § 15-1103 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0214 – Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Critical Farms Fund and Program**

**Sponsored By:** Chair, Environmental Matters (By Request – MDOT)

**Synopsis:** Authorizing the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to acquire specified interests in property for specified purposes and to

dispose of property under specified circumstances in accordance with the Critical Farms Program; requiring the development of a specified method and procedure for a specified purpose; establishing a Critical Farms Fund; requiring the Foundation to submit a specified report; and exempting specified dispositions of real property from specified approval.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

AG, §§ 2-504, 2-505(c), 2-517, and 2-517.1 and SF, § 10-302.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0221 – Motor Vehicles – Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Malone

**Synopsis:** Establishing that a specified prohibition against a minor using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle does not apply to the use of a wireless communication device as a text messaging device; and clarifying that a specified prohibition against a person using a text messaging device to write or send a text message while operating a motor vehicle under specified circumstances includes a prohibition against writing or sending an electronic message.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

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

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Judicial Proceedings***

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**HB0222 – Motor Vehicles – Use of Wireless Communication Device – Prohibited Acts and Enforcement**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Malone

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

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

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Judicial Proceedings***

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**HB0250 – Vehicle Laws – Motor Scooters and Mopeds – Protective Headgear for Minors**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Beidle, et al  
**Synopsis:** Prohibiting an individual who is under the age of 18 years from operating or riding on a motor scooter or moped unless the individual is wearing specified protective headgear; and establishing that the failure of an individual to wear specified protective headgear may not diminish the recovery of specified damages.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 21-1306 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Referred to interim study***

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**HB0253 – Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax – Personal Liability – Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, and Limited Liability Partnerships**

**Sponsored By:** Chair, Ways and Means (By Request – Comptroller)  
**Synopsis:** Establishing personal liability of specified officers of corporations, members of limited liability companies, partners of limited liability partnerships, and other individuals for payment of the motor fuel tax, interest, and penalties under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TG, § 9-314 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

***Vetoed by the Governor (Duplicative)***

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**HB0274 – Motor Scooter and Moped Rentals – Protective Headgear – Requirement**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Niemann, et al  
**Synopsis:** Prohibiting an individual from operating or riding on a rented motor scooter or moped unless the individual is wearing protective headgear; requiring a person who rents a motor scooter or moped to another person to provide the other person and any accompanying rider with protective headgear; and establishing that the failure of specified individuals to wear protective headgear may not diminish the recovery of specified damages.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 18-109 - added and § 21-1306 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Referred to Interim Study***

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**HB0275 – Public Utilities – Net Energy Metering – Hydroelectric**

**Sponsored By:** Allegany County Delegation

**Synopsis:** Including in the definition of eligible customer–generators that are eligible for net energy metering a customer that uses a specified type of hydroelectric generating facility; and defining “closed conduit hydro”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

PU, § 7-306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

***Vetoed by the Governor (Duplicative)***

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**HB0278 – Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area – Prospective Land Purchases – Inspections**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate McConkey, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring a local jurisdiction to inspect or contract for the inspection of a lot or parcel that is in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays critical area at the request of a prospective purchaser to determine if a critical area violation exists on the lot or parcel; establishing that a specified subsequent purchaser of a lot or parcel in the critical area is not liable for specified civil or criminal penalties for specified violations under specified circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

NR, §§ 8-1806 and 8-1815(a)(2) - amended and RP, § 3-102 - amended and § 10-206 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB0281 – Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund – Small Rural Electric Cooperative Prohibition**

**Sponsored By:** Delegates Beitzel and Conway

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting funds in a specified account of the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund from being used to offset electricity rates of residential customers of a small rural electric cooperative.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SG, § 9-20B-05(g) - amended and § 9-20B-05(g-2) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0289 – State Highway Administration – Unauthorized Signs on Highway Rights-of-Way**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

CJ, § 4-401(16) and (17) and TR, § 8-605 and 8-714 - amended and CJ, § 4-401(18) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0308 – Maryland Department of Transportation – Study of Feasibility of Requiring the Use of Electric and Electric-Hybrid School Buses**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Kaiser, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of requiring that electric and electric-hybrid school buses be used to transport students enrolled in public schools in the State; requiring that in conducting the study the Department consult with and enlist the participation of a wide range of interested stakeholders; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to submit a report to the General Assembly on or before a specified date; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House - Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB0318 – Ignition Interlock System Program – Mandatory Participation**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Eckardt, 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, §§ 16-404.1(b) and (f) and 27-101(j) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

***Bill is in the House - Unfavorable Judiciary***

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**HB0341 – Environment – At-Store Recycling – Plastic Carryout Bags**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Lafferty

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

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

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – First Reading Environmental Matters***

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**HB0347 – Environment – Nitrogen Removal Technology – Evaluation and Ranking**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Lafferty

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Department of the Environment to evaluate and rank nitrogen removal technologies for on-site sewage disposal systems to advise local governments and citizens of the State of approved technologies that qualify for funding under the Bay Restoration Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

EN, § 9-1108.1 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0360 – Vehicle Laws – Ignition Interlock System Program – Mandatory Participation**

**Sponsored By:** Delegates Simmons and McDermott

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, §§ 16-404.1(b) and 27-107(a) through (c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Judiciary***

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**HB0370 – Stormwater Management – Watershed Management Plans – Technical Assistance**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Clagett

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Department of the Environment, with assistance from the Department of Natural Resources, to provide technical assistance to a local government in developing a watershed management plan for the purpose of implementing an alternative stormwater management policy for redevelopment projects.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, § 4-203 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB0371 – Department of the Environment – Stormwater Management Ordinance – Cost Study**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Clagett

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Department of the Environment to study the cost to fully implement the stormwater management ordinance in effect as of May 4, 2009, including specified costs to local governments; and requiring the Department to report its findings to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2012.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB0373 – Vehicle Laws – Wireless Communication Devices – Enforcement of Prohibitions on Use While Driving**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Clagett, et al

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

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

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Environmental Matters***

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**HB0374 – Maryland Green Purchasing Committee – Recycling Study – Polystyrene Foam**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Kipke

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee to study the cost and feasibility of recycling polystyrene foam at State-owned facilities, including a

specified cost comparison; and requiring the Committee, on or before January 1, 2012, to report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Health and Government Operations***

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**HB0389 – Recycling – Bars and Restaurants – Beverage Containers**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Niemann

**Synopsis:** Requiring specified distributors, on or before January 1, 2014, to establish or participate in a program, approved by the Department of the Environment, for the collection and recycling of specified beverage containers; requiring specified owners and managers of bars and restaurants, beginning January 1, 2014, to separate, store, and arrange for the collection and recycling of specified beverage containers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, § 9-1711 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Environmental Matters***

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**HB0391 – Maryland Electricity Service Quality and Reliability Act**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Feldmann and the Speaker (Administration)

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt specified regulations on or before July 1, 2012, that implement specified service quality and reliability standards relating to the delivery of electricity to retail customers by electric companies; prohibiting an electric company from recovering from ratepayers the cost of a specified civil penalty; declaring a specified goal of the State; providing that specified regulations may not apply to small rural electric cooperatives or municipal electric companies; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PU, § 7-213 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0415 – Environment – Severn River Watershed – Silt and Erosion Control – Certification**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Holmes

**Synopsis:** Authorizing professional land surveyors and licensed landscape architects to certify silt and erosion control plans in the Severn River Watershed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011  
EN, § 4-308 - amended  
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Environmental Matters***

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**HB0425 – 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.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011  
EN, § 15-823 - amended  
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Environmental Matters***

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**HB0428 – 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.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011  
EN, § 9-291 - added  
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Environmental Matters***

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**HB0431 – Motor Carrier Companies – Local Public Transportation Systems – Exemption from Motor Carrier Permit Requirement**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Love, et al  
**Synopsis:** Providing that a motor carrier permit is not required for a local public transportation system established under a law enacted by the local governing body of a county or municipal corporation; and repealing specified exemptions for particular counties.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011  
PU, § 9-201 - amended  
Assigned to: Economic Matters

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Senate Rules***

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**HB0462 – Vehicle Laws – Overtaking and Passing School Vehicles – School Bus Monitoring Cameras**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Hogan

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

CJ, §§ 4-401(13) and 10-311 - amended and TR, § 21-706.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the Senate – Re-referred Judicial Proceedings***

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**HB0473 – Environment – Landfills and Incinerators – Disposal of Waste**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate S. Robinson, et al

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting the disposal of specified electronic devices or printer ink or toner cartridges in landfills or incinerators.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, § 9-227.1 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Environmental Matters***

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**HB0512 – High Performance Homes – Rebate Program**

**Sponsored By:** Delegates Beidle and Vitale

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish a specified rebate program for homebuyers who purchase high performance homes in accordance with specified requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

PS, § 12-509 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB0514 – Vehicle Laws – Work Zone Speed Control Systems – Signage**

**Sponsored By:** Delegates Kach, McDonough, and Morhaim

**Synopsis:** Providing that a road sign required to notify drivers that a speed monitoring system may be in operation in a work zone must also notify drivers that images of motor vehicles may be recorded even if there are no workers present.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 21-810(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB0518 – Transportation Trust Fund Protection Act**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Krebs, et al

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

CONTINGENT

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

***Bill is in the House – First Reading Appropriations***

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**HB0564 – Motor Vehicles – Required Seat Belt Use By Each Occupant**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Wilson, et al

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle unless each occupant is restrained by a seat belt or a child safety seat; prohibiting a person from being a passenger in a motor vehicle unless the person is restrained by a seat belt or a child safety seat; repealing an exception to the requirement to secure specified children in a motor vehicle with a seat belt or a child safety seat; altering the standard for the number of seat belts required to be equipped in the front and back seats of specified motor vehicles; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

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

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB0573 – Fertilizer Use Act of 2011**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Hubbard, et al

**Synopsis:** Altering specified fertilizer labeling requirements; requiring the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the University of Maryland, to establish a professional fertilizer applicator certification program; establishing specified maximum limits for nitrogen and phosphorus in specified fertilizer; prohibiting a person from selling at retail specified fertilizer; prohibiting a person from applying specified fertilizer to specified surfaces; establishing specified penalties for specified violations; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

AG, §§ 6-201, 6-210(d), 6-222(a) - amended and §§ 6-223, 6-224, 6-225, 6-226, 6-227, and 6-228 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0591 – Transportation Trust Fund – Transfer or Diversion of Funds – Voter Approval**

**Sponsored By:** Delegates Barkley and Krebs

**Synopsis:** Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish a Transportation Trust Fund to be used only for purposes relating to transportation except in specified circumstances; prohibiting the reversion or crediting of any part of the Transportation Trust Fund to the General Fund or a special fund of the State; authorizing the General Assembly to transfer or divert funds from the Transportation Trust Fund for a purpose not related to transportation if approval is granted through a specified referendum; etc.

CONTINGENT

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

***Bill is in the House – First Reading Appropriations***

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**HB0602 – Environment – Recycling Pilot Program – Transit Stations**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Summers, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Office of Recycling in the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, to establish a Transit Station Recycling Pilot Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, § 9-1702(d) - amended and § 9-1733 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0658 – Public Service Commission – Sustainable Energy Utilities**

**Sponsored By:** Delegates Niemann and Holmes

**Synopsis:** Authorizing the Public Service Commission, with specified exceptions, to charter specified sustainable energy utilities for a specified purpose in accordance with specified provisions; stating the intent of the General Assembly; prohibiting the Commission from granting a specified authorization unless the Commission makes specified determinations; requiring the Commission to authorize specified authorized sustainable energy utilities to enter into qualified contracts with specified individuals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

PU, §§ 7-801 through 7-810 - added and RP, § 14-201(b) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Economic Matters***

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**HB0659 – Agriculture – Pesticides – Regulation of Atrazine**

**Sponsored By:** Delegates Frush and Barnes

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting the use, distribution, or sale of atrazine, including a pesticide that contains atrazine, in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

AG, § 5-210.6 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB0660 – Agriculture – Pesticides – Use, Release, Sale, and Purchase Reporting**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Frush, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt specified regulations regarding reporting on the use, release, sale, and purchase of pesticides; declaring specified findings of the General Assembly; requiring a person that uses, releases, sells, or purchases pesticides to submit specified reports to the Department; requiring the reports to contain specified information; requiring pesticide use and release reports to cover the preceding calendar year and be submitted annually beginning on March 1, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

AG, §§ 5-2A-01 through 5-2A-20 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**HB0668 – Environment – Local Stormwater Charges – State Property**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Carr, et al

**Synopsis:** Repealing an exemption from specified taxes, user charges, and utility fees related to stormwater for property owned by the State or a unit of State government; providing that property owned by the State or a unit of State government is subject to specified stormwater charges imposed by the governing body of a county or municipality within which the property is located; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

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

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Environmental Matters***

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**HB0687 – Chesapeake Bay Nitrogen Reduction Act of 2011**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Bobo, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the University of Maryland, to adopt regulations requiring specified signs to be posted where specialty fertilizer is sold or distributed on or after April 1, 2012; requiring the sign to contain specified information; prohibiting specified specialty fertilizers from being labeled for specified uses on or after April 1, 2012; prohibiting specified fertilizers from being sold or distributed for use on established lawns, grass, or turf on or after April 1, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

AG, §§ 6-210(e) and (f) and 8-803.4 - amended and AG, §§ 6-201(w-1), 6-210(f), and 6-223 and BR, § 8-502.1 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB0706 – Chesapeake Bay Phosphorus Reduction Act of 2011**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Clagett, et al

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting low phosphorous fertilizers from being used on established turf; prohibiting specialty fertilizers from being labeled for specified uses on or after April 1, 2012; providing an exception; requiring the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the University of Maryland, to adopt regulations on or after April 1, 2012, that require signs to be posted where specialty fertilizer is sold or distributed; requiring the sign to contain specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

AG, §§ 6-210(e) and 6-222 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB0754 – Agriculture – Commercial Feed – Arsenic Prohibition**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Hucker, et al

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting a person from using, selling, or distributing commercial feed intended for use as poultry feed that contains roxarsone or any other additive that contains arsenic.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

AG, § 6-107.3 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB0796 – Maryland Transit Administration – MARC Penn Line Extension**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Rudolph

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration, in consultation with the Delaware Transit Corporation, to conduct a study and create a plan for extending the Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) Train passenger railroad service on the Penn line from Perryville, Maryland to Newark, Delaware; requiring the Administration to submit a specified report to the Governor and General Assembly by a specified date.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Environmental Matters***

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**HB0817 – Environment – Composting**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Mizeur

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Department of the Environment to maintain information on its Web site to educate the public about composting and to promote composting in the State; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and the Maryland Environmental Service, to study specified matters related to composting, including specified information, and to make recommendations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

EN, § 9-1722 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0829 – Renewable Energy for All Act**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Mizeur, et al

**Synopsis:** Establishing the Residential Biomass Heating System Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to provide grants to individuals for a portion of the costs of acquiring and installing eligible biomass heating systems; establishing the Residential Biomass Heating System Special Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Comptroller to distribute into the Fund the sales

and use tax collected on the sale of packaged firewood; repealing the sales and use tax exemption for sales of packaged firewood; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SG, §§ 9-2009 and 9-2010 and TG, § 2-1302.3 - added and TG, §§ 2-1303 and 11-207 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

***Bill is in the House – First Reading Economic Matters***

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**HB0831 – Agriculture – Invasive Plants – Prevention and Control**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Robinson, et al

**Synopsis:** Establishing the Invasive Plants Advisory Committee in the Department of Agriculture; providing for the membership and charge of the Committee; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to adopt regulations relating to invasive plants by a specified date; prohibiting specified activities involving specified invasive plants under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

AG, §§ 9.5-101 through 9.5-306 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0844 – Maryland Green Fuel Initiative – Motor Fuel Taxes – Biodiesel**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Miller, et al

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

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

Assigned to: Ways and Means

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Ways and Means***

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**HB0847 – Environment – Permitting Process – Environmental Justice Review**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Mitchell, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to develop maps that identify environmentally stressed communities in the State; requiring an Environmental Justice Review as a condition of issuing or renewing specified permits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

EN, §§ 1-701 through 1-704 - added and § 1-705 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Environmental Matters***

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**HB0852 – The Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Act of 2011**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Mizeur, et al

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing permits for the drilling of wells in the Marcellus Shale until specified conditions are met; requiring the Department to consult with the governing body of specified local governments in evaluating specified permits for the drilling of wells in the Marcellus Shale; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

EN, § 14-107.1 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**HB0854 – Vehicle Laws – Wireless Communication Devices – Enforcement of Prohibitions on Use While Driving**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Howard, et al

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

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

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Economic Matters***

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**HB0877 – Sustainable Communities, Designated Neighborhoods and Priority Funding Areas – Miscellaneous Corrections**

**Sponsored By:** Chair, Environmental Matters (Planning)

**Synopsis:** Replacing obsolete references to “designated neighborhoods” with references to “sustainable communities”; altering a specified definition of “State priority funding area” to exclude specified areas; excluding specified areas from consideration as priority funding areas under specified provisions of law; providing that specified areas that were designated as priority funding areas on or before January 1, 2010, shall retain that designation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

EC, § 6-301(e) and (f), HS, §§ 4-217(d), 4-1501(e), 4-1503, and 6-405(d), SF, § 5-7B-02, TP, § 9-228(d), and TR, § 8-630(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0881 – Agriculture – Waste Kitchen Grease**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Robinson

**Synopsis:** Requiring, with specified exceptions, a person to register with the Department of Agriculture before transporting waste kitchen grease; requiring a specified person to submit a specified application to the Department in the form required by the Department; requiring the application to include specified information and fees; requiring the Department to register specified applicants and issue each registrant specified items; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

AG, §§ 10-1801 through 10-1810 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0890 – Land Preservation – Land Draining to a Reservoir**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Kach, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to prioritize grants preserving land that drains into a reservoir in the State; and adding to the list of land conservation priorities that the Secretary of Natural Resources is required to consider in allocating the State's share of funds under Program Open Space.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

AG, § 2-505(c) and NR, § 5-903(h) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB0904 – Vehicle Laws – Use of Work Zone Speed Control Systems – Presence of Workers Required**

**Sponsored By:** Delegates Carter and Alston

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 21-810(a)(6) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB0916 – Maryland Transportation Authority – Chesapeake Bay Bridge – Electronic Toll Collection**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate McMillan

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to take all necessary actions to ensure that, by May 1, 2014, all tolls collected in connection with the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Chesapeake Bay Bridge and parallel Chesapeake Bay Bridge are collected by means of electronic toll collection.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

Assigned to: Ways and Means

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Ways and Means***

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**HB0926 – Dedicated State Funds Protection Act**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate McMillan, et al

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

CONTINGENT

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Appropriations***

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**HB0946 – Environment – Sewage Sludge – Requirements**

**Sponsored By:** Kent County Delegation

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a sewage sludge utilization permit under specified circumstances; requiring the Department to record a copy of a specified permit in specified land records under specified circumstances; and requiring the Department to establish and maintain a specified list of property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, §§ 9-236 and 9-241 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB0948 – Land Use – State Rail Station Overlay Districts**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Holmes

**Synopsis:** Authorizing local jurisdictions to establish State rail station overlay districts in specified areas; setting forth the purposes of a State rail station overlay district; requiring the Department of Planning and the Department of Transportation to consult with a local jurisdiction to establish the boundaries of a specified State rail station overlay district; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

Art. 66B, §§ 1.03 and 2.13 - amended and §§ 9.01 through 9.04 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB0985 – Maryland Transit Administration – Recovery of Fares and Free Ridership for State Employees**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Oaks, et al

**Synopsis:** Altering the percentages of the total operating costs for specified services that the Maryland Transit Administration is required to recover from fares and other operating revenues; requiring the Administration to extend to employees of the Judicial Branch and the Legislative Branch of State government the application of any program, policy, or practice through which free ridership on transit vehicles is offered to employees of the Executive Branch of State government; updating a specified provision of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

TR, § 7-208(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Finance***

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**HB1001 – Transportation Trust Fund – Financing – Use of Funds**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Frick, et al

**Synopsis:** Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish a Transportation Trust Fund to be used only for purposes relating to transportation except in specified circumstances; prohibiting the reversion or crediting of any part of the Transportation Trust Fund to the General Fund of the State with a specified exception; prohibiting the reversion or crediting of any part of the Transportation Trust Fund to a special fund of the State with a specified exception; etc.

CONTINGENT

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53 - added and TG, § 9-305 and TR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

***Bill is in the House – First Reading Ways and Means***

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**HB1034 – Clean the Streams and Beautify the Bay Act of 2011**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Carr, 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 Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute specified amounts of money to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, Chesapeake Bay Trust, and Department of Human Resources for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

BR, § 19-103 - added and NR, § 1-704 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters and Economic Matters

***Bill is in the House – First Reading Environmental matters***

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**HB1044 – Electricity – Electric Vehicle Charging Program**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Hucker

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish by a specified date a demand response program for charging electric vehicles; requiring each electric company to participate in the charging program; requiring each electric company to include the charging program in its standard offer service; authorizing a competitive electricity supplier to participate in a charging program; requiring an electric company to provide specified data to a competitive electricity supplier, subject to specified conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

PU, § 7-309 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Economic Matters***

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**HB1054 – Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act**

**Sponsored By:** The Speaker (Administration)

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Public Service Commission, by regulation or order, to require specified electric companies to enter into specified long-term power purchase agreements with specified offshore wind generators; making the Commission responsible for approving specified contracts; authorizing a nonbypassable charge or other mechanism for recovery of specified costs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

PU, §§ 7-801 through 7-803 - added and NR, § 8-1102 and PU, §§ 7-207 and 7-208 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

***Bill is in the House – First Reading Economic Matters***

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**HB1059 – Motor Fuel Tax – Rate Increase and Distribution of Revenues**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Kaiser, et al

**Synopsis:** Increasing the motor fuel tax rates for motor fuels other than aviation gasoline or turbine fuel by 10 cents per gallon on July 1, 2011, and by 2 cents per gallon on January 1 and July 1 of each year in 2012 and 2013, and on January 1, 2014; requiring the Comptroller to distribute certain motor fuel tax revenues to the General Fund over a specified period; and providing for the payment of specified motor fuel taxes on tax-paid motor fuel by specified dates.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

TG, §§ 2-1103 and 9-305 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

***Bill is in the House – First Reading Ways and Means***

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**HB1064 – Watershed Protection and Restoration Act**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Hucker, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring counties and municipalities to adopt laws or ordinances to establish a stormwater remediation fee and a local watershed protection and restoration fund on or before July 1, 2012; requiring counties and municipalities to collect the fee and administer the fund 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.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

EN, § 4-202 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – First Reading Environmental Matters***

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**HB1106 – Vehicle Laws – Overtaking and Passing School Vehicles – School Bus Monitoring Cameras**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Hucker

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011  
CJ, §§ 4-401(13) and 10-311 and TR, § 21-706.1 - amended  
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Environmental Matters***

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**HB1107 – Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2011**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Lafferty, et al

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting, with specified exceptions, the State or a local authority, after July 1, 2011, from recording or approving a residential major subdivision or a residential minor subdivision that will be served by a specified on-site sewage disposal system; authorizing the State or a local authority, after July 1, 2011, to record or approve a specified residential major subdivision that will be served by a publicly owned sewerage system or specified other sewerage systems that meet specified criteria; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

EN, §§ 9-501 and 9-512 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the House – First Reading Environmental Matters***

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**HB1121 – Renewable Energy Portfolio – Waste to Energy**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate McHale

**Synopsis:** Expanding the definition of a Tier 1 renewable source to include waste-to-energy; altering the definition of a Tier 2 renewable source to exclude waste-to-energy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

PU, § 7-701(l) and (m) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

***Approved by the Governor***

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**HB1137 – Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring Systems – Uniform Warning Signs**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Healey, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring that specified signs placed for the purpose of alerting drivers to the presence of speed monitoring systems or work zone speed control systems be uniform throughout the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, §§ 21-809(b)(1)(vii) and 21-810(b)(2)(iii) - amended and §§ 21-809(k) and 21-810(l) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Judicial Proceedings***

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**HB1172 – Vehicle Laws – Red Light and Speed Monitoring Systems –  
Emergency Vehicles**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Conaway

**Synopsis:** Providing that specified images of an emergency vehicle recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system, a speed monitoring system, or a work zone speed control system may not be the basis for a civil penalty or the issuance of a citation under specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, §§ 21-202.1(d), 21-809(c), and 21-810(c) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Environmental Matters***

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**HB1173 – Motor Vehicles – Seatbelts – Exception for Law Enforcement  
Officers**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Conaway

**Synopsis:** Providing that specified provisions of law requiring seat belt use do not apply to a law enforcement officer under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 22-412.3 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Environmental Matters***

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**HB1186 – Transportation – State Highway Administration – Sale or Lease of  
Highway Naming Rights**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Howard

**Synopsis:** Authorizing the State Highway Administration to sell or lease to a private entity the naming rights for all or part of a State highway; requiring a sale or lease of naming rights to be for at least 1 year; providing that a sale or lease of naming rights may not be construed to require that any highway sign or mailing address be altered; providing that proceeds from the sale or lease of naming rights be credited to the Transportation Trust Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 8-604.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

***Bill is in the House – Re-referred Ways and Means***

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**HB1203 – Motor Vehicle Air Bags – Consumer Protection and Reporting  
Requirements**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Malone

**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 specified accident reports and forms to contain specified information; providing a specified penalty for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

CL, §§ 14-3901 through 14-3906 and PS, § 3-508 - added and TR, § 20-113 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

***Bill is in the House – Re-referred Environmental Matters***

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**HB1205 – Vehicle Laws – Red Light and Speed Monitoring Systems – Law Enforcement Vehicles**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Conaway

**Synopsis:** Providing that specified images of a law enforcement vehicle recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system, a speed monitoring system, or a work zone speed control system may not be the basis for a civil penalty or the issuance of a citation under specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, §§ 21-202.1(d), 21-809(c), and 21-810(c) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Economic Matters***

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**HB1223 – Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force – Reconstitution**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Malone

**Synopsis:** Reconstituting the Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force; providing for the membership, duties, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation but authorizing specified reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to report by June 30, 2013, on findings and recommendations regarding the minimum sound level and sound characteristics to be required for all new vehicles sold and registered in the State; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

***Bill is in the House – House Conference Committee Appointed***

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**HB1227 – Economic Development Opportunities Program Account – Wind Turbine Manufacturing Facility**

**Sponsored By:** The Speaker (Administration)

**Synopsis:** Altering the definition of “extraordinary economic development opportunity” for purposes of the Economic Development Opportunities Program Account to include attraction of a new wind turbine manufacturing facility to the State, or the expansion, to include wind turbine manufacturing, of an existing private sector enterprise, that meets specified requirements; providing that specified State incentives may not exceed \$50,000,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SF, § 7-314(a) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Economic Matters***

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**HB1259 – Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area – Junk or Scrap Storage or Yards – Regulations**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Frush

**Synopsis:** Requiring regulations adopted by the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays to prohibit, subject to a specified exception, the placement in the critical area of newly established junk or scrap storage or yards.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

NR, § 8-1806(b) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**HB1288 – 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 driver engaging in specified preoccupying activities; providing that a violation of the Act is not a moving violation for the purpose of assessing points; authorizing a police officer to enforce the Act only as a secondary offense; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 21-901.3 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**HB1322 – Electric Companies and Electric Cooperatives – Standard Offer Service – Service Rights Auctions**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Barkley

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Public Service Commission to study and make recommendations about the advisability of conducting specified auctions relating to the right of electric companies and electric cooperatives to provide electric service to customers using standard offer service in specified service territories and the manner in which the auctions should be conducted, including specified items; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Economic Matters***

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**HB1335 – Zoning, Construction, and Stormwater – Permits and Variances – Solar Panels**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Hershey

**Synopsis:** Providing that, for the purposes of issuing a permit or a variance relating to zoning, construction, or stormwater for a project to install a solar panel, any calculation relating to the impervious surface of the project required by the State or local governing authority issuing the permit or variance may include only the base of the solar panel.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

Art. 66B, §§ 1.03 and 2.13 - amended and § 7.06 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

***Bill is in the House – Withdrawn Environmental Matters***

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**HB1349 – Maryland Community Enhancement Transit-Oriented Development Fund**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Branch

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EC, §§ 15-101 through 15-106 - added and SF, § 10-306 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

***Bill is in the House – Re-referred Economic Matters***

**HB1354 – Environment – Construction of Wells**

**Sponsored By:** Delegate Cane

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Department of the Environment to take specified actions before proposing to adopt or make changes to specified regulations and statutes governing the construction of water wells; and providing a specified exception.

EMERGENCY BILL

EN, § 9-1305 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

***Bill is in the Senate – Re-referred Health and Environmental Matters***

## 2011 SENATE BILLS

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**SB0012 – Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Task Force – Reconstitution**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Stone

**Synopsis:** Reconstituting the Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force; providing for the membership, duties, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation but authorizing specified reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to report by June 30, 2013, on findings and recommendations regarding the minimum sound level and sound characteristics to be required for all new vehicles sold and registered in the State; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

***Bill is in the House – Third Reading Passed with Amendments***

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**SB0014 – Vehicle Laws – Race Based Traffic Stops – Reporting Requirements**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Gladden

**Synopsis:** Requiring law enforcement officers to record specified data pertaining to traffic stops; requiring law enforcement agencies to report the information to the Maryland Justice Analysis Center (MJAC); requiring the Police Training Commission to develop guidelines and a model format to record specified data; requiring MJAC to report to the Police Training Commission those law enforcement agencies that fail to comply with the reporting requirements of the Act; etc.

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0019 – Vehicle Laws – Gross Weight Limits – Farm Vehicles and Vehicles Carrying Farm Products**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Colburn

**Synopsis:** Allowing registered farm vehicles or specified vehicles that are carrying farm products, and that are loaded in a specified location, a specified gross weight limit tolerance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 24-109 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0030 – Vehicle Laws – Use of Work Zone Speed Control Systems – Presence of Workers Required**

**Sponsored by:** Senator Brochin, et al

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 21-810(a)(6) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Judicial Proceedings***

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**SB0048 – Motor Vehicle Air Bags – Consumer Protection and Reporting Requirements**

**Sponsored by:** Senator Kelley

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting the installation of a salvaged air bag in a motor vehicle; 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 specified accident reports and forms to contain specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

CL, §§ 14-3901 through 14-3906 and PS, § 3-508 - added and TR, § 20-113 - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Judicial Proceedings

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Finance***

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**SB0111 – Environment – Recycling – Apartment Buildings and Condominiums**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Brochin, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring owners or managers of apartment buildings or condominiums that contain 10 or more dwelling units to provide for recycling for residents on or before October 1, 2015; requiring that the recycling required under the Act be done in accordance with specified recycling plans; providing for a civil penalty for a violation of the Act; providing for disbursement of penalties collected under the Act to specified jurisdictions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

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

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0113 – Vehicle Laws – Child Safety Seats and Seat Belts – Penalty**

**Sponsored By:** Senator King, et al

**Synopsis:** Increasing the fine from \$25 to \$75 for a failure to secure a child in a child safety seat or seat belt while transporting the child in a motor vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 22-412.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

***Bill is in the Senate – Withdrawn Judicial Proceedings***

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**SB0129 - Task Force to Study the Development of Wetland Teaching Projects at Secondary Schools**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Glassman

**Synopsis:** Establishing the Task Force to Study the Development of Wetland Teaching Projects at Secondary Schools; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation; providing that a member of the Task Force may receive reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study State

regulations governing the development of specified wetland projects at secondary schools in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0131 – Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund – Loan Forgiveness**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Brinkley

**Synopsis:** Stating the intent of the General Assembly that a specified provision authorizing the use of funds from the Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund to forgive loan principal as authorized or required by specified federal laws be construed to apply to loans made on or after January 1, 2010.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0145 – Motor Fuel Tax – Personal Liability – Corporations Limited Liability Company, and Limited Liability Partnerships**

**Sponsored By:** Chair, Budget & Tax (By request – Comptroller)

**Synopsis:** Establishing personal liability of specified officers of corporations, members of limited liability companies, partners of limited liability partnerships, and other individuals for payment of the motor fuel tax, interest, and penalties under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TG, § 9-314 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0153 – Reorganization of State Government – Consolidating the Department of the Environment into the Department of Natural Resources**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Colburn

**Synopsis:** Restructuring State government by the consolidation of the Department of the Environment into the Department of Natural Resources; abolishing the Department of the Environment by June 30, 2012; abolishing the positions of Secretary of the Environment and Deputy Secretary of the Environment by July 1, 2012; transferring all of the functions, powers, duties, equipment, assets, and liabilities of the Department of the Environment to the Department of Natural Resources; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

NR, §§ 1-101, 1-102(a) and (b), and 1-104(a), (c), (d), (g), and (i) -amended and § 1-104(l) - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0157 – Code Home Rule Counties – Development Excise Tax for School Construction – Applicability**

**Sponsored By:** Senators Colburn and Pipkin

**Synopsis:** CODE HOME RULE COUNTIES – DEVELOPMENT EXCISE TAX FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – APPLICABILITY

Clarifying that the development excise tax that a code home rule county is authorized to impose applies to new residential units including apartments and condominiums; providing that the development excise tax is imposed on a multifamily residential project when the building permit is issued for the residential units; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

Art. 25B, § 13F - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

***Bill is in the House – First Reading Ways and Means***

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**SB0160 – Environment – On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems – Nitrogen Removal**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Frosh, et al

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting the installation of an on-site sewage disposal system in the State in the watersheds of the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays to service a newly constructed building unless the system utilizes nitrogen removal technology.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, § 9-1108 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0176 – Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council**

**Sponsored By:** The President (By request Administration)

**Synopsis:** Establishing the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; specifying the membership and staffing of the Council; requiring the Governor to

designate the chair or cochairs of the Council; prohibiting members of the Council from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Council to submit an interim and a final report by specified dates; defining terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

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

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0177 – Income Tax – Tax Credit for Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment**

**Sponsored By:** The President (By request Administration)

**Synopsis:** Allowing a State income tax credit for tax years 2011, 2012, and 2013 only, for 20% of the cost of qualified electric vehicle recharging equipment placed in service by a taxpayer during a taxable year; providing for administration of the tax credit by the Maryland Energy Administration; limiting the credit to taxpayers receiving initial tax credits from the Administration; limiting the tax credit to \$400 for each individual recharging system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

TG, § 10-729 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Budget and Taxation***

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**SB0179 – Electric Companies – Demand Response Pilot Program for Charging Electric Vehicles**

**Sponsored By:** The President (By request Administration)

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a demand response pilot program for charging electric vehicles by June 30, 2013; authorizing an electric company to request to participate in the program; requiring the pilot program to include incentives for specified customer classes; and requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the program by February 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

PU, § 7-211(m) - added

Assigned to: Finance

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0198 – Stormwater Management – Regulations – Applicability**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Glassman

**Synopsis:** Providing that the subdivision of a single lot into two lots is governed by the stormwater management ordinance in effect on May 3, 2009, if the second lot has specified characteristics.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, § 4-203 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0215 – Maryland Community Enhancement Transit-Oriented Development Fund**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Jones-Rodwell

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EC, §§ 15-101 through 15-106 - added and SF, § 10-306 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

***Bill is in the House – First Reading Economic Matters***

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**SB0221 – Environment – Decabrominated Diphenyl Ether – Trace Amounts**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Conway

**Synopsis:** Altering specified prohibitions on the manufacturing, leasing, selling, or distributing of specified products that contain decabrominated diphenyl ether; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

EN, § 6-1202.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0226 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Meetings**

**Sponsored By:** Senayor Dyson

**Synopsis:** Altering a provision of law relating to the location and frequency of meetings of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 2-606 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0304 – Renewable Energy Surcharge – Retail Residential Electric Customers**

**Sponsored By:** Senators Manno and Garagiola

**Synopsis:** Establishing a specified renewable energy surcharge on electricity consumption above a specified amount by residential retail electric customers; requiring the Public Service Commission to authorize electric companies to add the full amount of the surcharge to the customers' bills; requiring electric companies to collect the surcharge and provide a specified rebate; establishing a Renewable Energy Benefit Fund; requiring the Comptroller to collect the revenue from the surcharge and place it in the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

PU, §§ 7-801 through 7-805 and SG, § 9-2009 - added

Assigned to: Finance

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Finance***

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**SB0306 – Vehicle Laws – Motor Scooters – Definition**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Mathias

**Synopsis:** Altering the definition of “motor scooter” under the Maryland Vehicle Law to include a nonpedal vehicle that has three wheels, two wheels and a step-through chassis, or three wheels with a cockpit; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

TR, § 11-134.5 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0314 – Public Utility Companies – Generating Stations – Wind**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Edwards

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

PU, § 7-207.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Finance***

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**SB0320 – Environment – Phosphorus – Commercial Dishwashing Detergent**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Montgomery, et al

**Synopsis:** ENVIRONMENT – PHOSPHORUS – COMMERCIAL  
DISHWASHING DETERGENT

Prohibiting a person from using, selling, manufacturing, or distributing for sale commercial dishwashing detergents that contain greater than a specified amount of phosphorus after January 1, 2013; and repealing obsolete language.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, § 9-1503 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0332 – Gas Companies – Infrastructure Replacement – Surcharge**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Garagiola, et al

**Synopsis:** Authorizing a gas company to file a specified plan with the Public Service Commission to recover specified costs associated with specified gas infrastructure replacement projects through a surcharge on customers' bills; stating the intent of the General Assembly; requiring a plan to include specified elements; prohibiting a specified schedule for the recovery of specified costs from including a monthly surcharge that exceeds specified amounts for residential and nonresidential retail gas customers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

PU, § 4-210 - added

Assigned to: Finance

***Bill is in the Senate – Withdrawn Finance***

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**SB0338 – Motor Vehicles – Three-Axle Dump Service Vehicles – Maximum Weight**

**Sponsored By:** Senators Glassman and Miller

**Synopsis:** Extending for 5 additional years the period during which a specified increased maximum gross vehicle weight is allowed for specified three-axle dump service vehicles.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 13-919(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Judicial Proceedings***

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**SB0372 – Environment – Nitrogen Removal Technology – Evaluation and Ranking**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Conway

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Department of the Environment to evaluate and rank nitrogen removal technologies for on-site sewage disposal systems to advise local governments and citizens of the State of approved technologies that qualify for funding under the Bay Restoration Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

EN, § 9-1108.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0380 – Electricity – Net Energy Metering**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Pinsky and the President (Administration)

**Synopsis:** Altering the period during which an eligible customer-generator may accrue specified net excess generation; requiring a specified electric company to carry forward a negative kilowatt-hour reading until a specified accrual period expires; altering how the dollar value of a specified net excess generation is calculated; repealing a requirement that specified generation credit appear on the eligible customer-generator's bill in a dollar amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

PU, § 7-306 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0387 – High Performance Buildings Act – Applicability to Recipients of State Aid**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Frosh, et al

**Synopsis:** Making the High Performance Buildings Act applicable to specified capital projects that are funded or financed, to a specified extent, by a grant of State aid to specified grantees; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to require specified recipients of State funds to employ specified standards under specified circumstances; defining terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SF, §§ 3-602.1 and 7-406(a)(5) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Budget and Taxation***

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**SB0398 – Sales and Use Tax – Sale of Electricity Generated by Solar Energy Equipment – Exemption**

**Sponsored By:** Senator King, et al

**Synopsis:** Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of electricity generated by specified solar energy equipment for use in residential property or for supply to the electric grid.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

TG, 11-207(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0399 – Maryland Green Fuel Initiative – Motor Fuel Taxes – Biodiesel**

**Sponsored By:** Senator King, et al

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

***Bill is in the Senate – Withdrawn Budget and Taxation***

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**SB0402 – Motor Carrier Companies – Local Public Transportation Systems – Exemption from Motor Carrier Permit Requirement**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Glassman

**Synopsis:** Providing that a motor carrier permit is not required for a local public transportation system established under a law enacted by the local governing body of a county or municipal corporation; and repealing specified exemptions for particular counties.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

PU, § 9-201 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0404 – Environment – Sewage Sludge – Requirements**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Pipkin

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a sewage sludge utilization permit under specified circumstances; requiring the Department to record a copy of a specified permit in specified land records under specified circumstances; and requiring the Department to establish and maintain a specified list of property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, §§ 9-236 and 9-241 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0407 – 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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

EN, § 1-601 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0410 – State Highway Administration – Unauthorized Signs on Highway Rights of Way**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Raskin

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

CJ, § 4-401(16) and (17) and TR, § 8-605 and 8-714 - amended and CJ, § 4-401(18) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0417 – Agriculture – Commercial Feed – Arsenic Prohibition**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Pinsky, et al

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting a person from using, selling, or distributing commercial feed intended for use as poultry feed that contains roxarsone or any other additive that contains arsenic.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

AG, § 6-107.3 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0421 – Program Open Space – Attainment of Acquisition Goals – Increased Allocation for Local Governments**

**Sponsored By:** Senators Edwards and Middleton

**Synopsis:** Altering the amount a local government can spend on development projects after it has attained its acquisition goals under Program Open Space; and repealing a limitation on the use of specified funds.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

NR, § 5-905(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0422 – Natural Gas Exploration and Production – Marcellus Shale Formation**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Edwards

**Synopsis:** Requiring, by December 31, 2011, the Department of the Environment to submit regulations to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review regarding natural gas exploration and production in the Marcellus Shale formation, including specified requirements.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0424 – Motor Vehicles – Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving – Prohibited Acts**

**Sponsored By:** Senators Brochin and Forehand

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting a person from using a text messaging device to read a text message while operating a motor vehicle; clarifying that a specified prohibition against a person using a text messaging device to write, send, or read a text message while operating a motor vehicle includes a prohibition against writing, sending, or reading an electronic message; and repealing a provision of law that applies the text messaging prohibition to an operator of a motor vehicle only if the motor vehicle is in motion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 21-1124.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0442 – Maryland Environmental Trust – Easements – Local Approval**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Young, et al

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting the Maryland Environmental Trust from acquiring a perpetual conservation easement on property planned or zoned for development unless the appropriate governing body approves the transaction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

NR, § 3-203.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – Withdrawn Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0451 – Transportation – Sales and Use Tax – Funding for Mass Transit Projects**

**Sponsored By:** Senators Manno and Miller

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Comptroller to distribute sales and use tax revenues on the sale of motor fuel to the Mass Transit Facility Revenue Account of the Transportation Trust Fund and to the Fund; repealing the sales and use tax exemption for the sale of motor fuel that is subject to the motor fuel tax; altering a motor carrier tax rate to include a per gallon sales and use tax equivalent rate; providing for the prepayment of the sales and use tax for motor fuel by a person who is required to pay the motor fuel tax for that fuel; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

TG and TR, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Budget and Taxation***

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**SB0458 – Maryland Department of Transportation – Enhanced Inspection of Bridges – Adoption of Regulations**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Pipkin

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to adopt, by December 31, 2011, regulations concerning enhanced inspection of bridges in the State; and requiring the regulations to include specified policies and practices.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

Assigned to: Finance

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**SB0487 – Fertilizer Use Act of 2011**

**Sponsored By:** Senators Middleton and Frosh

**Synopsis:** Altering specified fertilizer labeling requirements; requiring the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the University of Maryland, to establish a professional fertilizer applicator certification program; establishing specified maximum limits for nitrogen and phosphorus in specialty fertilizer; prohibiting a person from selling at retail specialty fertilizer; prohibiting a person from applying specified fertilizer to specified surfaces; establishing penalties for violations; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

AG, §§ 6-201, 6-210(d), 6-222(a) - amended and §§ 6-223, 6-224, 6-225, 6-226, 6-227, and 6-228 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0499 – Motor Vehicles – Required Seat Belt Use by Each Occupant**

**Sponsored By:** Senators Forehand and Robey

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle unless each occupant is restrained by a seat belt or a child safety seat; prohibiting a person from being a passenger in a motor vehicle unless the person is restrained by a seat belt or a child safety seat; repealing an exception to the requirement to secure specified children in a motor vehicle with a seat belt or a child safety seat; altering the standard for the number of seat belts required to be equipped in the front and back seats of specified motor vehicles; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Judicial Proceedings***

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**SB0520 – Transportation – Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing – Environmental Impact Study for Third Span**

**Sponsored By:** Senators Pipkin and Astle

**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 January 1, 2012, to conduct and complete an Environmental Impact Study for a third crossing of the Chesapeake Bay; and requiring that the Environmental Impact Study be for a span at a specified location.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 4-205 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Finance***

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**SB0539 – Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Authorized Uses**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Colburn

**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 conditions for the funding of specified costs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, § 9-1605.2(h)(2) and (3) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0543 – Maryland Transportation Authority – Supplemental Tolls – Highway User Revenues for Municipalities**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Young, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to charge an additional 50 cents in tolls for each vehicle for the use of specified Chesapeake Bay bridges, the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel, and the Fort McHenry Tunnel; providing that the tolls be distributed to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue account and used to provide highway user revenues to municipalities; providing for the redirection of toll revenues if highway user revenues are equal to, or exceed, highway user revenues for municipalities during the 2009 fiscal year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

TR, §§ 4-312 and 8-402(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Budget and Taxation***

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**SB0544 – Chesapeake Bay Nitrogen Reduction Act of 2011**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Young, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the University of Maryland, to adopt regulations requiring specified signs to be posted where specialty fertilizer is sold or distributed on or after April 1, 2012; requiring the sign to contain specified information; prohibiting specified specialty fertilizers from being labeled for specified uses on or after April 1, 2012; prohibiting specified fertilizers from being sold or distributed for use on established lawns, grass, or turf on or after April 1, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

AG, §§ 6-210(e) and (f) and 8-803.4 - amended and AG, §§ 6-201(w-1), 6-210(f), and 6-223 and BR, § 8-502.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0546 – Chesapeake Bay Phosphorus Reduction Act of 2011**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Young, et al

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting low phosphorous fertilizers from being used on established turf; prohibiting specialty fertilizers from being labeled for specified uses on or after April 1, 2012; providing an exception; requiring the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the University of Maryland, to adopt regulations on or after April 1, 2012, that require signs to be posted where specialty fertilizer is sold or distributed; requiring the sign to contain specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

AG, §§ 6-210(e) and 6-222 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0552 – Environment – Local Stormwater Charges – State Property**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Madaleno, et al

**Synopsis:** Repealing an exemption from specified taxes, user charges, and utility fees related to stormwater for property owned by the State or a unit of State government; providing that property owned by the State or a unit of State government is subject to specified stormwater charges imposed by the governing body of a county or municipality within which the property is located; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

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

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – Withdrawn Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0563 – Motor Carrier Companies – Local Public Transportation Systems – Exemption from Motor Carrier Permit Requirement**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Pugh

**Synopsis:** Providing that a motor carrier permit is not required for a local public transportation system established under a law enacted by the local governing body of a county or municipality.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

PU, § 9-201 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

***Bill is in the Senate – Withdrawn Finance***

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**SB0582 – Agriculture – Pesticides – Regulation of Atrazine Study**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Montgomery, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with specified stakeholders, to study the feasibility of prohibiting the use, distribution, or sale of atrazine in the State, including a pesticide that contains atrazine; requiring the Department to report its findings to the Governor and committees of the General Assembly by December 15, 2011; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – Withdrawn Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0602 – Clean the Streams and Beautify the Bay Act of 2011**

**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 Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute specified amounts of money to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, to the Chesapeake Bay Trust, and to the Department of Human Resources for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

BR, § 19-103 - added and NR, § 1-704 - amended

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

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0623 – Maryland Department of Transportation – Transit Review and Evaluation**

**Sponsored By:** Senators Madaleno and Glassman

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

Assigned to: Finance

***Bill is in the House – First Reading Environmental Matters***

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**SB0634 – Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Act of 2011**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Frosh

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing permits for the drilling of wells in the Marcellus Shale until specified conditions are met; requiring the Department to consult with the governing body of specified local governments in evaluating specified permits for the drilling of wells in the Marcellus Shale; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

EN, § 14-107.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0648 – Renewable Energy Surcharge – Retail Electric Customers**

**Sponsored By:** Senators Ramirez and Montgomery

**Synopsis:** Establishing a specified renewable energy surcharge on electricity consumption by retail electric customers; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish the amounts of the surcharge and a specified rebate; requiring electric companies to collect the surcharge and provide a specified rebate; requiring the Comptroller to collect the revenue from the surcharge and place it in the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

PU, §§ 7-801 through 7-805 - added and SG, § 9-20B-05 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Finance***

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**SB0671 – Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring Systems – Enforcement**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Rosapepe

**Synopsis:** Authorizing specified persons to sign a statement that alleges, based on inspection of recorded images from a speed monitoring system, that a motor vehicle was being operated in violation of highway speed laws; and authorizing specified persons to swear to and affirm for evidentiary purposes, based on inspection of recorded images from a speed monitoring system, that a motor vehicle was being operated in violation of highway speed laws.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, §§ 21-809(d)(1) and (e)(1) and 21-810(d)(1) and (e)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Judicial Proceedings***

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**SB0677 – Transportation Trust Fund – Dedicated Highway Funds**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Brinkley

**Synopsis:** Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish a Transportation Trust Fund to be used only for purposes relating to transportation with specified exceptions; prohibiting the reversion or crediting of any part of the Transportation Trust Fund to the General Fund of the State with a specified exception; prohibiting the reversion or crediting of any part of the Transportation Trust Fund to a special fund of the State with a specified exception; etc.

CONTINGENT

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Budget and Taxation***

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**SB0679 - Vehicle Laws – Overtaking and Passing School Vehicles – School Bus Monitoring Cameras**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Brinkley, et al

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

CJ, §§ 4-401(13) and 10-311 and TR, § 21-706.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0690 – Renewable Energy Portfolio – Waste-To-Energy**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Middleton

**Synopsis:** Expanding the definition of a Tier 1 renewable source to include waste-to-energy; altering the definition of a Tier 2 renewable source to exclude waste-to-energy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

PU, § 7-701(1) and (m) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0708 – Mopeds and Motor Scooters – Titling, Registration, Insurance, and Required Use of Protective Headgear**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Klausmeier, et al

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, Various Sections - amended and §§ 13-939.3 and 23-206.2(c) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

***Bill is in the House – Referred to interim study***

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**SB0714 – Transportation Trust Fund – Financing – Use of Funds**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Garagiola, et

**Synopsis:** Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish a Transportation Trust Fund to be used only for purposes relating to transportation except in specified circumstances; prohibiting the reversion or crediting of any part of the Transportation Trust Fund to the General Fund of the State with a specified exception; prohibiting the reversion or crediting of any part of the Transportation Trust Fund to a special fund of the State with a specified exception; etc.

CONTINGENT

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53 - added and TG, § 9-305 and TR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Budget and Taxation***

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**SB0729 – Transportation – Transit Authorities – Red Line and Purple Line**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Pipkin

**Synopsis:** Establishing the Red Line Transit Authority and Purple Line Transit Authority to finance, construct, and operate the Red Line and the Purple Line light rail transit lines; providing for the members, appointment, terms, chairmen, and staff of the authorities; prohibiting the Department of Transportation from exercising jurisdiction or authority over the Red Line and Purple Line light rail

transit lines; authorizing the authorities to take specified actions in the performance of their duties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, §§ 9-101 through 9-413 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Budget and Taxation***

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**SB0751 – Environment – Dishwashing Detergent Containing Phosphorus – Penalties**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Manno

**Synopsis:** Altering the penalty for selling, manufacturing, or distributing specified household dishwashing detergents; establishing that each pound of a cleaning agent sold, distributed, or manufactured in violation of a specified provision of law is a separate violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, §§ 9-1503 and 9-1505 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0752 – Environment – Permitting Process – Environmental Justice Review**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Benson, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to develop maps that identify environmentally stressed communities in the State; requiring an Environmental Justice Review as a condition of issuing or renewing specified permits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

EN, §§ 1-701 through 1-704 - added and § 1-705 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0766 – Snowstorm and Related Climate Change Preparation Act**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Rosapepe

**Synopsis:** Requiring, on or before December 1, 2011, 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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

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

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0785 – Agriculture – Pesticides – Use, Release, Sale, and Purchase Reporting**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Montgomery, et al

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt specified regulations regarding reporting on the use, release, sale, and purchase of pesticides; declaring specified findings of the General Assembly; requiring a person that uses, releases, sells, or purchases pesticides to submit specified reports to the Department; requiring the reports to contain specified information; requiring pesticide use and release reports to cover the preceding calendar year and be submitted annually beginning on March 1, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

AG, §§ 5-2A-01 through 5-2A-20 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

***Bill is in the Senate – Withdrawn Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0796 – Transportation – Highway Construction Training and Supportive Services**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Jones-Rodwell, et al

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

TR, § 8-508 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

***Bill is in the Senate – First Reading Finance***

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**SB0803 – Drunk Driving Elimination Act**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Raskin, 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; altering the circumstances under which individuals may participate; requiring the Administration to require an individual convicted of specified alcohol-related driving offenses or subject to a specified suspension for refusal to submit to a chemical test of blood or breath to participate in the Program for specified minimum amounts of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

TR, § 16-404.1(b) and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0812 – Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding-Uniform Process for Local Priorities**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Zirkin

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding to identify the transportation priorities of local governments, to receive input from citizens and elected officials concerning the transportation priorities of local jurisdictions, and to compare and evaluate specified transportation priorities of local jurisdictions.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

Ch. 525 of the Acts of 2010, § 1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

***Bill is in the Senate – Unfavorable Budget and Taxation***

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**SB0827 – Environment – Severn River Watershed – Silt and Erosion Control – Certification**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Astle

**Synopsis:** Authorizing professional land surveyors and licensed landscape architects to certify silt and erosion control plans in the Severn River Watershed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

EN, § 4-308 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

***Bill is in the House – Unfavorable Environmental Matters***

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**SB0846 – Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2011**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Pinsky, et al

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting, with specified exceptions, the State or a local authority, after July 1, 2011, from recording or approving a residential major subdivision or a residential minor subdivision that will be served by a specified on-site sewage disposal system; authorizing the State or a local authority, after July 1, 2011, to record or approve a specified residential major subdivision that will be served by a

publicly owned sewerage system or specified other sewerage systems that meet specified criteria; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

EN, §§ 9-501 and 9-512 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

***Bill is in the Senate – Re-referred Education Health and Environmental Affairs***

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**SB0861 – Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act**

**Sponsored By:** The President (Administration)

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Public Service Commission, by regulation or order, to require specified electric companies to enter into specified long-term power purchase agreements with specified offshore wind generators; making the Commission responsible for approving specified contracts; authorizing a nonbypassable charge or other mechanism for recovery of specified costs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

PU, §§ 7-801 through 7-803 - added and NR, § 8-1102 and PU, §§ 7-207 and 7-208 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

***Bill is in the Senate – Re-referred Finance***

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**SB0881 – Economic Development Opportunities Program Account – Wind Turbine Manufacturing Facility**

**Sponsored By:** The President (Administration)

**Synopsis:** Altering the definition of “extraordinary economic development opportunity” for purposes of the Economic Development Opportunities Program Account to include attraction of a new wind turbine manufacturing facility to the State, or the expansion, to include wind turbine manufacturing, of an existing private sector enterprise, that meets specified requirements; providing that specified State incentives may not exceed \$50,000,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SF, § 7-314(a) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

***Bill is in the Senate – Re-referred Finance***

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**SB0958 – Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act – Qualified Energy Resources**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Garagiola

**Synopsis:** Altering the definition of qualified energy resources under a specified credit against the State income tax for specified electricity produced from

specified qualified resources to eliminate the restriction that nonhazardous waste material be in either solid or cellulosic form; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

TG, § 10-720(a) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0959 – Bio-Heating Oil – Income Tax Credit**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Garagiola

**Synopsis:** Altering the definition of bio-heating oil for purposes of a State income tax credit for the purchase of bio-heating oil for specified purposes; extending the termination provision for the income tax credit from June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2018; altering dates of applicability for the credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

TG, § 10-727 and Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2008, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0961 – State Vehicle Fleet – Use of Biofuels**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Garagiola

**Synopsis:** Altering the requirement that the State ensure that at least a specified percentage of vehicles using diesel fuel in the State vehicle fleet use a blend of fuel containing at least a specified percentage of biodiesel fuel to include the use of specified biofuels; and providing that a specified provision does not apply to a State vehicle, piece of heavy equipment, or heating equipment for which mechanical failure due to use of a specified biofuel will void a specified manufacturer's warranty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SF, § 14-408 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

***Approved by the Governor***

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**SB0964 – Renewable Energy – Poultry Litter – Net Energy Metering and Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Astle

**Synopsis:** Altering the definition of eligible customer-generator to include a person who owns and operates, leases and operates, or contracts with a third party that owns and operates, a specified poultry litter electric generating facility; stating the findings of the General Assembly; altering the renewable energy portfolio

standard to require specified percentages of energy derived from Tier 1 renewable sources to be derived from poultry litter-to-energy sources in specified years; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011  
PU, §§ 7-306(a), 7-702, 7-703(b), and 7-704(a)(2) - amended  
Assigned to: Senate Rules

***Bill is in the Senate – Re-referred Finance***

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