



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2015 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 21, 2015
Schedule 6

PLEASE NOTE: January 27 – Bill request deadline.
February 6 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 9.
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 21, 2015

SB 41 Senator Ferguson

HIGHER EDUCATION – NANCY GRASMICK TEACHER AWARD – ELIGIBILITY

Authorizing specified public school teachers with specified degrees from specified out-of-state institutions of higher education to be eligible for a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 18-1502(b) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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SB 42 **Senator Norman****STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM – REPEAL**

Repealing the requirement that, on or before July 1, 2013, a county or municipality subject to a specified municipal stormwater permit adopt and implement laws or ordinances to establish a watershed protection and restoration program; repealing the requirement that a county or municipality maintain or administer a local watershed protection and restoration fund; repealing the requirement that a county or municipality establish and annually collect a stormwater remediation fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EN, § 4-201.1 - amended and § 4-202.1 - repealed

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SB 43 **Senator Norman****STATE GOVERNMENT – GOVERNOR – APPROVAL OF DUPLICATIVE BILLS**

Requiring, within the time prescribed by law after its presentment, the Governor to approve a bill if the bill is duplicative of a bill that the Governor approves from the same regular or special session of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, § 2-1509.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 44 **Senator Edwards, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS**

Increasing from 65 miles an hour to 70 miles an hour the maximum speed limit that may be established on specified highways in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 21-801.1(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 45 **Senators Miller and Middleton****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CHARLES COUNTY – BENEDICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD AND AUXILIARY FACILITY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Benedict Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and Auxiliary, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Benedict Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and Auxiliary facility, located in Charles County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 46 **Senator Brochin, et al****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BALTIMORE COUNTY – LICENSE FEES**

Altering specified alcoholic beverages license fees in Baltimore County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 47 **Senator Brochin, et al****ELECTION LAW – FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND – INCOME TAX CHECKOFF**

Establishing a checkoff on the individual income tax return through which a United States citizen or legal permanent resident may make a contribution to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; and requiring the Comptroller to take specified actions to administer the checkoff.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EL, § 15-103 - amended and TG, § 2-113.1 - added

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

SB 48 **Senator Conway****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – FAILURE TO PASS LICENSURE EXAMINATION – PROHIBITION ON ISSUANCE OF LICENSE**

Prohibiting an applicant for licensure as a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant who fails the examination for licensure six times from retaking the examination and being licensed by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 13-306 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 49 **Senator Conway****STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS, LICENSEES, CERTIFICATE HOLDERS, AND TRAINEES**

Requiring the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to require applicants, licensees, certificate holders, and trainees to submit to a mental health or physical examination under specified circumstances; providing that applicants, licensees, certificate holders, or trainees are deemed to have waived a claim of privilege under specified circumstances; providing that a specified report or testimony of a health care practitioner is confidential, except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 17-513.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 50 **Senator Conway****STATE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD – DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES – JUDICIAL APPEALS AND PROHIBITION ON STAYS**

Prohibiting a hearing of charges filed by the State Acupuncture Board from being stayed or challenged by specified procedural defects; prohibiting an order of the Board from being stayed pending judicial review; authorizing the Board to appeal from any decision that reverses or modifies a specified order; and clarifying the circumstances under which a specified person may take a direct judicial appeal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 1A-310 and 1A-311 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs