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## Budget Secretary Briefs Legislative Committee

Department of Budget and Management Secretary Eloise Foster briefed the MACo Legislative Committee regarding the Administration's proposed budget on February 4. Committee Vice-Chair Wayne Cooper introduced Secretary Foster saying she "...would enlighten and maybe even delight us."

Secretary Foster explained that a \$2.4 billion budget shortfall for FY 09 and FY 10 was resolved with \$1.2 billion in cuts, \$900 million in transfers, \$73 million in reversions, and \$350 million in anticipated federal stimulus distributions, leaving a \$46 million fund balance. "Trying to do more with less," is challenged by the typical growth in the "...demand [for] services during a recession," she observed.

"This is the first time in recent memory that general fund spending has declined" and for the "third year in a row [the submitted budget] was below the [Spending Affordability Committee] recommended level," observed Secretary Foster. She noted that for many priorities "level-funding" was that best that could be done. She highlighted modest increases for five priorities-K-12, higher education, the environment, public safety, and the safety net for vulnerable citizens.

The Secretary raised the "...minimal impact on local government" Governor O'Malley's past budget reconciliation efforts had, noting his experience as Baltimore's Mayor underpinning this sensitivity to local government challenges. In this regard, she noted Governor O'Malley had not proposed a shift in teacher retirement payment responsibility. "He respects you and heard you."

Regarding the capital budget, Secretary Foster noted that with the proposed \$260 million appropriation for school construction and renovation, the three-year State investment was \$1 billion. And, the \$87.5 million appropriation for community colleges was "...the largest amount ...ever provided."

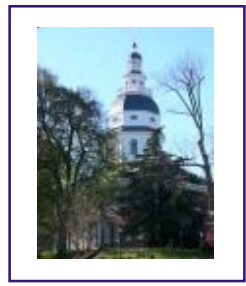
She explained that the local government funding cuts that were to be considered by the Board of Public Works had been deferred pending federal stimulus distributions about which "[w]e are all optimistic." With that funding "...[w]e could revisit some things we did in this year's budget" with eliminating the 700 proposed State layoffs the "... first thing on the priority list."

Frederick County Commission President Jan Gardner stressed

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## Legislative Committee February 11 - 10:30 a.m.

**Tax & Education  
Subcommittee Meetings  
10:00 am**

### Agenda

- I. Call to Order ..... David Craig,  
..... Legislative Committee Chairman
- II. President's Comments..... Wilson Parran  
..... President
- III. Guest Speaker..... Mike Busch  
..... Speaker of the House
- III. Bill Considerations..... Staff
- IV. Issues Update ..... Staff

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### Important Dates!

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Annual Summer Conference - Ocean City -  
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the need for a protocol to communicate with counties regarding stimulus utilization opportunities. St. Mary's County Commissioner Tom Mattingly raised concern with the structure of the distributions impeding utilization. "We'll be on it," assured Secretary Foster.

Prince George's County Councilperson Ingrid Turner inquired about the inconsistency of certain county cuts being permanent while other cuts were temporary, arguing that with anticipated stimulus funding no cuts should be permanent. Secretary Foster noted that cuts were triaged with some funding being sacrosanct, e.g. teacher retirement, highway user, and police aid funding; some being subject to temporary cuts, e.g. GCEI and community college funding; and some being permanent, e.g. non-public placements and assessment department funding. She suggested the assessment department funding shift reflected local governments realizing 90 percent of the benefits from assessments.

The Secretary argued the permanent cuts were necessary as the State was projecting a \$670 million structural deficit, which would certainly be exacerbated by the just received video lottery terminal bids proposing 6500, rather than the 15,000 authorized terminals. She explained this shortfall would reduce anticipated revenues in FY 10 by \$50 million. "We can obviously go back and change [the permanent cuts] when the environment becomes more robust."

*Contact: David S. Bliden*

## School Construction Update

Public School Program Executive Director David Lever addressed the MACo Legislative Committee on February 4. Dr. Lever discussed the condition of the FY 2010 School Construction Capital Improvement Program (CIP), new school construction program requirements, and emerging challenges.

Dr. Lever stated that the FY 2010 CIP has decreased over the FY 2009 CIP, both in terms of dollars and number of projects. He explained that project requests peaked in FY 2008, along with funding. He also noted that construction costs have stabilized after several years of significant inflation.

He noted that local governments are facing three challenges relating to school construction: (1) an increased need to prioritize projects; (2) additional

State funding eligibility requirements; and (3) possible additional requirements associated with the federal stimulus package. State challenges include: (1) allocating scarce resources to the most needed and eligible projects; (2) promoting State educational mandates, such as full day-kindergarten and science classroom renovation; (3) using capital funds to promote other State policies, such as Smart Growth; and (4) encouraging best practices in design, construction, and procurement.

Dr. Lever identified several emerging trends as part of the FY 2010 CIP. He observed that the construction focus has shifted from constructing new schools to renovating older schools. He also discussed how a slowing of Maryland's population growth was impacting the counties. Larger jurisdictions continue to have long lists of facility needs and tend to have the oldest schools. Small counties continue to need large projects that will affect all or most of their students. Fast-growth counties continue to focus more on capacity building than renovation, while former fast-growth counties focus more on renovation. He also cautioned that the economic downturn may change the "enrollment picture" as the cost of private schools becomes prohibitive.

Dr. Lever examined several new State requirements concerning school construction. He discussed the new high performance school building requirements, which require new schools to be certified as LEED Silver or equivalent, and new Minority Business Enterprise Participation requirements. He also stated that the Interagency Committee on School Construction (IAC) will now consider Smart Growth concerns, such as the size and location of school sites and whether the site is located within a Priority Funding Area.

Dr. Lever also discussed the availability of "after-the-fact" funding for schools that qualify as "Base Realignment and Closure-related schools" and the potential federal stimulus package for school construction. Noting that the contents of the package were changing daily, Dr. Lever noted that the House version contained \$194.8 million for Maryland school construction while the Senate package contained \$212 million.

*Contact: Leslie Knapp Jr.*

### Impervious Surface Bill Opposed

MACo Associate Director Leslie Knapp testified in opposition of House Bill 34 before the House Environmental Matters Committee on February 4. Mr. Knapp argued that the bill imposes a potentially unfunded mandate on the counties and precedes a full discussion of Smart Growth measures and indicators by the Task Force on the Future of Growth and Development in Maryland.

The bill would require the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), in consultation with the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP), to develop and maintain an impervious surface database. Each county must report the amount of impervious surface to MDE in a manner and schedule set by MDP. The bill's sponsor, Delegate Jon Cardin, offered an amendment that would require each county to report any increase in the amount of its impervious surface to MDE, potentially limiting the bill's effect to new development.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation supported the bill with amendments that would substitute the use of "lot coverage" instead of "impervious surface" and require builders to include the lot coverage data of proposed development as part of their building permit information.

MDE, the Maryland State Builders Association, the Maryland Association of Realtors, Carroll County, and the South Carroll Business Association also opposed the bill.

*Contact: Leslie Knapp Jr.*

### Briefly

#### *MACRO – Funding Availability*

The Maryland Judiciary's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO) has funding available to support conflict resolution programs and projects in Maryland. Projects must start on July 1, 2009 or later, and all grant funds must be spent by June 30, 2010. Grant application forms and guidelines can be downloaded from our website at <http://mdcourts.gov/macro/grants.html>. If your organization is interested in applying for a MACRO Conflict Resolution Grant, and has never applied before, please call us at 410-260-3540 to discuss your proposed project prior to

submitting your grant application. Conflict Resolution Grants are available to non-profit organizations and government entities in Maryland who seek to develop or expand conflict resolution projects or programs. Types of projects funded in this category include, but are not limited to: - conflict management training - pilot projects - program evaluation - conflict resolution support staff - start-up funds - facilitations - conferences and other dispute resolution services. MACRO is particularly interested in projects it believes have a high likelihood of success, which can be replicated by others, and projects that have a high positive impact. MACRO funds are not intended to supplant existing services, nor are they intended to cover all operational costs for any given program or project. Under the Conflict Resolution Grant program, MACRO accepts applications for up to \$5,000 using its Short Application Form, and applications for over \$5,000 using its Standard Application Form. The deadline for submitting these applications is as follows: Small grant applications: Can be submitted at any time. (Requests up to \$5,000) Standard applications: Must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2009. (Requests over \$5,000) Please contact Alecia Parker, MACRO's Budget and Grants Director, at 410-260-3544 or at [alecia.parker@mdcourts.gov](mailto:alecia.parker@mdcourts.gov) if you have any questions.

#### *Conflict Resolution Grants - Information Sessions*

MACRO will be hosting two information sessions on its Conflict Resolution Grants Program. These sessions are open to anyone interested in learning more about applying for and managing a MACRO Conflict Resolution Grant. The dates for these sessions are: Monday, March 16, 2009, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the MACRO Conference Room, 903 Commerce Road, Annapolis MD 21401 and Thursday, March 19, 2009, from 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Judicial Education and Conference Center, 2001-D Commerce Park Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401. Contact Alecia Parker at 410-260-3544, or at [alecia.parker@mdcourts.gov](mailto:alecia.parker@mdcourts.gov), if you plan to attend.

#### *EmPOWER Clean Energy Community Grants and Loans*

The Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) will post revised Guidelines and Application, along with instructions, on its website by February 9. We also will be hosting an informational meeting on the \$8 million available in grants and loans on Feb. 11 at the Catonsville Public Library at 1100 Frederick Road at 3:00. Directions are below. For those who can't attend but are interested in the program, MEA will host a conference call to discuss the program at 9:30am on Tues. Feb 10. Those interested in participating should

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register by sending your email address to . The application due date is COB Friday, Feb. 27, 2009. (*Directions:* (via MapQuest) - From Towson via the Beltway (I-695): Take Exit 13 West (Frederick Road) towards Catonsville. The library is on the right at the corner of Frederick Road and Beaumont Avenue, about one mile from the exit. You will pass through the Catonsville business district before reaching the library.)

### Job Openings

#### **PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR - MONTGOMERY CARES PROGRAM - MONTGOMERY COUNTY -**

This position will develop and administer an innovative County program called Montgomery Cares. This program will provide primary medical care to indigent residents in a collaborative effort with medical care providers, hospitals and health care advocates. The employee selected will be responsible for planning, designing, overseeing implementation, managing and evaluating a complex system of medical, dental and behavioral health care for approximately 40,000 low income uninsured residents. The employee will also collaborate with Universities, grant-makers, federal agencies and other research institutions to explore health service delivery systems (both pilot and demonstration projects) and conduct outcomes evaluations of same. This senior administrative position must also assure staffing of the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board which has been created by local ordinance. Education: Bachelor's Degree. Experience: Seven (7) years of progressively responsible professional experience in health care administration, three years of which were in a supervisory or executive capacity. The term "executive" is further defined as a high echelon or high level position in an organization that is assigned technical research, management advisory services responsibilities, or policy-making duties and responsibilities that exerts considerable influence on organizational policy, plans, and operations through technical research, management advisory services, and/or policy-making duties and responsibilities (e.g., County positions at Grade 30 or above). Equivalency: An equivalent combination of education and experience may be substituted. Resumes should include information specific to the following six areas (preferred criteria): 1. Master's Degree in Public Health with a concentration in health policy and management or health administration, or Master's degree in Public Health Administration or Health Care Administration; 2. Experience working in a multi-cultural environment; 3. Experience leading/facilitating complex public/private collaborations; 4. Experience

with strategic planning as it relates to development of long range plans and the creation of new initiatives; 5. Experience in interagency outcomes activities and evaluations to improve results; 6. Experience working in a mixed combination of hospitals, community primary care health centers and HMO's. Salary Range: \$73,811 0 \$133,992. To view the full job posting (Requisition #3448) and submit an application, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/careers](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/careers) before the closing date of February 9, 2009.

#### **HEALTH OFFICER (MANAGEMENT SERVICE) - HARFORD COUNTY -**

This is professional public health work at a managerial and supervisory level with responsibility for direction, guidance, and oversight of county-wide public health programs. The Health Officer acts as advisory to or liaison with various county and community organizations, commissions, and agencies. The Health Officer assesses community health needs and develops programs, services, and policy as appropriate; enforces county and state laws and ordinances and acts as spokesperson on public health issues for the county in coordination with the State DHMH. The County Health Dept. has a staff of 195 and an annual budget of approximately \$17 MIL covering such program areas as: maternal and child health, family planning, communicable disease control, health education & promotion, mental health & addictions, and environmental health. Minimum Qualifications: Required: either a masters degree in public health and two years of public health experience; or, at least five years of experience in the field of public health. License: A physician must be licensed to practice medicine in Maryland prior to appointment. Preferred Qualifications: Possess a current medical license or be eligible to practice medicine in the State of Maryland in addition to having a master's degree in public health. Have excellent people skills; knowledge of health policy formulation; community needs assessment; health planning and financial management of public health services, including mental health and addiction programs. Excellent verbal and written communication skills; successful collaboration, change management, and conflict management experience. Salary: Licensed Physician: Starting salary negotiable to \$150,150/yr, plus potential county salary supplement. With growth to \$189,049/yr.(Grade 36). Non-Physician: Starting salary negotiable to \$100,249/yr. plus potential county salary supplement. With growth to \$110,297/yr. (Grade 24). How to Apply: Submit a cover letter and current resume no later than February 15, 2009 to: Dept. of Human Resources, Harford Co. Gov't. 112 South Hays Street, Bel Air, MD 21014 410-638-3201 Fax: 410-879-3564 EOE

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## Legislative Committee Report *February 4, 2009*

### **TAXES AND REVENUES**

**SB 207** - REAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS – MARKET DECLINES – ASSESSMENT NOTICES (Senator Stone) (Budget and Taxation) – OPPOSE

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**HB 101/ SB 166** - BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2009 (The Speaker (By Request – Administration)) (Appropriations) (The President (By Request – Administration)) (Budget and Taxation) – HELD

**HB 108** - TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM (Delegate Feldman) (Ways and Means) – NO POSITION

**HB 169/ SB 348** - TAX SALES – FEES (Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)) (Ways and Means) (Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)) (Budget and Taxation) – SUPPORT

**HB 300/ SB 274** - TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS – TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al) (Ways and Means) (The President (By Request – Administration)) (Budget and Taxation) – SUPPORT

### **EDUCATION**

**HB 184/ SB 234** - EDUCATION – MARYLAND'S PRESCHOOL FOR ALL BUSINESS PLAN – FINAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS (Delegate Hucker, et al) (Ways and Means) (Senator King, et al) (Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) – NO POSITION

### **BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

**HB 23** - JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS – REQUIRED RECORDS (Delegate Kullen) (Economic Matters) – SUPPORT

**HB 207/ SB 32** - JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS – REQUIRED RECORDS (Delegate Sophocleus, et al) (Economic Matters) (Senators DeGrange and Astle) (Finance) – SUPPORT

### **ENVIRONMENT**

**HB 34** - ENVIRONMENT – IMPERVIOUS SURFACE – STATEWIDE DATABASE (Delegate Cardin) (Environmental Matters) – OPPOSE

**HB 314/ SB 14** - MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – ENERGY GENERATION PROJECTS (Delegate Rudolph and the Speaker (By Request – Administration)) (Economic Matters and Environmental Matters) (Senator Astle) (Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) – SUPPORT

### **HEALTH**

**SB 170** - COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH – MEETINGS AND FEE-SETTING POWERS (Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)) (Finance) – SUPPORT

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**SB 62** - UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE – FINANCING STATEMENTS – TERMINATION BY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES (Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)) (Finance) – SUPPORT

### **PARKS & RECREATION**

**SB 163** - PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – USE OF FUNDS – INDOOR OR OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) – SUPPORT

### **PLANNING & ZONING**

**HB 194** - LAND USE – DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENTS (Delegate G. Clagett, et al) (Environmental Matters) – OPPOSE

**HB 197** - REAL PROPERTY – INSTALLATION AND USE OF CLOTHESLINES ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (Delegate G. Clagett, et al) (Environmental Matters) – HELD

**HB 294/ SB 273** - SMART, GREEN, AND GROWING – LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING – PLANNING VISIONS (The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al) (Environmental Matters) (The President (By Request – Administration), et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) – SUPPORT

**HB 295/ SB 276** - SMART, GREEN, AND GROWING – ANNUAL REPORT – SMART GROWTH MEASURES AND INDICATORS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANNING VISIONS (The President (By Request – Administration), et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental) – HOLD

**HB 297/ SB 280** - SMART, GREEN, AND GROWING – SMART AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH ACT OF 2009 (The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al) (Env. Matters) (The President (By Request – Administration), et al) (Ed., Health, and Env. Affairs) – HELD

**SB 73** - MD AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – SALE OF LAND PRESERVATION EASEMENTS – CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS (Chair, Ed., Health, & Env. Affairs Com. (By Request – Dept. – Agriculture)) (Ed., Health, & Environmental Affairs) – SUPPORT

### **POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**HB 313/ SB 277** - VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – STATEWIDE AUTHORIZATION AND USE IN HIGHWAY WORK ZONES (The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al) (Environmental Matters) (The President (By Request – Administration), et al) (Judicial Proceedings) – SUPPORT

**SB 252** - RENTAL VEHICLE PARKING TICKET FAIRNESS ACT (Senator Astle) (Judicial Proceedings) – OPPOSE

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### Impact Bills February 6, 2009

*NOTES: - The summaries of the bills listed below are taken directly from the synopsis provided by the Department of Legislative Services. When reporting on specific bills to the Legislative Committee, staff will make clarifications to the synopsis. MACo refines the list each week, consistent with the organization's by-laws, to bring before the Legislative Committee a list of Action Bills that represent opportunities for county input and effect. Visit [www.mdcounties.org](http://www.mdcounties.org) for daily updates about legislation impacting county government.*

#### **TAXES AND REVENUES**

**HB 240** - INCOME TAX EXEMPTION AMOUNTS – BLIND AND ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS (Delegate Gilchrist, et al) (Ways and Means) - Increasing the amount allowed as a deduction for additional exemptions under the Maryland income tax for individuals who as of the last day of the taxable year are blind or are at least 65 years old; applying the Act to tax years beginning after December 31, 2008; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB 421** - TAXPAYERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Delegate Miller, et al) (Ways and Means) - Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution that establishes a Bill of Rights for State individual taxpayers; requiring voter approval for new State or local taxes, tax rate increases, and repeal of tax exemptions; imposing spending limits on the State; requiring that under specified circumstances revenues received in excess of estimates be paid to individual taxpayers; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill. CONTINGENT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

**HB 465/ SB 453** - INCOME TAX – PAYMENTS – SALE OF REAL PROPERTY BY NONRESIDENTS (Delegate Ross) (Ways and Means) (Senator Peters, et al) (Budget and Taxation) - Setting the rate of tax that must be paid to the clerk of the circuit court for a county or to the Department of Assessments and Taxation before the recording of specified deeds for the sale of property to be 7.5% of the total payment to a nonresident or 8.25% of the total payment to a nonresident entity. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB 484/ SB 379** - TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE STRUCTURE (Delegate Hixson, et al) (Ways and Means) (Senator Robey, et al) (Budget and Taxation) - Establishing a Task Force to Study the County and Municipal Revenue Structure; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the designation of a chair of the Task Force; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to provide staff for the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2009; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**SB 480** - OPERATING BUDGET – ELIMINATION OF INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS (Senator Pipkin) (Budget and Taxation) - Repealing the

inflation calculation for the target per pupil foundation amount for the calculation of education aid; repealing the inflation calculation for transportation aid for local school systems; modifying the inflation calculation for the Aging School Program; repealing the inflation calculation for the funding grant to St. Mary's College of Maryland; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

#### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**HB 233** - FULL DISCLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE TAXES ACT (Delegate Ali, et al) (Environmental Matters) - Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to maintain a website through which a person may estimate specified property taxes; requiring that the website be made available to the public by January 1, 2010; and requiring that a specified form developed by the State Real Estate Commission contain a specified notice regarding property taxes. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB 249/ SB 301** - PROPERTY TAX – NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT – APPEAL (Delegates Jennings and Frank) (Ways and Means) (Senator Glassman, et al) (Budget and Taxation) - Extending the time period from 45 days to 90 days within which specified parties may appeal the value or classification in a notice of assessment to the supervisor of assessments for a county. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB 390** - HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STATIONED OUT OF STATE (Delegate Pendergrass, et al) (Ways and Means) - Providing that a homeowner who is an employee of the federal government stationed out of State may qualify for the homestead property tax credit for a dwelling under specified circumstances even though the homeowner does not live in the dwelling for the required period of time. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB 428** - PROPERTY TAX – SEMIANNUAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE – SMALL BUSINESS PROPERTY (Delegate Elliott, et al) (Ways and Means) - Requiring the governing body of a county or the governing body of a municipal corporation to provide a semiannual payment schedule for State, county, municipal corporation, and special taxing district property taxes on small business property with a property tax bill of \$50,000 or less; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2010; etc. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFF. OCTOBER 1, 2009

**SB 337** - HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STATIONED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY (Senator Raskin) (Budget and Taxation) - Providing that a homeowner who is an employee of the federal government stationed in a foreign country may qualify for the homestead property tax credit for a dwelling under specified circumstances even though the homeowner does not live in the dwelling for the required period of time. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**SB 363** - HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – APPLICATIONS – USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS (Senators Haines and Glassman) (Budget and Taxation) - Prohibiting the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from requiring homeowner Social Security numbers on applications for qualification for the homestead property tax credit; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

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**SB 395** - TASK FORCE TO REVIEW PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE AND THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS PROCESS (Senators Glassman and Peters) (Budget and Taxation) - Establishing a Task Force to Review Property Tax Assessment Procedure and the Assessment Appeals Process; establishing the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force; providing for the staffing for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation; requiring that the Task Force issue a report by January 1, 2010; and providing for the termination of the Act. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**SB 458** - STATETREASURER – LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS – LOCAL DEBT POLICIES (Senator Jones (Chair, Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds), et al) (Budget and Taxation) - Requiring a specified report of the financial officer of a political subdivision to be submitted to the State Treasurer; requiring specified additional information to be included in the report; requiring specified financial officers to submit a specified updated report on request of the State Treasurer; repealing a requirement that specified local government investment guidelines include a specified form; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

## EDUCATION

**HB 257** - CLASSROOM PLACEMENT – MULTIPLE BIRTH CHILDREN – PARENTAL DISCRETION (Delegates King and Rice) (Ways and Means) - Authorizing the parent or guardian of multiple birth children to request the classroom placement of their children under specified circumstances; requiring a parent or guardian to make a classroom placement request in a specified manner within a specified period of time; requiring a school to provide the classroom placement requested by parents or guardians of multiple birth children; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB 322** - LIBRARIES – FUNDING – STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER (Delegate Hixson, et al) (Ways and Means) - Altering the minimum allocations per resident that the State Library Resource Center shall receive for operating and capital expenses in specified fiscal years; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB 339** - EDUCATION FUNDING – MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT – SLOTS REVENUE (Delegate Anderson, et al) (Ways and Means) - Requiring that expenditures from the Education Trust Fund to primary and secondary education be in addition to State general funds provided for State aid for education; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB 342** - PUBLIC EDUCATION – EDUCATION TRUST FUND – USE OF FUNDS (Delegate Taylor, et al) (Ways and Means) - Requiring that expenditures from the Education Trust Fund be additional funding for public elementary and secondary education, community colleges, and public senior higher education institutions and not supplant any existing funding. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB 365** - LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY GRANTS – FUNDING FORMULA (Delegate Hixson, et al) (Ways and Means) - Requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to provide competitive adult education grants beginning in

fiscal year 2011 for specified eligible adult education providers; requiring that funding for State adult education grants shall be provided in the State budget; providing for the manner of calculation of the amount of a specified State adult education grant available for each county for distribution to specified adult education providers; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010

**HB 379** - EDUCATION – REPORTING REQUIREMENT – CLASS SIZE (Delegate Olszewski, et al) (Ways and Means) - Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a uniform data collection method to track the number of students who regularly participate in a classroom teacher's class by the beginning of the 2012–2013 academic year; requiring the method to reflect the number of these students in a classroom teacher's class as of September 30 of each year; requiring each county board of education to implement the method and report the results to the Department on or before December 1 of each year; etc. EFF. 10/1/09

**HB 508/ SB 404** - PUBLIC SCHOOLS – PHYSICAL EDUCATION FACILITIES (Delegate Walker, et al) (Ways and Means) (Senator Harrington) (Budget and Taxation) - Requiring the State Department of Education to adopt regulations that require newly designed or constructed public schools occupied after January 1, 2012, to include a gymnasium and support spaces for physical education instruction and to adopt guidelines for facilities for physical education programs. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**SB 340** - EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA – GED OPTIONS PROGRAM (Senator Pugh, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring the State Board of Education to establish a GED Options Program that provides specified students with an alternative course for obtaining a high school diploma beginning August 1, 2009; providing for specified Program requirements; requiring students enrolled in the GED Options Program to be counted in the average daily attendance of a local school system; and requiring the State Board to adopt specified regulations. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**SB 374** - INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS – PUBLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARD BOOK NUMBERS AND RETAIL PRICES (Senator Currie, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring institutions of higher education in the State to publish the International Standard Book Number and retail price information of college textbooks and supplemental materials on the institution's Internet course schedule no later than the date on which course offerings and schedules are published before the commencement of a semester; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**SB 409** - PUBLIC SCHOOLS – OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRALS – ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY (Senator Simonaire) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring the State Board of Education to develop by March 31, 2010, a model policy for accounting for all office discipline referrals submitted in public schools; requiring the model policy to include specified information; requiring county boards of education to establish policies to account for office discipline referrals submitted in schools; requiring accountability policies established by county boards of education to include specified components; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

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**SB 431** - VEHICLE LAWS – SCHOOL BUSES – PAINT STANDARDS (Senator Greenip) (Judicial Proceedings) - Clarifying that school vehicles shall be painted using colors in accordance with the paint scheme specified in Motor Vehicle Administration regulations; requiring the Administration, in consultation with the Department of Education, to adopt and enforce regulations to provide construction standards and product specifications for school vehicles; providing that specified regulations may not be inconsistent with federal law; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**SB 448** - LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS – BIENNIAL FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT REQUIREMENT – REPEAL (Senator Edwards) (Budget and Taxation) - Repealing the requirement that a local superintendent of schools or chief executive officer of a local school system file a biennial report on the financial status of the local school system; and requiring a local school system with a financial deficit to include specified information in an annual financial status report. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**SB 462** - PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE – SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION (Senator Kittleman) (Finance) - Increasing to 75% or more the percentage of State money that must be used in an elementary or secondary school construction project before the Prevailing Wage Law applies; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

### **BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

**HB 480/ SB 352** - PUBLIC UTILITY TREE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2009 (Delegate Levi, et al) (Economic Matters) (Senator Peters, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring a public utility to prepare a tree management plan under specified circumstances; requiring a public utility to enter into an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources under specified circumstances; requiring specified programs and plans to be published in accordance with specified requirements; authorizing the Department to issue a stop-work order under certain circumstances; providing for specified penalties; authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations; etc. EFF. 10/1/09

### **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**SB 377** - BUSINESS REGULATION – HOME BUILDER GUARANTY FUND – FEE (Senator Middleton) (Finance) - Requiring specified home builders to pay the Home Builder Guaranty Fund fee to a municipal corporation; requiring a fee to be paid for residential units of a multiple-unit development to a county or municipal corporation; authorizing a county or municipal corporation to retain up to 2% of Guaranty Fund fee revenues to recover administrative costs; making the Act an emergency measure; etc. EMERGENCY BILL

### **ELECTIONS**

**HB 278** - ELECTION LAW – SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR (Delegate Frank, et al) (Ways and Means) - Altering the process for filling a vacancy in the office of United States Senator; repealing the authority of the Governor to make an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator under specified circumstances; requiring the Governor to issue a proclamation to call for a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator under specified circumstances; etc. EFF. 7/1/09

**HB 369** - SPECIAL ELECTION FOR US SENATE VACANCIES ACT (Delegate Ali, et al) (Ways and Means) - Altering the process for filling a

vacancy in the office of United States Senator; repealing the authority of the Governor to make an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator and requiring the Governor to issue a proclamation for a special election to fill the vacancy under specified circumstances; authorizing the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator temporarily under specified circumstances; etc. EFF. 10/1/09

**HB 459** - ELECTION LAW – POLLING PLACES IN PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED BUILDINGS – RULES AND REGULATIONS (Delegate McConkey, et al) (Ways and Means) - Requiring a local board of elections that designates a privately owned or leased building as a polling place to require that polling places post specified information and adhere to specified rules and regulations; and prohibiting the owner or operator of a privately owned building used as a polling place from imposing requirements and regulations on the polling place or the election judge that have not been adopted by the State or local board. EFF. 10/1/09

**HB 476** - ELECTIVE FRANCHISE – REGISTRATION AND VOTING ON ELECTION DAY (Delegate Reznik, et al) (Ways & Means) - Authorizing the General Assembly to provide by suitable enactment a process to allow a qualified voter to register and vote on election day at the polling place in the precinct in which the voter resides; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection. CONTINGENT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

**SB 415** - ELECTION LAW – VOTING SYSTEMS – REQUIREMENTS (Senators Dyson and Conway) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Specifying that a voting system selected and certified by the State Board of Elections shall meet specified federal performance and test standards; specifying an alternative entity that may serve as the certification agent for testing laboratories for voting systems used in the State; altering and clarifying provisions relating to accessibility standards governing voting systems selected, certified, and implemented in the State; and making the Act an emergency measure. EMERGENCY BILL

### **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

**HB 264** - MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY (Delegate G. Clagett, et al) (Appropriations) - Repealing limitations and exceptions for specified members of the State Retirement and Pension System receiving credit for military service credit. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB 318** - HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE, REIMBURSEMENT, AND BENEFITS – COUNTIES, COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEMS, AND STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM (Delegate Barkley, et al) (Health and Government Operations and Environmental Matters) - Making provisions of law codified in the Insurance Article relating to health insurance coverage, required reimbursement, and required benefits applicable to counties, county school systems, and the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**SB 443** - TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – RETIRED HIGHER EDUCATION FACULTY (Senator Madaleno) (Budget and Taxation) - Requiring that

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retired higher education faculty of the Teachers' Retirement System or Teachers' Pension System, who prior to retirement received a 10-month salary, are subject to an earnings limitation based on 12 months of earnings if they are reemployed by their former employer. EFF. 7/1/09

## **EMPLOYEE RELATIONS**

**HB 288/ SB 368** - LILLY LEDBETTER FAIR PAY RESTORATION ACT OF 2009 (Delegate Rosenberg, et al) (Health & Gov't. Operations) (Senator Raskin, et al) (Judicial Proceedings) - Clarifying that an unlawful employment practice with respect to discrimination in compensation occurs when a specified decision or practice is adopted, when an individual becomes subject to the decision or practice, or when an individual is affected by the decision or practice; authorizing the recovery of back pay for up to 2 years preceding the filing of a complaint where the unlawful employment practice is similar or related to a specified other employment practice; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

## **ENVIRONMENT**

**HB 236** - ENVIRONMENT – REDUCING LEAD RISK IN HOUSING – LEAD PAINT DUST TESTING (Delegate Oaks, et al) (Env. Matters) - Altering the requirements for property owners to satisfy specified lead risk reduction standards relating to specified changes in occupancy in specified properties; requiring specified lead risk reduction standards to be performed in accordance with local fire code standards; and making conforming changes. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB 248/ SB 530** - TASK FORCE TO STUDY REQUIRED DEPOSITS ON RETURNABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS (Delegate Niemann, et al) (Env. Matters) (Senator Harrington) (Ed., Health, and Env. Affairs) - Establishing the Task Force to Study Required Deposits on Returnable Beverage Containers in the State; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study specified issues relevant to requiring deposits on returnable beverage containers in the State; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2009; providing for the staff of the Task Force; providing for the termination of the Act; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**HB 259** - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MONITORING AND TESTING – REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS (Delegate King, et al) (Env. Matters) - Authorizing the Dept. of the Environment to factor in costs incurred by a county in conducting specified environmental health monitoring or testing; requiring the Department to reimburse a county from the Maryland Clean Water Fund for specified costs; limiting reimbursement to specified circumstances and specified amounts; requiring the Department to use the Maryland Clean Water Fund for the reimbursement of counties for specified environmental health monitoring or testing costs; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB 346** - BAY RESTORATION FUND – NITROGEN-REMOVING SEPTIC SYSTEMS (Delegate Love, et al) (Environmental Matters) - Authorizing the use of the Bay Restoration Fund for costs incurred by local governments in inspecting projects to ensure long-term performance of nitrogen-removing septic systems funded by the Bay Restoration Fund. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB 420** - ENVIRONMENT – LIMITATION OF ACTIONS – POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (Delegate Love, et al) (Environmental Matters) - Extending to political subdivisions the 3-year statute of limitations for suits instituted seeking a civil penalty for violations of provisions of the Environment Article or any rule, regulation, order, or permit adopted or issued under the Environment Article. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**SB 361** - ENVIRONMENT – REDUCING LEAD RISK IN HOUSING – LEAD PAINT DUST TESTING (Senator Gladden) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Altering the requirements for property owners to satisfy specified lead risk reduction standards relating to specified changes in occupancy in specified properties; requiring specified lead risk reduction standards to be performed in accordance with local fire code standards; and making certain conforming changes. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**SB 408** - ENVIRONMENT – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – INCENTIVES AND PENALTIES (Senator Simonaire, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations providing performance improvement incentives for the owner or operator of specified wastewater systems; requiring the incentives adopted by regulation to be in the form of reductions in specified penalties; increasing the penalties for violations of the water pollution control law; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**SB 473** - ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING – PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANS (Senator Lenett, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring a county recycling plan to address the collection, processing, marketing, and disposition of recyclable materials from county public schools; requiring a county to submit a revised recycling plan by October 1, 2010. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**SB 509** - ENVIRONMENT – NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCES – POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (Senator Stone) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring a political subdivision to adopt a noise control ordinance that is at least as stringent as specified standards, limits, and rules adopted by the Department of the Environment. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFF. 10/1/09

## **GOVERNMENT LIABILITY & COURTS**

**HB 543/ SB 406** - PREVAILING WAGE RATES – PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS – SUITS BY EMPLOYEES (Delegate Braveboy, et al) (Economic Matters) (Senator Conway, et al) (Finance) - Expanding rights and remedies for private enforcement suits under the State prevailing wage law; authorizing employees to bring suit against employers for compensation and additional remedies, as specified; requiring that actions be brought within a specified time period; authorizing a court to award employees wages, other compensation, and fees, as specified; subjecting specified persons to specified civil penalties; making it a crime for an employer or specified other persons to engage in specified conduct; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**SB 457** - STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – MALICE OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE (Senator Jones (Chair, Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds), et al) (Judicial Proceedings) - Providing that claims filed against State personnel

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individually for any malicious or grossly negligent tortious act or omission of the State personnel are subject to the restrictions placed on filing a claim under the Maryland Tort Claims Act; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

### **HEALTH**

**HB 250** - PUBLIC HEALTH – AUTHORITY TO CERTIFY INCAPACITY OR DEATH – NURSE PRACTITIONERS (Delegate Kullen, et al) (Health and Government Operations) - Authorizing nurse practitioners to make a determination of incapacity or debilitation under specified circumstances; authorizing nurse practitioners to fill out and sign a certificate of death under specified circumstances; authorizing nurse practitioners to certify that specified patients are incapable of making an informed decision under specified circumstances; etc. EFF. 10/1/09

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**HB 486** - COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS – “SANCTUARY LAWS” FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS – PROHIBITION (Delegate Miller, et al) (Judiciary) - Requiring local governments to fully comply with and support federal immigration law; prohibiting local governments from restricting their employees from requesting, obtaining, sending, receiving, or maintaining specified immigration information; requiring local governments to enforce federal immigration law and protect civil rights; etc. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

### **PARKS & RECREATION**

**HB 270** - STATE BOAT ACT – EXCISE TAX – COMPUTATION OF TRADE-IN VALUE (Delegate Haddaway, et al) (Ways and Means) - Altering the definition of “fair market value” that applies to the imposition of the State excise tax on marine vessels; and establishing specified methods to determine the value of a trade-in vessel for purposes of determining the fair market value of a marine vessel. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**SB 384** - PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – IMPERVIOUS SURFACE PROJECTS – PROHIBITION (Senator Harris, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Prohibiting a local government body from using specified Program Open Space funds for the development of impervious surface. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

### **PLANNING & ZONING**

**HB 290/ SB 358** - AGRICULTURE – AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION EASEMENTS – RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION (Southern Maryland Delegation) (Environmental Matters and Economic Matters) (Senator Middleton, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Authorizing a landowner whose land is subject to an agricultural preservation easement to use the land for the generation of power or heat from solar or wind energy under specified circumstances; and making the Act an emergency measure. EMERGENCY BILL

**HB 333/SB 291** - MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – EASEMENT PROPERTIES – NATURAL GAS DRILLING (Delegate Beitzel) (Environmental Matters) (Senator Edwards) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Authorizing a landowner whose land is subject to an agricultural land preservation easement to drill for natural gas. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB 443/ SB 559** - REAL PROPERTY – RESTRICTIONS – CLOTHESLINES OR OTHER LAUNDRY DRYING DEVICES (Delegate Montgomery, et al) (Environmental Matters) (Senator King) (Judicial Proceedings) - Authorizing a homeowner or tenant to use a clothesline or other laundry drying device on specified property notwithstanding the terms of any contract or other document concerning use of clotheslines; authorizing the governing body of a condominium, homeowners association, or housing cooperative or a landlord to restrict use of clotheslines and other laundry drying devices following an open meeting of affected homeowners or tenants of which advance notice must be provided; specifying an exception; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**HB 491** - MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – EASEMENTS – INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS (Delegate Aumann, et al) (Environmental Matters) - Requiring the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on the percentage of easements inspected in each county over a specified time period; requiring the Foundation to adopt regulations and procedures that require each county to inspect easements in the county in accordance with specified requirements; etc. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**SB 362** - AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION EASEMENTS – RESIDENTIAL USES (Senator Haines) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Authorizing a landowner whose land is subject to an agricultural land preservation easement, subject to the approval of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, to convert the landowner's existing dwelling house into a tenant house and to build a dwelling house for the landowner's use; and providing that such a dwelling house is subject to specified restrictions. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**SB 399** - FOREST CONSERVATION FUND AUTHORIZED USES – STREET SIDE SHRUB PLANTING (Senator Rosapepe) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Authorizing specified State and local authorities to use the Forest Conservation Fund to fund the planting of shrubs and similar plants along streets and in medians if the Department of Natural Resources determines that the planting of trees is not practicable in these areas. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**SB 432** - ENVIRONMENT – SEWAGE SLUDGE UTILIZATION – ZONING AND LANE USE REQUIREMENTS (Senator Jacobs, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a sewage sludge utilization permit for a site unless the site meets all land use requirements or ordinances of the county where the site is located. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

### **POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**HB 254** - NATURAL RESOURCES – CITATIONS – SEIZURE OF EQUIPMENT (Delegate Sossi, et al) (Environmental Matters) - Authorizing a Natural Resources police officer or any law enforcement officer to seize specified equipment on the issuance of a specified citation under specified circumstances. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

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**HB 418 - CRIMES – PROHIBITION OF SALE OF KITS, PIPES, CIGARETTE ROLLING PAPERS, AND CIGAR LEAF WRAPPERS – COUNTY ORDINANCES (Delegate Benson) (Judiciary)** - Authorizing the legislative body of a county to adopt an ordinance that prohibits a person from selling, subject to an exception, cocaine freebase kits, glass or ceramic tubes of a specified size that are sold with or without a screen-like device, cigarette rolling papers, and cigar leaf wrappers; providing that a commercial wholesale or retail establishment may sell cigarette rolling papers and cigar leaf wrappers under specified circumstances; and authorizing a county to impose criminal and civil penalties. EFF. 10/1/09

**SB 356 - FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES AND CHILD CARE CENTERS – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANS (Senator Frosh, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs)** - Requiring family day care providers and child care centers to have emergency preparedness plans for emergency situations that require evacuation or protection of children; requiring these plans to include relocation sites, evacuation routes, procedures for notifying parents, procedures to address the needs of children with special needs, and procedures for communicating with local emergency management boards; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

**SB 425 - CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – OFFENDER REGISTRY – RETROACTIVITY (Senator Jacobs, et al) (Judicial Proceedings)** - Providing

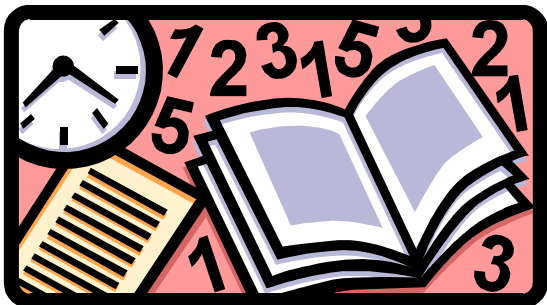
that provisions requiring the registration on an offender registry of specified persons convicted of committing specified offenses are to be applied retroactively to include a person convicted on or after October 1, 1995, of an offense committed before 10/1/1995; etc. EFF. 10/1/09

**SB 441 - CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – OFFENDER REGISTRY – RETROACTIVITY (Senator Stone) (Judicial Proceedings)** - Providing that provisions requiring the registration on an offender registry of specified persons convicted of committing specified offenses are to be applied retroactively to include a person convicted on or after October 1, 1995, of an offense committed before October 1, 1995; etc. EFF. 10/1/09

**SB 447 - PUBLIC SAFETY – SWAT TEAM ACTIVATION AND DEPLOYMENT – REPORTS (Senator Muse, et al) (Judicial Proceedings)** - Requiring the Police Training Commission, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, to develop a standardized format that specified law enforcement agencies shall use in reporting specified data relating to the activation and deployment of specified SWAT teams to the Office of the Attorney General and specified local officials; requiring, on a monthly basis beginning January 1, 2010, a law enforcement agency that maintains a SWAT team to make specified reports to the Office of the Attorney General; etc. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFF. 10/1/09

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