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Speaker Busch Briefs Legislative Committee

House Speaker Mike Busch visited with the MACo Legislative Committee on February 11. MACo First Vice President David Craig introduced the Speaker, referencing his longstanding support of MACo issues.

“You have the same challenges we have,” observed Speaker Busch, advising that the county delegations object strenuously to proposed funding reductions for non-public placements and the supplemental education grant. He said he was urging delegations to “step back” until the parameters of the federal stimulus package are solidified, suggesting that competing information could promote discord among the delegations that would make consensus building “complex.” The Speaker predicted a clear picture on the stimulus, providing “...significant time to blend with the State budget.” “We can’t be in the business [in this fiscal environment] of starting new programs,” he warned.

The Speaker expressed hope that Governor O’Malley’s federal advocacy would result in a stimulus package providing “...enough flexibility to handle programs in existence.” He noted a sentiment that the \$46 million fund balance cushion in the proposed State budget was too low, suggesting in this uncertain fiscal climate, “\$250 million and, hopefully, \$400 million” was more appropriate. He indicated that likely Medicaid funding in the stimulus package may provide an opportunity to shift funds, perhaps providing relief for proposed cuts.

“I think it’s a good idea,” responded the Speaker to Howard County Executive Ken Ulman’s request to convene a group of “players” to resolve “mixed signals” regarding the need for the proposed 10-year county payback of the State’s planned depletion of the \$366 million income tax refund reserve fund. “I think we can come up with something we can agree to,” predicted the Speaker.

“It’s not the right year to initiate...” and “there is not the political will to do it,” said the Speaker in regard to proposals to shift all or some teacher pension payment responsibilities to the counties. But, he suggested that “...there will be [the] debate.... down the road when the economy picks up, but not this year,” particularly since the “\$700 million State obligation continues to escalate.” Frederick County Commission President Jan Gardner raised frustration with this year’s \$130 million funding increase fueling the debate,

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Legislative Committee February 18 - 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 Minority Leaders:
..... Delegate Anthony O’Donnell and
..... Senator Allan Kittleman
- III. Bill Considerations Staff
- IV. Issues Update Staff

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explaining \$80 million of that increase is attributable to a prior actuarial mistake.

"I'm a believer that in tough economic times a strong capital program..." is important, said Speaker Busch, highlighting the provision of jobs and securing more competitive pricing from bidders. But, in response to Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith's inquiry about the prospects for increasing the proposed \$260 million appropriation for school construction and renovation, the Speaker cited challenges from the State's need to extract \$200 million from the capital budget to address operating budget challenges. But, he raised hope that stimulus funding would provide funding opportunities.

The Speaker suggested that the proposed mandated county funding of assessment offices reflected the "limited options" available to the Governor when crafting the State budget in an uncertain environment. In response to MACo President Wilson Parran's argument that only temporary cuts should be considered in the context of the federal stimulus, the Speaker, referencing non-public placements and assessment office funding as the most controversial permanent cut proposals, committed that "...before we do that there will be a lot of scrutiny." He noted a "...basic belief we have a pretty good formula system which works good in the best economic times." "If we did not have a stimulus package there would be some unattractive options," he observed in the context of both county and State budget challenges.

Contact: David S. Bliden

Speed Camera Bill Supported

Administration, MACo, and MML representatives testified in support of House Bill 313, which would authorize speed cameras on certain residential roads and in school zones and highway work zones, before the House Environmental Matters Committee on February 10. The Administration-sponsored bill is a MACo Initiative (see www.mdcounties.org for list).

Statewide speed camera legislation was introduced in the 2008 Session (HB 364/SB 269). The bills passed their respective Houses but with differing amendments that required them to go to a conference committee. SB 269 came out of that committee with the key differences resolved in favor of local governments, but the Senate did not consider the report until minutes before *Sine*

Die. The Senate tabled its discussion and both bills died as the 2008 Session ended.

HB 313 is based on last year's legislation as it came out of conference committee. Modeled after the existing speed camera program in Montgomery County (Chapter 15, Laws of 2006) and the statewide red light camera program (Chapter 315, Laws of 1997), the bill authorizes local governments to use speed cameras on residential roads with a speed limit of 45 MPH or less and in school zones. It also allows the use of speed cameras by local governments and the State in certain highway work zones.

Driver protections include an initial 30-day warning period before a local government can issue any citations, public notice of the location of fixed speed cameras, a 12 MPH speed tolerance (drivers must be going more than 12 MPH over the posted speed limit before the camera will activate), an enhanced speed tolerance near areas subject to speed limit changes, and the ability to contest a citation in District Court.

Fines are limited to \$40 and a speed camera citation does not become part of a driver's record and cannot be used to assess points or affect a driver's insurance. Money earned from residential and school zone speed camera citations would not go into a local government's general fund. Beyond speed camera program expenses, any excess revenue must go towards related public safety concerns, including pedestrian safety programs. Any remaining balance not spent within two years after its collection goes into the State General Fund.

Secretary of Transportation John Porcari and State Highway Administrator Neil Pedersen discussed the need for speed cameras in work zones. "I want to emphasize this is first and foremost a safety measure," Secretary Porcari stated. Mr. Pedersen noted that traffic crash rates are three times higher in work zones than in other areas and that it was difficult to use traditional enforcement efforts in many work zones.

Stephen Oesch, an independent expert from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, cited two international reviews of speed cameras that show a reduction in both injury crashes and fatality crashes. He also stated that prior to implementing speed cameras in Montgomery County, more than 70% of vehicles were found exceeding 10 MPH above the posted speed limit.

Montgomery Police Lieutenant Ronald Smith discussed that county's program. "We view [the program] as a way to change driver behavior...not as a

means to generate revenue,” he stated. He also noted that preliminary studies show the program has reduced speeds and crashes in the county. City of Rockville Police Chief Terry Treschuk stated that Rockville has also seen a reduction in speed, accidents, and number of citations issued as its speed camera program has matured.

Baltimore City Police Lieutenant Leslie Bank noted that approximately 45 percent of all Maryland vehicle crashes occur in Baltimore City, including 20 percent of all fatal crashes. She explained that between other pressing public safety concerns and the traffic challenges of providing motorcade escorts to visiting dignitaries and managing stadium traffic, the police could not give the attention to speeding that it should. Howard County Police Captain Glenn Hansen concurred with the need for speed cameras, stating that despite significant investment of money and time in traditional speed enforcement efforts, public perception in Howard County was that speeding carried little consequence.

The Maryland Transportation Builders Association also testified in support of the bill. AAA Mid-Atlantic supported the bill with amendments. Lobbyist Bruce Bereano, representing himself, testified in opposition to the bill.

The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee is set to hear the Senate cross-file (SB 277) on February 24.

Contact: Leslie Knapp Jr.

Developer Agreement Bill Opposed Before Committee

MACo Associate Director Leslie Knapp Jr. testified against House Bill 194 before the House Environmental Matters Committee on February 11. The bill expands the default time period that a Developer Rights and Responsibilities Agreement (DRRA) would remain in effect from 5 years to 10 years and prohibits a local jurisdiction from changing laws or regulations that govern the use, density, or intensity of property subject to a DRRA unless the jurisdiction determines there is an imminent threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the jurisdiction’s residents.

Existing DRRA law reflects a compromise that was reached between local governments and developers in 1994-95 in an effort to address the issue of vested rights.

Under the compromise, developers who were willing to negotiate with local governments and enter into a DRRA would be granted a guarantee for certain zoning components, such as density or use. But the compromise preserved a local government’s ability to override the agreement if it was “essential” for the public health, welfare, or safety. The compromise also set a default term of 5 years for DRRAs, although a longer term could be specified if both parties agreed.

Mr. Knapp argued that the bill upsets the balance of the compromise by extending the default time period and creating a higher threshold that local governments must meet before they can change land use laws or regulations relating to property subject to a DRRA. He stated that Maryland remains a high growth state and local governments need flexibility to respond to changing land use concerns. He noted that implementation of recently enacted legislation, such as the water resource and municipal growth planning elements required by HB 1141 of 2006 or the low impact design requirements of the Stormwater Management Act of 2007 could be delayed.

The Maryland Builders Association testified in support of the bill.

Contact: Leslie Knapp Jr.

MACo Supports Tax Sale Correction

At the House Ways and Means Committee hearing February 12, MACo Executive Director Michael Sanderson supported HB 169. The Baltimore City Administration bill follows up with technical clarifications to legislation passed in the 2008 session.

Mr. Sanderson testified that the bill was a “needed follow up” to the 2008 bill, and provides “additional protections for homeowners” redeeming property from the tax sale process. The bill clarifies that only actual costs of recording documents may be billed to those property owners, rather than enumerating potentially ambiguous “attorney’s fees” for that service.

Contact: Michael Sanderson

SDAT Notification Bill Opposed

MACo Executive Director Michael Sanderson testified in opposition to SB 207 before the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee on February 11. That bill would require the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to notify homeowners if median property sale prices in their county, assessment district, or ward had declined in the previous year.

Mr. Sanderson raised the potential for “taxpayer confusion” arising from such notifications that would not be specific to the taxpayer’s own property, and argued it could result in a “flood of unwarranted appeals.” He also expressed concern that with the shift to county governments of most costs of the assessment functions proposed (by the Administration budget reconciliation bill, SB 166), the bill potentially becomes an unfunded mandate on local governments. “If that proposal passes, we’ll have no choice but to come to [the legislature] on bills like this to try and manage these functions,” he concluded.

Contact: *Michael Sanderson*

Job Openings

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE MANAGER - ERP – DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – \$63,411 - \$115,901 - Seeking a highly skilled and experienced Accounts Receivable Manager. Initially, the Manager will be deployed to the County’s Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project. The ERP system will allow for transformation of business processes and will replace the current suite of legacy, mainframe applications including FAMIS (financials), ADPICS (procurement), HRMS (payroll/personnel), BPREP (budget) and other large-scale mission critical systems. The ERP implementation will be undertaken over the course of several phases spanning several years. The project will primarily consist of system design/business process reengineering, configuration, testing, training, deployment, and post-implementation support. The position will work closely with Project managers and teams, consultants, and Department leadership to accomplish the County’s goals and objectives. Following the ERP implementation, the position will be responsible for effectively managing and overseeing the accounts receivable functions for the

County. Min. Qual.: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting, Business Administration, Public Administration, Finance, or a related field. Five (5) years experience managing accounts receivable. Equivalency applies. Applicants who are Certified Public Accountants (CPA’s) preferred (confirmation of such active certification should be included with the resume submission). All resumes/application materials must address the preferred criteria for the position. Recruitment for this position is **open until filled**. To apply on-line, please visit our website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov Click on “Careers” then apply to Requisition 3447 EOE M/F/H. (2/09)

BUREAU CHIEF, SOLID WASTE - CARROLL COUNTY - The Bureau Chief will develop and administer the solid waste management programs, including solid waste collection, sewage sludge, lechate, recycling, landfills, compost, mulch, and monitoring closed landfills. Supervise staff, monitor and analyze data, determine trends, and develop programs in compliance with Federal, State and local laws. Requires a bachelor’s degree in Civil or Environmental Engineering, Solid Waste Management, Environmental Sciences, Business Administration or related field plus six years of solid waste management experience, including three years of supervisory experience. Hiring salary \$55,322 - \$65, 280. This is a salary exempt position with full benefit package. Submit employment application by **March 6, 2009** at ccgovernent.carr.org or call (410) – 386-2020 to request an application. Contact Pamela Lindsay, Deputy Director, Dept. of Human Resources at (410) - 386 – 2127 or plindsay@ccg.carr.org for other information.

HEALTH OFFICER (MANAGEMENT SERVICE) - HARBORD COUNTY - 120 Hays Street, Bel Air, MD 21014 - Nature of work: 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 Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene. 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 County Government, 112 South Hays Street, Bel Air, MD 21014 410-638-3201 Fax: 410-879-3564 EOE

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TAXES AND REVENUES

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) – SUPPORT

SB 249 - DATA WAREHOUSE – AGENCY DATA SHARING (Senator Jones (Chair, Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds), et al) (Budget and Taxation) – SUPPORT

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) – HOLD

HB 428 - PROPERTY TAX – SEMIANNUAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE – SMALL BUSINESS PROPERTY (Delegate Elliott, et al) (Ways and Means) – OPPOSE

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HB 662/ SB 377 - BUSINESS REGULATION – HOME BUILDER GUARANTY FUND – FEE (Senator Middleton) (Finance) – SUPPORT

ELECTIONS

SB 415 - ELECTION LAW – VOTING SYSTEMS – REQUIREMENTS (Senators Dyson and Conway) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) – OPPOSE

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

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) – OPPOSE

ENVIRONMENT

HB 248/ SB 530 - TASK FORCE TO STUDY REQUIRED DEPOSITS ON RETURNABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS (Delegate Niemann, et al) (Environmental Matters) (Senator Harrington) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) – NO POSITION

HB 259 - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MONITORING AND TESTING – REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS (Delegate King, et al) (Environmental Matters) - SUPPORT

HB 420 - ENVIRONMENT – LIMITATION OF ACTIONS – POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (Delegate Love, et al) (Environmental Matters) – SUPPORT

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SB 473 - ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING – PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANS
(Senator Lenett, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) –
NO POSITION

**SB 509 - ENVIRONMENT – NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCES –
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS** (Senator Stone) (Education, Health, and
Environmental Affairs) – OPPOSE

PARKS & RECREATION

**SB 384 - PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – IMPERVIOUS SURFACE PROJECTS
– PROHIBITION** (Senator Harris, et al) (Education, Health, and
Environmental Affairs) – OPPOSE

PLANNING & ZONING

**HB 197 - REAL PROPERTY – INSTALLATION AND USE OF
CLOTHESLINES ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY** (Delegate G. Clagett, et
al) (Environmental Matters) – NO POSITION

**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)
– 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) – OPPOSE

**HB 297/ SB 280 - SMART, GREEN, AND GROWING – SMART AND
SUSTAINABLE GROWTH ACT OF 2009** (The Speaker (By Request –
Administration), et al) (Environmental Matters) (The President (By
Request – Administration), et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs) – SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

**HB 491 - MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION
FOUNDATION – EASEMENTS – INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS**
(Delegate Aumann, et al) (Environmental Matters) – OPPOSE

POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

**SB 447 - PUBLIC SAFETY – SWAT TEAM ACTIVATION AND
DEPLOYMENT – REPORTS** (Senator Muse, et al) (Judicial Proceedings) –
NO POSITION

Impact Bills *February 13, 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 for daily updates about legislation impacting county government.

TAXES AND REVENUES

HB 158/ SB 527 - FAIRNESS IN TAXATION FOR RETIREES ACT (Delegate Krebs, et al) (Ways and Means) (Senator Kramer, et al) (Budget and Taxation) - Including income from specified retirement plans within a subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for retired individuals who are at least 65 years old or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

**HB 669 - MARYLAND ECONOMIC STIMULUS ACT – EXPENSING OF
BUSINESS PROPERTY AND BONUS DEPRECIATION** (Delegate Bates,
et al) (Ways and Means) - Limiting to property placed in service before January 1, 2009, the applicability of Maryland income tax modifications for specified deductions for the cost of specified property treated as an expense for federal income tax purposes; limiting to property placed in service before January 1, 2009, the applicability of Maryland income tax modifications for a specified additional depreciation allowance under the federal income tax for specified property; and applying the Act to tax years ending after December 31, 2008. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB 538 - PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT – HOME IMPROVEMENTS
(Senator Zirkin) (Budget and Taxation) - Limiting to real property other than a dwelling a requirement that real property be revalued if substantially completed improvements are made which add at least \$50,000 in value to the property; altering the definition of "taxable assessment" under the Homestead Property Tax Credit; altering the calculation of the Homestead Property Tax Credit under specified circumstances; etc. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB 552 - TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM (Senator DeGrange, et al) (Budget and Taxation) - Requiring the Comptroller to declare an amnesty period for delinquent taxpayers from September 1, 2009, through October 31, 2009, for penalties and one-half of any interest attributable to nonpayment, nonreporting, or underreporting of specified taxes under specified circumstances; authorizing the Comptroller to enter into agreements to provide a waiver under specified circumstances with respect to taxes that a taxpayer agrees to pay in accordance with the terms and schedule established in the agreement; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

**SB 644 - PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – MARINE TRADE WATERFRONT
PROPERTY** (Senator Astle) (Budget and Taxation) - Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county

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or municipal corporation property tax imposed on waterfront property used primarily for an activity or business that requires direct access to, or location in, marine waters and for a specified period has produced an average annual gross income of at least \$1,000; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB 653 - ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – SHOOTING RANGES – MILITARY, POLICE, AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS (Senators Harris and Peters) (Budget and Taxation) - Providing a credit against the admissions and amusement tax imposed by a county or municipal corporation for any tax imposed on gross receipts derived from a charge for admission to or use of a shooting range by specified individuals; requiring a person who has gross receipts derived from a charge on which a tax credit is based to pass the credit on to the customer from whom the charge is collected; etc. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB 727 - RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAX – CONTROLLING INTEREST TRANSFERS (Senator Madaleno, et al) (Budget and Taxation) - Altering the definition of real property entity under the controlling interest transfer tax to remove a requirement that the entity own real property of at least \$1,000,000 value; requiring the articles of organization of a limited liability company to include the name and address of specified organizers, members, managers, and authorized persons; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB 782 - HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR HOUSING UNITS IN INDEPENDENT LIVING RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES (Senator Haines) (Budget and Taxation) - Making specified housing units at independent living retirement communities eligible for a homestead property tax credit under specified circumstances; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB 844 - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – NEW ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES – RATE REGULATION AND CONTRACTS (Senator Middleton) (Finance) - Requiring the Public Service Commission to evaluate plans regarding generating needs; requiring the Commission to approve a specified application only after a consideration of specified need; stating a goal to return to a regulated electric market; requiring that new electric generation facilities be owned by electric companies or a consortium; allowing new generation facilities to be owned by other specified entities; requiring electricity to be offered for sale first to electric companies or a consortium; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 525/ SB 648 - STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS – EDUCATORS AND EDUCATIONAL STAFF (Delegate Schuh) (Appropriations) (Senators Pipkin and Brinkley) (Budget and Taxation) - Increasing the membership of the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to include an individual representing the local school boards or the community colleges; providing for the calculation of a payment by each county of a portion of the employer contributions attributable to their educators and educational staff who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB 614/ SB 788 - ENTERPRISE ZONES – COUNTY TAX CREDITS (Delegate Carr, et al) (Ways and Means) (Senator Madaleno) (Budget and Taxation) - Authorizing a county to allow, by law, a business entity that is not eligible for a specified tax credit to claim a credit against a county tax for improvements to properties located in an enterprise zone; requiring the governing body of a county to specify the county tax the credit applies to and the process of application for the credit and to provide for the amount of the credit; authorizing the county to cap the amount of credits issued for any year; make the credit refundable, and provide for the recapture of the credit; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB 621 - PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE RATE LAW – REPEAL (Delegate Bates, et al) (Economic Matters) - Repealing provisions of law regarding prevailing wage rates for public work contracts; repealing provisions limiting the application of prevailing wage rates to a public work contract above \$500,000 or a part of a public work contract that is required to comply with federal prevailing wage rates; repealing the requirement that the Commissioner of Labor and Industry adopt straight time and overtime prevailing wage rates; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 640 - REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY IN FORECLOSURE – NOTICE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al) (Environmental Matters) - Requiring a specified person authorized to make a sale of residential real property to notify the county or municipal corporation where the property is located within a specified period of time after filing an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on the property subject to the mortgage or deed of trust; and specifying information that must be provided to the county or municipal government in the notification. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB 684/ SB 747 - MARYLAND TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT (Delegate Schuh, et al) (Ways and Means) (Senator Harris, et al) (Budget and Taxation) - Proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution to require the approval of three-fifths of the members elected to each House of the General Assembly to pass legislation to increase the rate of an existing tax or to impose a tax on an individual or entity not subject to the tax at the time of consideration of the legislation; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection. CONTINGENT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HB 699 - WIND ENERGY – TAX INCENTIVES (Delegate Hecht, et al) (Ways and Means) - Exempting from the sales and use tax the sale of specified wind energy equipment; exempting from the State and local property tax specified wind energy property; requiring that specified wind energy property be assessed at no more than a specified value; defining terms; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB 790 - COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AUTHORITY – BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (Delegate Ivey, et al) (Environmental Matters) - Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation or a specified percentage of voters to establish a business improvement district; requiring a county or municipal corporation to establish a business improvement district steering committee and district plan; authorizing a county or municipal corporation or business improvement district management association to issue bonds

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for the purposes of the district; etc. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 806 - PROPERTY TAX – HOMESTEAD CREDIT FOR SENIORS WITH TWO HOMES (Delegate Heller) (Ways and Means) - Extending the homestead property tax credit to a second home for specified homeowners at least age 65 under specified circumstances; establishing the homestead credit percentage to be 110% for the second home; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

HB 848/ SB 679 - MARYLAND HEALTH AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT (Delegate Rosenberg, et al) (Appropriations) (Senator Gladden) (Budget and Taxation) - Prohibiting the Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority from providing specified assistance to a participating institution for a project on undeveloped property unless the participating institution demonstrates that it is negotiating in good faith a payment in lieu of tax agreement with the local jurisdiction where the project is located; authorizing specified payment in lieu of tax agreements; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 916/ SB 658 - POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS – GOVERNMENT IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON INCOME PRODUCING REAL PROPERTY – FISCAL IMPACT STUDY (Delegate Holmes) (Environmental Matters) (Senator Peters, et al) (Budget and Taxation) - Requiring a local government to request a specified study from the Governor before enacting an ordinance or adopting a regulation that imposes rent restrictions or affordability requirements on specified residential property; requiring the Governor to direct a State entity to perform the study; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 945 - EDUCATION FUNDING – TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAMS (Delegate McDonough) (Appropriations) - Transferring specified funds in the State budget from specified land preservation programs to the General State School Fund under specified circumstances; and requiring that funds transferred under the Act shall be used only for specified purposes. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB 610 - STATE TREASURY – PERMISSIBLE INVESTMENTS OF STATE MONEY (Senator Jones (Chair, Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds), et al) (Budget and Taxation) - Altering specified permissible investments of State money by the Treasurer of the State; establishing specific purposes for cash portfolio management by the Treasurer; and authorizing the Treasurer to sell, redeem, lend, exchange, and enter into repurchase and reverse-repurchase agreements for specified investments. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB 617 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT – DEPOSITS OF UNEXPENDED OR SURPLUS MONEY (Senator DeGrange, et al) (Budget and Taxation) - Altering the conditions under which a local government may deposit unexpended or surplus money with a federally insured bank or savings and loan association; altering the authorized deposit amounts to conform with federal deposit insurance limits; and making the Act an emergency

measure. EMERGENCY BILL

SB 710 - STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – LOCAL EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS – EDUCATORS AND EDUCATIONAL STAFF (Senator Miller) (Budget and Taxation) - Providing for the calculation of a payment of a portion of the employer contributions for local school board employees and community college employees who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System; requiring counties to pay a portion of the employer contributions for local school board employees and community college employees who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB 848 - AUTHORIZED RESOLUTIONS – SPENDING MANDATES – THREE-FIFTHS VOTE AND LIMITED DURATION REQUIREMENT (Senators Harris and Kittleman) (Budget and Taxation) - Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution requiring that any bill requiring the Governor to make an appropriation in the State budget may not become law without at least a three-fifths supermajority in each House and may remain effective for only 4 years; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection. CONTINGENT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SB 890 - MARYLAND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTATION FUND (Senator Jones) (Finance) - Establishing the Maryland Community Enhancement Transit-Oriented Development Fund for specified purposes; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund administered by the Secretary of Housing and Community Development; providing for the contents and uses of the Fund; authorizing financial assistance to be provided to qualified recipients in specified areas from the Fund in specified manners; requiring the Secretary to provide financial assistance from the Fund in consultation with specified persons; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

EDUCATION

HB 505 - EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT (Delegate Walker, et al) (Ways and Means) - Prohibiting the State Board of Education from including the passing of statewide, mandatory, curriculum-based examinations or assessments in public high school graduation requirements; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB 588 - EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STANDARDIZED COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM (Delegate Kaiser, et al) (Ways and Means) - Authorizing the State Department of Education to develop a standardized course numbering system to facilitate the collection of data on student participation in courses offered in the public schools; authorizing each county school system to adopt the standardized course numbering system on a voluntary basis; and requiring a specified county school system to provide a translation of course numbers under specified circumstances. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB 602 - SMART START SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (Delegate Bates, et al) (Ways and Means) - Establishing the Smart Start Scholarship Program in the State Department of Education; authorizing specified schools to apply to the Department to participate in the Program; authorizing eligible

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students to apply for scholarships; requiring the Department to award scholarships under specified circumstances; and requiring the Department to determine the amount of scholarships based on specified income eligibility. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB 632 - EDUCATION – NEW TEACHERS – CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT TRAINING (Delegate Levi, et al) (Ways and Means) - Requiring that new teachers receive classroom management training before teaching in the public schools; and requiring the State Board of Education to adopt specified regulations. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 694 - EDUCATION – SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES – CHILDREN IN A HOME SCHOOL SETTING (Delegate Lafferty) (Ways and Means) - Requiring that a child with a disability in a home school setting be given the same consideration as a child with a disability in a private school setting for the purpose of passing through federal funds for the provision of specified federally authorized special education services; and defining “child in a home school setting”. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB 710/ SB 802 - HIGHER EDUCATION – EDWARD T. CONROY TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (Delegate Aumann, et al) (Appropriations and Ways and Means) (Senator Klausmeier, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Repealing the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and establishing the Edward T. Conroy Tuition Waiver Program that provides a specified waiver of tuition and mandatory fees at public institutions of higher education in the State for specified members of the armed forces, prisoners of war, public safety employees, veterans, and specified spouses and children; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB 793 - TASK FORCE ON CLASSROOM INDOOR AIR QUALITY STANDARDS (Delegate Rice, et al) (Ways and Means) - Establishing a Task Force on Classroom Indoor Air Quality Standards; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; providing for the designation of the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding specified issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by May 1, 2011; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

HB 923 - HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – BRAC – EXEMPTION FROM OUT-OF-STATE AND OUT-OF-COUNTY FEES (Delegate Rudolph) (Ways and Means) - Exempting specified employees and their family members as part of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process from paying an out-of-state or out-of-county fee at community colleges in the State; authorizing each board of community college trustees to waive the out-of-state fee and out-of-county or out-of-region fee for specified students; requiring that specified students be included as in-State residents for a specified computation of State aid; etc. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB 936 - EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT SPEECH ON RELIGIOUS ISSUES (Delegate Serafini, et al) (Ways and Means) -

Requiring each county board to treat a student’s voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint in the same manner the board treats expression of a secular viewpoint; prohibiting a county board from discriminating against a student based on a religious viewpoint; requiring each county board to adopt a policy establishing a limited public forum for student speakers; providing specified requirements for the limited public forum policy required by the Act; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB 569 - EDUCATION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – TOPICS OF NEGOTIATION (Senator Pugh, et al) (Finance) - Including the discipline and discharge of an employee for just cause and employee transfers and assignments among the matters about which a public school employer must meet and negotiate with a specified employee organization on request; and repealing the public school employer’s authority to negotiate due process for discipline and discharge with a specified employee organization under specified circumstances. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB 689 - EDUCATION – STUDY GROUP ON EXPANDING ENROLLMENT OPTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (Senator Rosapepe) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Establishing a Study Group on Expanding Enrollment Options for High School Students; establishing the membership and staffing of the Study Group; specifying the duties of the Study Group; requiring the Study Group to make specified reports; and terminating the Study Group at the end of June 30, 2010. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB 728 - HIGHER EDUCATION – SYSTEM AND FUNDING (Senator Madaleno) (Budget and Taxation) - Adding a new section to the Maryland Constitution to require the funding necessary to support and maintain the public institutions of higher education; and submitting this 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

SB 857 - EDUCATION – PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS – REVISIONS AND REQUIREMENTS (Senators Pugh and McFadden) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a data collection system for students who graduate from high school in 3 years, 4 years, or 5 years; requiring the State Board of Education to report the reasons students opt to take the GED; requiring county boards of education to partner with community colleges in order to offer a 50% discount on tuition to students who take college courses while still in high school; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB 879 - GWENDOLYN BRITT STUDENT HEALTH AND FITNESS ACT (Senator Harrington) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring each local school system to develop and implement an annual physical fitness measurement program; establishing specified program elements for the fitness measurement programs; requiring the State Department of Education to take specified steps to support the establishment of the fitness measurement programs; requiring the Department to establish an Advisory Council on Health and Physical Education; providing for the membership of the Advisory Council; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

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SB 903 - EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT – GRADUATION REQUIREMENT – PROHIBITION (Senators Muse and Exum) (Senate Rules) - Prohibiting the State Board of Education from including the passing of statewide, mandatory, curriculum-based examinations or assessments in its requirements to graduate from a public high school in the State for students graduating in the 2008–2009 school year; making the Act an emergency measure; and providing for the termination of the Act. **EMERGENCY BILL**

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

HB 502/ SB 696 - STATE PROCUREMENT – EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS AND THE FEDERAL E-VERIFY PROGRAM (Delegate Miller, et al) (Health and Government Operations) (Senator Kittleman) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring employers under State procurement contracts or other grants to verify employees' employment eligibility using the federal E-Verify program; prohibiting employers under State procurement contracts or grants from intentionally or knowingly hiring unauthorized aliens under procurement contracts or grants; defining terms; authorizing the filing of a complaint with law enforcement officials; requiring investigations and suspensions of licenses; providing that a person who knowingly files a false complaint is guilty of a misdemeanor; etc. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009**

HB 532 - STATE PROCUREMENT DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT (Delegate Morhaim) (Health and Government Operations) - Requiring specified State procurement contracts to include specified clauses regarding diesel emissions control equipment; requiring the State to reimburse a specified contractor a specified percentage of the cost of installing certain diesel emissions control equipment on specified construction equipment and vehicles; requiring that the reimbursement be paid from specified federal and State funds; etc. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009**

HB 533 - COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENTS – REQUIREMENTS AND EXPANSION OF USE (Delegates Morhaim and Weldon) (Health and Government Operations) - Requiring that specified procurement contracts entered into by State and local entities include specified provisions that facilitate other entities to join the contracts; authorizing State and local entities to enter into specified agreements for the cooperative or joint administration of programs with other State or local entities; requiring that State and local entities make specified efforts to determine if another State or local entity is participating in a specified contract before initiating a procurement; etc. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate **EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009**

HB 559/ SB 656 - PROCUREMENT – SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION (Delegate Morhaim) (Health and Government Operations) (Senator Peters, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Establishing a participation goal for certified service disabled veteran business enterprises for procurement contracts; requiring an awarding unit to consider specified efforts by and award specified contracts to bidders or offerors that meet or make a good-faith effort to meet participation goals; requiring the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Business and Economic Development jointly to adopt specified regulations; etc. **EFFECTIVE**

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SB 597 - SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECT DEALERS AND PAWNBROKERS – ELECTRONIC REPORTING (Senator Conway, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring specified secondhand precious metal object dealers and pawnbrokers to submit specified records to specified law enforcement units electronically by the end of each business day; requiring the Department of State Police and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation jointly to report to specified committees of the General Assembly; etc. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009**

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HB 506 - HISTORIC COMMISSION – APPEALS (Delegate Donoghue) (Environmental Matters) - Authorizing a person aggrieved by a decision of a historic district commission or historic preservation commission to appeal the decision to the local governing body. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009**

HB 707 - MARYLAND ENERGY CONSERVATION BUILDING STANDARDS IMPROVEMENT ACT (Delegate Barve, et al) (Environmental Matters) - Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt the International Energy Conservation Code as part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards; altering the time by which the Department is required to adopt each subsequent version of the Standards from 12 to 9 months after issuance; authorizing the Department to adopt specified modifications of the building code as part of the Standards; etc. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009**

SB 625 - MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – ENERGY CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENCY (Senator Frosh, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt the International Energy Conservation Code as part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards; altering the time at which the Department is required to adopt each subsequent version of the Standards to 9 months after issuance; authorizing the Department to adopt specified modifications of the building code as part of the Standards; etc. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009**

SB 724 - TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS – REIMBURSEMENT TO OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY FOR LOSS OF RENTAL INCOME (Senator Madaleno) (Budget and Taxation) - Requiring a displacing agency to make a monthly payment to an owner of rental real property that is adjacent to a transportation construction site for loss of rental income under specified circumstances; requiring a person, for each month the person seeks payment under this section of the Act, to petition the displacing agency for payment and to prove loss of income; and limiting the amount of the monthly payment that may be made to a person under the Act. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009**

CORRECTIONS

HB 539/ SB 850 - PUBLIC SAFETY – ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES – REQUIREMENTS (Delegate Branch, et al) (Judiciary) (Senator Muse) (Judicial Proceedings) - Prohibiting a person from possessing or using an electronic control device unless the person meets specified

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requirements; providing that an electronic control device may not be sold, possessed, or used in the State unless the electronic control device meets specified requirements; requiring an electronic control device manufacturer to provide an investigating law enforcement agency with prompt access to the manufacturer's records on electronic control devices and cartridges sold in the State; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

ELECTIONS

HB 523 - ELECTIONS – PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT LIST (Delegate Ross) (Ways and Means) - Requiring the State Board of Elections to establish guidelines for a permanent absentee ballot list; authorizing an individual to apply for permanent absentee ballot status; specifying that a voter is eligible for permanent absentee ballot status if the voter is a member of the armed forces or the foreign service of the United States, living outside the United States, a student in an institution of higher education, elderly, or disabled; requiring that an absentee ballot be sent to a specified voter; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 665/ SB 595 - ELECTION LAW – AUDIT OF ELECTION RESULTS – TRANSPARENCY IN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION (Delegate Hixson, et al) (Ways and Means) (Senator Kasemeyer) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring that a board of canvassers verify the vote count in specified statewide contests and contests for Representative in Congress by means of an audit before certifying the results of an election; requiring that an audit include a comparison of a manual count of votes with the machine count; requiring that the manual count be considered the official and accurate record of the votes cast in a contest; requiring that precincts be selected to be manually counted by means of random draws; etc. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB 863/ SB 814 - ELECTION LAW – VOTING MACHINES – VOTING SYSTEM WARRANTY REQUIREMENT (Delegate Barve, et al) (Ways and Means) (Senator Raskin, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring a voting system selected by the State Board of Elections to be warranted by the vendor for 2 years; requiring the warranty to require the vendor to replace or upgrade hardware under specified conditions; requiring a warranty to require the vendor to disclose and remedy specified matters relating to a voting system and to recall a voting system under specified circumstances; etc. EMERGENCY BILL

HB 738 - ELECTIONS – VOTING SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES (Delegate Cardin) (Ways and Means) - Specifying that a voting system selected and certified by the State Board of Elections shall meet federal performance and test standards; specifying an alternative entity as the certification agent for testing laboratories for voting systems in the State; altering provisions relating to accessibility standards for voting systems; authorizing the State Board to certify a specified type of voting system for disabled voters; making the Act an emergency measure; etc. EMERGENCY BILL

HB 859 - ELECTION LAW – WATCHERS – APPLICATION OF STATE LAW TO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (Delegate Smigiel, et al) (Ways and Means) - Applying specified State laws concerning watchers to a municipal election; providing that a local law concerning watchers in a municipal

election applies only to the extent that it does not conflict with specified State laws concerning watchers; and defining a specified term. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 893 - ELECTION LAW – VOTING SYSTEMS – REQUIREMENTS (Delegate Hixson, et al) (Ways and Means) - Authorizing the State Board of Elections to certify a voting system that has been examined by an independent testing laboratory approved by the National Association of State Election Directors; requiring the State Board to select and certify the voting system that best satisfies specified requirements if at the time of procurement of a voting system there are no voting systems commercially available that entirely satisfy specified requirements; and making the Act an emergency measure. EMERGENCY BILL

SB 514 - ELECTIVE FRANCHISE – REGISTRATION AND VOTING ON ELECTION DAY (Senator Lenett, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - 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 557 - ELECTION LAW – IMPLEMENTATION OF EARLY VOTING AND POLLING PLACES (Senator Dyson, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Establishing a process to allow voters in the State to vote in elections at early voting polling places; authorizing a voter to vote by provisional ballot at any polling place in the State on election day; requiring each county to have a specified number of early voting polling places; requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local board of elections in a county, to designate the early voting polling places in that county; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB 663 - ELECTION LAW – PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING ACT FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Senator Pinsky) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Creating a public campaign financing system for General Assembly candidates; establishing an Election Financing Commission; creating the Public Election Fund; mandating that the Fund be comprised of specified proceeds; specifying procedures, requirements, and conditions participating candidates must meet to receive money from the Fund; specifying campaign expenditure limits for participating candidates; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB 693 - ELECTION LAW – MARYLAND STUDENT VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2009 (Senator Rosapepe, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring public institutions of higher education to develop a plan to promote student involvement in the electoral process; requiring the institutions to provide their students with the opportunity to register to vote or to update a voter registration record; making the implementation of specified requirements contingent on the appropriation of specified funds in the State budget; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB 733 - ELECTIONS – PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT LIST (Senator Raskin, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring

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the State Board of Elections to establish guidelines for a permanent absentee ballot list; authorizing an individual to apply for permanent absentee ballot status; specifying that a voter is eligible for permanent absentee ballot status under specified circumstances; requiring that an absentee ballot be sent to a voter on the permanent absentee ballot list for specified elections; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB 846 - ELECTION LAW – PUBLIC FINANCING ACT – REVISIONS (Senator Harris) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Increasing the dollar amount limit in the definition of eligible private contribution under the Public Financing Act; and increasing the amount of money a gubernatorial ticket may spend in an election if the ticket accepts a public contribution from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

SB 591 - STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT – CLARIFICATION AND SIMPLIFICATION (Senator McFadden (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)) (Budget and Taxation) - Altering the definition of “military service” as it relates to service credit for members of State or local retirement or pension systems to include active and inactive duty for training that interrupts a member’s employment with the State or a political subdivision of the State; providing death and disability benefits to individuals who are members of a State or local retirement or pension system who die or become disabled on or after January 1, 2007, while performing military service that interrupts their employment; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

HB 551 - LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS – DEFINITION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (Delegate Kelly, et al) (Judiciary) - Altering, for purposes of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights, the definition of “law enforcement officer” to mean an individual who in an official capacity is authorized by law to make arrests and is a member of a law enforcement agency in the State, with specified exceptions. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 792 - EDUCATION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – TOPICS OF NEGOTIATION (Delegate Rice, et al) (Ways and Means) - Including the discipline and discharge of an employee for just cause and employee transfers and assignments among the matters about which a public school employer must meet and negotiate with a specified employee organization on request; and repealing the public school employer’s authority to negotiate due process for discipline and discharge with a specified employee organization under specified circumstances. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 943 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REFERENDUM – LOCAL ORDINANCE PROHIBITION (Delegate Smigiel) (Environmental Matters) - Prohibiting a county from enacting prohibitions on collective bargaining by county employees under specified conditions; authorizing a county under specified conditions to submit a specified local law for referendum; establishing that a specified local law enacted under specified conditions shall not take effect unless approved by referendum; and requiring the county governing body and board of elections to take specified actions to provide for and hold the referendum.

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SB 673 - FAIRNESS IN NEGOTIATIONS ACT (Senator Raskin, et al) (Finance) - Requiring specified collective bargaining agreements to provide for binding arbitration of the grievances arising under the agreements that the parties have agreed to be subject to arbitration; requiring a public school employer and an exclusive representative of specified public school employees to negotiate in a specified manner; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB 836 - LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS – DISCOVERY AND ADMISSIBILITY OF ALLEGATIONS (Senator Muse, et al) (Judicial Proceedings) - Establishing that an allegation against a law enforcement officer, including the existence of an investigation into an allegation against the officer and the content of the investigation, is not discoverable or admissible in a judicial proceeding in which the officer is testifying or to which the officer is a party if the investigation resulted in the acquittal of the officer, a dismissal of the action, or a finding of not guilty. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB 895 - PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE FIGHTERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS (Senator Stone) (Judicial Proceedings) - Establishing a bill of rights for specified fire fighters under investigation and subjected to interrogation that could lead to punitive action; etc. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

ENVIRONMENT

HB 529 - ENVIRONMENT – SEWAGE SLUDGE UTILIZATION PERMIT – SEPTAGE (Delegate G. Clagett, et al) (Environmental Matters) - Altering specified requirements for the adoption of specified regulations by the Department of the Environment; establishing requirements of septage haulers; establishing an Oversight Committee on Sewage Sludge Utilization; requiring the Department to review specified fees; authorizing the Department to reduce the fees under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department to make specified reimbursements from the Bay Restoration Fund; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 729 - CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA – PROSPECTIVE LAND PURCHASES – INSPECTIONS (Delegate McConkey, et al) (Environmental Matters) - Requiring a local jurisdiction to inspect a lot or parcel that is in the Chesapeake Bay or 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 criminal or civil penalties for specified violations under specified circumstances; and authorizing a local jurisdiction to impose a specified inspection fee. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 765 - NATURAL RESOURCES – LAND AVAILABLE FOR TREE PLANTING – DATABASE (Delegate Cardin, et al) (Environmental Matters) - Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a database of public and private land, including land in urban areas, that is available and appropriate for tree planting; requiring the database to classify land by county and watershed and to identify sensitive areas on the land; requiring the Department to record specified land in the database and to

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solicit other persons to record land in the database; and requiring the Department to plant trees on the land recorded in the database. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB 539 - DRIVER RELIEFACT OF 2009 (Senator Frosh, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring specified plans and programs to provide for air quality improvement by attaining a specified performance objective of reducing the statewide average of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by a specified amount by January 1, 2036; requiring a specified schedule for reducing VMT; requiring the Department of the Environment to review and evaluate specified plans and programs for compliance with the Act; and authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB 606 - ENVIRONMENT – PRIVATELY LICENSED SANITARIANS – SOIL PERCOLATION TESTS (Senator Haines, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Providing that a county or local health department may not prohibit a person from directly hiring or scheduling a privately licensed sanitarian to conduct a soil percolation test; requiring the privately licensed sanitarian to notify the county or local health department that a soil percolation test will be conducted, and to allow their representative to observe the test; and requiring a county or local health department to accept the test under specified circumstances. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB 672 - ENVIRONMENT – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – STORMWATER USER CHARGE (Senator Raskin, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Requiring each county or municipality to establish a stormwater user charge; establishing the purpose of a stormwater user charge; requiring a county or municipality to collect a stormwater user charge and use it to fund specified stormwater management activities; requiring a county or municipality to set the amount of a residential stormwater user charge in a specified manner; requiring a county or municipality to set the amount of a commercial stormwater user charge in a specified manner; etc. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB 878 - SMART GROWTH – VISIONS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (Senators Harrington and Frosh) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Altering the visions for land use plans; establishing performance standards to measure the achievement of the visions; requiring a plan to be designed to allow a local jurisdiction to meet specified performance standards on or before October 1, 2018; requiring a local jurisdiction to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department of Planning by October 1, 2012, that the plan will achieve the performance standards by 2018; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

GOVERNMENT LIABILITY & COURTS

HB 689/ SB 613 - CINA, GUARDIANSHIP, ADOPTION, CUSTODY, AND VISITATION – DISABILITY OF PARENT, GUARDIAN, CUSTODIAN, OR PARTY (Delegate Rosenberg, et al) (Judiciary) (Senator Gladden, et al) (Judicial Proceedings) - Prohibiting a court, in making a disposition on a child in need of assistance (CINA) petition, from considering a disability of a parent, guardian, or custodian of a child except under specified circumstances; prohibiting a local department of social services, a guardian, or a child placement agency, in specified adoption proceedings, from

withholding consent to an adoption solely because a prospective adoptive parent has a disability; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 887/ SB 587 - LAWYERS – SIMULTANEOUS SERVICE AS COUNSEL TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES – PROHIBITION (Delegate Smigiel, et al) (Judiciary) (Senator Pipkin) (Judicial Proceedings) - Prohibiting a lawyer from serving as legal counsel for a county in the State while also serving as legal counsel for a municipal corporation in the State; authorizing a specified court to issue a writ of mandamus to command a person to comply with the Act; and providing that a violation of the Act violates the Maryland Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct and is subject to the disciplinary authority of a duly organized bar association in the State. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 917 - ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS – UNIFORM SUBPOENA PROCEDURES AND FORMS FOR CIRCUIT COURTS (Delegate Smigiel, et al) (Judiciary) - Requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts, on or before January 1, 2010, to design uniform subpoena procedures and forms to be provided to and used by the circuit courts of the State for subpoenaing a person for a criminal, civil, or traffic matter. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 950 - LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – UNSUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINTS – ADMISSIBILITY (Delegate Kelly, et al) (Judiciary) - Providing that evidence of a formal complaint against a law enforcement officer is not admissible in an administrative or judicial proceeding if the complaint resulted in the exoneration of the officer of all charges, a determination that the charges were unsustainable or unfounded, the acquittal of the officer by a hearing board, the dismissal of the action against the officer, or a finding of not guilty by a hearing board. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HEALTH

HB 697 - HEALTH INSURANCE – SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN PREMIUM SUBSIDY PROGRAM – LOCAL FUNDS (Delegate McDonough) (Health and Government Operations) - Authorizing funding for the Small Employer Health Benefit Plan Premium Subsidy Program from local funds; authorizing a county to provide local funds to be used for subsidies of small employer health benefit plan premiums; and establishing conditions for the use of the local funds. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 709 - CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROTECTION ACT (Delegate Hubbard, et al) (Ways and Means and Health and Government Operations) - Requiring each county board to adopt a health and safety program that includes specified plans; requiring a hazardous substance removal plan to contain specified provisions; requiring a fire and life safety code repair plan to contain specified provisions; requiring a facility and equipment violation plan to contain specified provisions; requiring a health, safety, and environmental management plan to require the use of environmentally preferable cleaning and maintenance products; etc. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB 860/ SB 515 - HEALTHY MARYLAND PROGRAM (Delegate Hammen) (Health and Government Operations) (Senator Middleton) (Finance and

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Budget and Taxation) - Renaming the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to be the Healthy Maryland Program; establishing the status and purpose of the Program and the intent of the General Assembly with regard to the Program; repealing specified requirements for the operation of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; establishing requirements for Program enrollment and coverage; establishing a Board of Directors for the Program; requiring the Program to operate subject to the supervision and control of the Board; providing for an Executive Director; etc. VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 635 - MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – UNIFORM STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR NONEMERGENCY SERVICES (Senator Della, et al) (Finance) - Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop and implement a specified uniform statewide transportation system for specified Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients; requiring the transportation system to be operated by a single entity that responds directly to the Department; requiring the Department to select an entity to operate the transportation system through a competitive bid process on or before a October 1, 2009; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HUMAN SERVICES

HB 683 - POST ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM (Delegate Ivey, et al) (Judiciary) - Expanding the eligibility of an adopted child or adoptive family for post adoption support services; repealing a requirement that a local department of social services conduct a clinical assessment of the needs of an adoptive child and adoptive family under specified circumstances; substituting a requirement that a local department conduct an assessment of the needs of an adoptive child and adoptive family under specified circumstances; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

HB 708 - RECIPIENTS OF STATE INCENTIVES OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – DIVERSITY INITIATIVES (Delegate Vaughn, et al) (Health and Government Operations) - Requiring specified units of State government to ensure that an entity that receives a specified State incentive or financial assistance has adopted and implemented a specified diversity initiative and embraces minority business enterprise participation in its activities; requiring specified entities to submit an annual report to the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

PARKS & RECREATION

HB 771/ SB 549 - SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY ACT OF 2009 (Delegate Cane, et al) (Environmental Matters) (Senator Dyson) (Education, Health, and Environmental) - Declaring policy statements and findings relating to forests; revising provisions of law relating to the protection of forestry practices from specified private actions; establishing a Sustainable Forestry Council; altering the uses of specified funds; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to consider specified priorities when allocating the State's share of Program Open Space funds; authorizing the transfer of specified responsibilities from the Department of the Environment to the Department; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 783 - TRANSFER TAX – PROGRAM OPEN SPACE BONDS – LAND ACQUISITION (Delegate James, et al) (Environmental Matters) -

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources, by resolution of the Secretary of Natural Resources and subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, to issue Program Open Space bonds for the purpose of land acquisition; providing for the use of the proceeds; dedicating revenues from the State transfer tax to payment of principal and interest on the bonds; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

HB 545/ SB 692 - VEHICLE LAWS – DISPOSITION OF TRAFFIC CITATIONS (Delegate Jameson, et al) (Judiciary) (Senator Middleton) (Judicial Proceedings) - Requiring persons who receive traffic citations for offenses that are not punishable by incarceration to, within 30 days, waive the right to trial and pay the fine, request a specified hearing, or elect to stand trial; altering the traffic citations for which the District Court or a circuit court are required to issue a notice to appear; authorizing the District Court to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of the failure of a person to comply with a citation; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

HB 636/ SB 904 - POLICE AND COURT RECORDS – NONVIOLENT CRIMES – EXPUNGEMENT (Delegate Levi, et al) (Judiciary) (Senator Muse, et al) (Senate Rules) - Authorizing a person convicted of a nonviolent crime, with specified exceptions, who completed the sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation, to petition for the expungement of specified records maintained by the State or a political subdivision pertaining to the conviction after a specified period of time; prohibiting a person convicted of a specified nonviolent crime of a sexual nature from petitioning for the expungement of specified records; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB 812 - LANDLORD AND TENANT – EVICTION – TENANT'S RIGHT TO RECLAIM PERSONAL PROPERTY (Senator Muse) (Judicial Proceedings) - Requiring the person who carries out the eviction of a tenant to notify the landlord and the tenant of the scheduled date on which the warrant of restitution will be executed; requiring the landlord to move the tenant's personal property left in the premises to a specified location for storage; requiring the landlord to allow the tenant to reclaim the property during a 30-day period; authorizing the landlord to impose a transportation and storage charge on the tenant; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

PLANNING & ZONING

HB 676 - MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – EASEMENTS (Delegate Cane, et al) (Environmental Matters) - Authorizing the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to enter into corrective easements to adjust boundary lines, resolve easement violations, or accommodate specified plans; and authorizing corrective easements to be accomplished by the exchange and release of farmland. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 921 - CONSTRUCTION PERMITS – EXPIRATION DATES (Delegate Barnes, et al) (Environmental Matters) - Requiring the running of the period of approval for specified construction and development permits issued by the State or a county or municipality to be tolled beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending on December 31, 2012; making the Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of the Act and declaring

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the intent of the General Assembly. EMERGENCY BILL

SB 588 - DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – ADVISORY ROLE TO MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (Senator Pipkin) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Authorizing the Department of Planning to act only as an advisory agency with respect to a county or municipality. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SB 666 - NATURAL RESOURCES – NO NET LOSS OF FOREST POLICY – FOREST CONSERVATION ACT (Senator Pinsky, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Reducing the threshold acreage of land under a proposed subdivision plan above which the Forest Conservation Act applies; repealing specified exemptions from the requirements of the Forest Conservation Act for cutting or clearing trees in a public utility right-of-way; authorizing the acquisition of an off-site protective easement for temporarily protected forested areas as a mitigation technique to meet afforestation or reforestation requirements; and altering the fee-in-lieu contribution required under specified circumstances; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB 704 - PUBLIC HEALTH – CONSTRUCTION SITES – TOILETS AND LAVATORIES (Senator Klausmeier, et al) (Finance) - Prohibiting a State or local authority from issuing a building permit for specified construction projects unless the site has a specified toilet and lavatory; requiring specified toilets to be flush toilets under specified circumstances; providing for the application of specified provisions of law; and defining a term. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB 824 - COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2009 (Senator Frosh, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) - Providing specified persons and associations standing in specified claims under specified circumstances; providing judicial review of specified final administrative decisions under specified circumstances; providing specified persons standing to participate in specified administrative appeal proceedings under specified circumstances; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

PUBLIC ETHICS AND INFORMATION

HB 855 - STATE GOVERNMENT – OPEN MEETINGS ACT – DEFINITION OF PUBLIC BODY (Delegate Smigiel, et al) (Health and Government Operations) - Altering the definition of a public body in the context of the Open Meetings Act to include the governing body of a humane society or other entity dedicated to animal control or protection if a county provides funding to the entity and has delegated the authority to carry out animal control or protection to the entity; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

HB 746 - MOTOR FUEL TAX – INCREASE (Delegate Barkley) (Ways and Means) - Altering the motor fuel tax rates for specified motor fuels; and providing for the payment of specified motor fuel taxes by a specified date. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

HB 800/ SB 581 - NATURAL RESOURCES – ROADSIDE TREES – PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT (Delegate Hucker) (Environmental Matters) (Senator Frosh, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental

Affairs) - Authorizing a county or municipality to adopt a local law or ordinance for the planting, care, and protection of roadside trees and to issue a stop work order under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to authorize a county or municipality to enforce specified provisions of State law under specified circumstances; prohibiting a county or municipality from issuing a building permit under specified circumstances; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 816/ SB 891 - MARILYN J. PRAISNER SAFE AND EARTH-FRIENDLY ROADWAY ACT (Delegate Carr, et al) (Environmental Matters) (Senator Forehand) (Finance) - Authorizing the State Highway Administration or a political subdivision to install or replace a specified luminaire for highway lighting only if it determines that the safety concerns to be addressed by the lighting cannot be addressed by specified alternative means; authorizing the Administration, a political subdivision, or an electric company to install or replace a specified luminaire for highway lighting only with a new luminaire that meets specified requirements; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SB 722 - TAX GENERAL – MOTOR FUEL TAX – SALES AND USE TAX (Senator Madaleno) (Budget and Taxation) - Increasing the motor fuel tax rate; altering the distribution of motor fuel tax revenue to the Transportation Trust Fund and the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account; altering the distribution of sales and use tax revenue; and altering the distribution of highway user revenues to Baltimore City. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SB 853 - MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING TASK FORCE (Senator Garagiola) (Budget and Taxation) - Establishing a Maryland Transportation Infrastructure Funding Task Force; requiring the Task Force to review and evaluate current State funding for the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund; specifying the membership and staffing for the Task Force; prohibiting Task Force members from receiving compensation, except for reimbursement of expenses, as specified; requiring the Task Force to report findings and recommendations; terminating the Act; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

Statewide Hearing Schedule

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

1:00 p.m. FIN & EHE – SB 14 – MD Environmental Service – Energy Generation Projects

1:00 p.m. EHE – MSB 2W – SB 163 – Program Open Space – Use of Funds – Indoor or Outdoor Recreational Facilities

1:00 p.m. FIN – MSB 3E – SB 377 – Business Regulation – Home Builder Guaranty Fund - Fee

1:00 p.m. EHE – MSB 2W – SB 384 – Program Open Space – Impervious Surface Projects - Prohibition

1:00 p.m. ECM – House 230 – HB 662 – Business Regulation – Home Builder Guaranty Fund - Fee

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

1:00 p.m. B&T – MSB 3W – SB 274 – Tax Increment Financing and Special Districts – Transit-Oriented Development

1:00 p.m. B&T – MSB 3W – SB 348 – Tax Sales – Fees

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1:00 p.m. B&T – MSB 3W – SB 379 – Task Force to Study the County and Municipal Revenue Structure
1:00 p.m. ENV – House 250 – HB 294 – Smart Green, and Growing – Local Government Planning – Planning Visions
1:00 p.m. ENV – House 250 – HB 295 – Smart Green, and Growing – Annual Report – Smart Growth Measures and Indicators and Implementation of Planning Visions
1:00 p.m. ENV – House 250 – HB 297 – Smart Green, and Growing – Smart and Sustainable Growth Act of 2009
1:00 p.m. ENV – House 250 – HB 420 – Environment – Limitation of Actions – Political Subdivisions
1:00 p.m. W&M – House 130 – HB 428 – Property Tax – Semiannual Payment Schedule – Small Business Property
1:00 p.m. ENV – House 250 – HB 491 – MD Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Easements – Inspection Requirements

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

1:00 p.m. FIN – MSB 3E – SB 32 - Junk Dealers and Scrap Metal Processors – Required Records
1:00 p.m. FIN – MSB 3E – SB 377 – Business Regulation – Home Builder Guaranty Fund - Fee
1:00 p.m. HGO – House 240 – HB 318 – Health Insurance – Coverage, Reimbursement, and Benefits – Counties, County Schools Systems, and State Employee and Retiree Health and Wealth Benefits Program

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

1:00 p.m. ENV – House 250 – SB 558 – Rental Carroll County Delegation Parking Ticket Fairness Act
1:00 p.m. JPR – MSW 2E - SB 277 – Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring Systems – Statewide Authorization and Use in Highway Work Zones

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

1:00 p.m. EHE – MSB 2W - SB 273 – Smart, Green and Growing – Local Government Planning – Planning Visions
1:00 p.m. EHE – MSB 2W - SB 276 – Smart, Green and Growing – Annual report – Smart growth Measures and Indicators and Implementation of Planning Visions
1:00 p.m. EHE – MSB 2W - SB 280 – Smart, Green and Growing – Smart and Sustainable Growth Act of 2009
1:00 p.m. ENV & ECM – HB 290 – Agriculture – Agricultural Preservation Easements – Renewable Energy Generation

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1:00 p.m. EHE – MSB 2W – SB 415 – Election Law – Voting Systems - Requirements

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

1:00 p.m. W&M – House 130 – HB 300 – Tax Increment Financing and Special taxing Districts – Transit-Oriented Development

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

1:00 p.m. ENV – House 250 – HB 259 – Environmental Health Monitoring and Testing – Reimbursement of Costs

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

1:00 p.m. EHE – MSB 2W – SB 358 – Agriculture – Ag Preservation Easements – Renewable Energy Generation
1:00 p.m. EHE – MSB 2W – SB 509 – Environment – Noise Control Ordinances – Political Subdivisions
1:00 p.m. EHE – MSB 2W – SB 674 – MG Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Easements – Inspections Requirements

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

1:00 p.m. JPR – MSW 2E – SB 252 - Rental Vehicle Parking Ticket Fairness Act

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