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Bill #	Cross File #	Sponsor	Title	Synopsis	Comments/Position
HB0002	SB0001	Delegate Glenn and Senator Conway	Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission Reform Act	Declaring that it is the intent of the General Assembly that programs established by the Act create a successful, but consumer-friendly medical cannabis industry in the State; establishing a Compassionate Use Fund to provide access to medical cannabis for certain individuals; requiring the Commission to evaluate a certain study of the industry, make a certain determination relating to minority and women applicants and minority and women-owned business participation in the industry, and evaluate certain programs and methods; etc.	Hearing 1/15 at 2:00 p.m.
HB0018	SB0993	Delegate Clark & Senator Jennings	Corporations and Associations - Fee for Processing Articles of Dissolution and Certificates of Cancellation - Repeal	Repealing the nonrefundable \$100 fee charged by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for processing articles of dissolution and certificates of cancellation filed by certain business entities with the Department.	Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0019		Delegate Brooks	Solar Energy Grant Program - Minimum Grant Amounts	Establishing certain minimum grant amounts under the Solar Energy Grant Program for solar energy property installed at a certain homeowner's principal residence of at least \$2,000 for photovoltaic property and at least \$1,000 for solar water heating property with a collecting area of 10 to 100 square feet.	Hearing canceled
HB0020		Delegate Carr	Homeowners' Property Tax Credit - Calculation of Maximum Assessment	Altering the calculation of the maximum assessment of a dwelling against which the homeowners' property tax credit may be granted.	Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0038		Delegate Carr	Property Tax - Homeowners' Property Tax Credit - Definition	Altering, for purposes of certain provisions of law concerning the homeowners' property tax credit, the definition of 'total real property tax' by increasing, under certain circumstances, the	Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m.

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			of Total Real Property Tax	maximum assessment against which the homeowners' property tax credit may be granted; and applying the Act to tax credits for taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018.	
HB0039		Delegate Angel	Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission - Diversity	Requiring that, to the extent practicable, the members of the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission reflect the racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State.	Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0043		Delegate Jackson	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Perpetual Conservation Easements	Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the first \$100,000 in proceeds from the sale of a perpetual conservation easement on real property in the State; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	Hearing 1/17 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0050		Delegate Carr	Property Tax - Homeowners' Property Tax Credit - Definition of Total Real Property Tax	Altering the definition of 'total real property tax' for purposes of the computation of a certain homeowners' property tax credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018.	Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0058		Delegate Brooks	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income	Including income from certain 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, 2017; etc.	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0064		Delegate Jackson	Business Occupations - Real Estate Appraisers - Payment by Real Estate Appraisal Management Companies	Requiring an appraisal management company to pay the appraiser for each appraisal or valuation assignment, except under certain circumstances; decreasing from 60 to 30 the number of days after the completion of each certain appraisal or valuation assignment during which an appraisal	First Reading Finance

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				management company must pay the appraiser, except under certain circumstances.	
HB0078	SB0222	Delegate Holmes & Senator Kelley	Foreclosed Property Registry - Updated Information - Notice to Local Governments	Requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to establish procedures that require a foreclosure purchaser to submit to the Foreclosed Property Registry any change to certain information within 21 days after the change is known to the purchaser; and requiring the Department to notify, by electronic means, on receipt of an initial registration or any change to certain information, authorized users from the county and the municipal corporation in which the property is located.	Favorable Report by Environment and Transportation
HB0085		Delegate Grammer	Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation - Foreclosed Property Registry - Access	Authorizing the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to authorize access to the Foreclosed Property Registry to members of local legislative bodies and members of the General Assembly; requiring the Department, on request of a member of a local legislative body or a member of the General Assembly, to provide information from the Foreclosed Property Registry to the member making the request; and defining 'local legislative body'.	Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation
HB0089		Chair, Ways and Means Committee	Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officers - Administration	Repealing a certain requirement that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation be responsible for certain administrative duties relating to a credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a certain dwelling that is owned by a certain public safety officer under certain circumstances; repealing a requirement that a county or municipal corporation reimburse the Department for certain administrative costs relating to the credit; etc.	Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.

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HB0090		Chair, Ways and Means Committee	Personal Property Tax - Exemption for Low Assessments	Exempting from the personal property tax persons with personal property that had a total original cost of less than \$2,500; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018.	Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0098	SB0135	Speaker & President	Paid Leave Compromise Act of 2018	Requiring certain employers with at least a certain number of employees to provide employees with paid time off that is paid at the same wage rate as the employee normally earns and that may be used by the employee for any reason; authorizing an employer to apply to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation for a certain waiver; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to create and make available a certain poster and notice; etc.	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0099	SB0134	Speaker & President	Small Business Relief Tax Credit	Authorizing a tax credit against the State income tax for certain small businesses that provide certain employer benefits to qualified employees; providing for the calculation of the credit; requiring the Department of Commerce to issue a tax credit certificate under certain circumstances; providing that the total amount of tax credit certificates issued by the Department may not exceed a certain amount for each taxable year; making the Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act; etc.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0108		Delegate Lafferty	Department of Housing and Community Development - Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program - Application Requirement	Repealing the requirement that an application to the Department of Housing and Community Development for funds under the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program contain a local government resolution of support or letter of support; and applying the Act.	Hearing canceled

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HB0109	SB0821	Delegate Lafferty & Madaleno	Community Development Program Act of 2018	Establishing the Community Development Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the Department to administer the Program; establishing the Community Development Board in the Department; establishing the Community Development Fund to provide financial assistance to community development projects and community development organizations around the State; requiring the Board to report on the activities of the Fund to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31 each year; etc.	Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0120		Delegate Knotts	Property Tax Credit - Education Tax Relief for Elderly Individuals	Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the portion of the county property tax that is used to fund the county board of education and is imposed on real property that is owned by and used as the principal residence of an individual who is at least 65 years old; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to provide for certain matters relating to the tax credit; etc.	Hearing canceled
HB0129		Delegate Knotts	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income of Correctional Officers	Expanding a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax to the first \$15,000 of retirement income attributable to a resident's employment as a correctional officer under certain circumstances; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0131	SB0650	Delegate Korman & Senator King	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - College Savings Plan Accounts -	Increasing, from \$2,500 to \$5,000, the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for contributions made by certain individuals whose federal adjusted gross income	Hearing 1/31 at 2:00 p.m.

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			Contributions (College Savings Tax Enhancement Act)	does not exceed \$225,000 or, in the case of a married individual filing a separate return, \$150,000 to certain college savings plan accounts; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	
HB0134	SB0174	Delegate Kelly & Senator Middleton	Health Insurance â€“ Health Benefit Plan Premium Rate Review Process	Altering the factors the Maryland Insurance Commissioner is required to consider in a certain manner in determining whether to disapprove or modify a premium rate filing.	Hearing 1/31 at 2:00 p.m.
HB0161	SB0187	Speaker & President	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2018	Authorizing or altering the distribution of certain revenue; altering or repealing certain required appropriations; repealing a requirement that the Comptroller pay certain amounts from a certain Special Fund for a certain purpose; reducing the maximum amount of certain teacher or school employee stipends; providing a certain amount of aid to certain institutions of higher education in accordance with a certain action by the Board of Public Works; altering certain rate increases for community service providers; etc.	Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0182		Prince George's County Delegation	Prince George's County - Vacant and Abandoned Residential Property - Foreclosure PG 404-18	Authorizing Prince George's County or a municipality in Prince George's County, with regard to certain vacant and abandoned residential property in Prince George's County, to file an action to compel any mortgagees to complete a mortgage foreclosure proceeding or have the mortgage discharged under certain circumstances.	First Reading Environment and Transportation
HB0187	SB0006	Chair, Economic Matters Committee & Senate Finance	Financial Institutions Non-depository Special Fund Expansion	Requiring certain revenue, fees, and examination and investigation fees and assessments relating to the licensure of collection agencies, consumer lenders, installment lenders, sales finance companies, mortgage lenders, check cashing services, and credit services businesses to be	Third Reading Passed (132-0) - Support

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				credited to the Nondepository Special Fund; altering the composition and the purpose of the Fund; etc.	
HB0210		Prince George's County Delegation	Prince George's County - Abandoned Property - Special Property Tax Rate PG 400-18	Requiring the governing body of Prince George's County to set a special property tax rate that is 15% greater than the tax rate that is generally applicable to real property for a class of real property that consists of certain abandoned property for which there is a record owner; and providing that a requirement that the county set a single property tax rate for all real property does not apply to the special property tax rate on abandoned property.	Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0236		Prince George's County Delegation	Prince George's County - Affordable Housing Commission PG 408-18	Establishing the Affordable Housing Commission for Prince George's County; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to review certain procedures and practices and use certain information to examine the state of affordable housing in the county; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to certain persons on or before January 1, 2019; etc.	First Reading Environment and Transportation
HB0260		Delegate Carr	Campaign Finance - Disclosure of Contributions and Expenditures - Preelection Period	Requiring a political committee to file a contribution report within 48 hours after receiving a single contribution, transfer, or loan of \$1,000 or more; requiring a political committee to file an expenditure report within 48 hours after making a single expenditure of \$10,000 or more; requiring contribution reports to include certain information; requiring expenditure reports to include certain information; applying the Act; etc.	Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.

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HB0266		Delegate Rey	Condominiums - Lien Priority - Unpaid Water and Sewer Charges	Providing that, in the case of a foreclosure of a mortgage or deed of trust on a condominium unit, a certain portion of the condominium's liens on the unit has priority over the claim of a holder of a first mortgage or first deed of trust under certain circumstances; providing that the portion of a condominium's liens that has a certain priority shall consist solely of certain unpaid water and sewer charges not exceeding a certain amount under certain circumstances; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.	Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0272		Delegate Cluster	Sales and Use Tax - Rate Reduction	Reducing the rate of the sales and use tax from 6% to 5%; altering the percentage of gross receipts from vending machine sales to which the sales and use tax rate applies from 94.5% to 95.25%; etc.	Hearing 1/31 at 2:00 p.m.
HB0279		Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee	Housing and Community Development - Homebuyer Education Requirements	Altering certain homebuyer education requirements for a loan recipient in the Down Payment and Settlement Expense Loan Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; allowing a loan recipient to use the online homebuyer education for a HUD-approved product and contact a HUD-approved agency for a certificate; providing that certain provisions do not alter or preempt the authority of a political subdivision to establish homebuyer education or counseling requirements for down payment assistance; etc.	Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0305	SB0158	Delegate Tarlau & Senator Rosapepe	Homestead Property Tax Credit Program - Eligibility Awareness	Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, on or before February 1, 2019, and at least every 3 years thereafter, to identify certain homeowners who may be eligible for but have failed to apply for a certain homestead property tax credit; requiring the Department to contact each	Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.

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				homeowner identified under the Act by mail to inform the homeowner that the homeowner may be eligible for the property tax credit and how to apply for the credit; etc.	
HB0310		Delegate Wivell	Public Safety â€“ Elevators â€“ Periodic Inspections	Altering, from annually to every 3 years, the frequency with which an elevator unit that is subject to a certain service contract and has not failed an inspection is required to have a certain periodic inspection.	Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0354	SB0299	Speaker & President	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Correctional Officers (Hometown Heroes Act of 2018)	Including certain individuals employed by the Department of Juvenile Services in the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax under certain circumstances for a certain amount of retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a correctional officer; applying certain provisions of the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0362	SB0312	Speaker & President	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Military Retirement Income	Phasing out, over 3 taxable years, a certain limitation on the amount of certain military retirement income that may be included in a certain subtraction modification under the State income tax.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0363	SB0305	Speaker & President	More Jobs for Marylanders Act 2.0	Altering the definition of 'qualified distressed county' by altering certain income levels in the definition and renaming it to be 'Tier I county'; altering the scope of eligible projects for which a business entity may apply to enroll in the More Jobs for Marylanders Program; altering the types of businesses authorized to receive certain credits and benefits under the Program; authorizing a certain	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.

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				county to select certain activities for eligibility for the Program; etc.	
HB0365	SB0184	Delegate Walker & Senator Kasemeyer	Income Tax - Personal Exemptions - Alteration	Altering the determination of the number of exemptions that an individual may use to calculate a certain deduction under the Maryland income tax; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0374		Delegate Fisher	Personal Property Tax - Exemption for Business Personal Property	Exempting business personal property from the property tax imposed by a county or municipal corporation, subject to certain exceptions; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to identify certain provisions of law and submit a certain report to the General Assembly; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018.	Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0380		Delegate Fisher	Personal Property Tax - Investments in Maryland	Providing an exemption from personal property tax for property that is owned by a business that has organized under the laws of Maryland during the current tax year or that has relocated its headquarters to Maryland during the current tax year; exempting certain personal property from a property tax imposed by a county or municipal corporation for all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2020; providing that certain personal property remains subject to county or municipal corporation property tax; etc.	Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0405	SB0011	Delegate Chang & Senator Young	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income	Including income from certain retirement plans within a certain subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals; altering the calculation of the subtraction modification; increasing the maximum amount of the subtraction modification allowed for certain taxable years; and prohibiting an individual	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.

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				from qualifying for the subtraction if the total income from all qualified plans for the taxable year exceeds \$100,000.	
HB0434	SB0529	Delegate Davis & Senator Astle	Vehicle Manufacturers - Notice to Purchasers and Lessees - Warranty Requirements	Requiring a motor vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch to provide a certain notice of warranty requirements to the purchaser or lessee of a new motor vehicle within 90 days after the purchase or lease of the motor vehicle.	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0457	SB0813	Delegate Long & Senator Salling	Baltimore County - Property Tax - Homestead Tax Credit Percentage	Decreasing the maximum homestead property tax credit percentage in Baltimore County from 110% to 103%; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018.	Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0463	SB0972	Delegate Morales & Senator Manno	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - First-Time Homebuyer Savings Accounts	Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for contributions to a certain first-time homebuyer savings account during a taxable year and certain earnings on the account; providing that an account holder may claim the subtraction modification under certain circumstances; providing that transfers of money to or from the account are subject to certain requirements and limitations; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0472	SB0493	Delegate Stein & Senator Norman	Real Property - Residential Leases - Collectible Rent (Rent Transparency Act)	Authorizing a landlord who uses a written lease to collect certain fees and charges as rent under certain conditions; providing that the Act applies only if the written lease used by a landlord includes a certain provision and provides a certain notice; requiring a lease to include notice of the ratio utility billing system used to allocate certain charges, under certain circumstances; prohibiting a landlord from filing a complaint for repossession if	Hearing canceled

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				the only unpaid fee or charge is for water and is under \$50; etc.	
HB0473		Delegate Ali	Baltimore City - Private Passenger Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance - Notice and Use of Consumer Report	Requiring an insurer, at the time of application for or issuance of a certain policy of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance in Baltimore City, to provide an applicant or an insured a certain written notice relating to certain consumer reporting agencies; requiring an insurer to provide certain notice at the time of each policy renewal; requiring a certain insurer that classifies an applicant or insured in a classification that results in a higher premium to refund certain excess premium and fees; etc.	Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0475		Delegate Ali	Baltimore City - Tax Sales - Accrual of Property Tax, Interest, and Penalties	Prohibiting tax on real property in Baltimore City from accruing after the tax has been in arrears for at least 3 years and the property has not been sold at tax sale during the 3-year period; prohibiting certain interest for unpaid tax accruing on real property in Baltimore City if the property meets certain conditions; prohibiting certain penalties for unpaid tax accruing on real property in Baltimore City if the property meets certain conditions; etc.	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0476		Delegate Ali	Income Tax Credit - Employment of Diversion Program Participants (Second Chance Act)	Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain wages paid by certain business entities to employees who participate in a diversion program that provides rehabilitation and training services in lieu of criminal prosecution to an individual charged with a nonviolent criminal offense; providing for the calculation of the credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0512	SB0377	Delegate Young & Senator Lee	Labor and Employment " Pay Scales and	Requiring an employer to provide the pay scale for a position to an applicant for employment on	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.

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			Wage History Information	request; prohibiting employers from relying on wage history information, except under certain circumstances, for certain purposes and seeking the wage history information by certain methods and from certain persons; specifying that an employer is not subject to a certain criminal penalty for a violation of certain provisions of the Act; etc.	
HB0540		Delegate Korman	Labor and Employment - Pre-Tax Transportation Fringe Benefit - Requirement (Maryland Pre-Tax Commuter Benefit Act)	Requiring certain employers to provide certain employees an opportunity to use a certain pre-tax transportation fringe benefit; authorizing an employee to file a written complaint with the Commissioner of Labor and Industry under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner to attempt to resolve a certain matter informally or request the Attorney General to bring a certain action on behalf of the employee; providing that an employer that violates the Act is subject to a certain civil penalty; etc.	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0541		Delegate Mosby	Labor and Employment "Criminal Record Screening Practices (Ban the Box)	Prohibiting certain employers from requiring an applicant for employment to disclose certain information regarding the criminal record of the applicant, conducting a certain criminal history records check, or taking other certain action before a conditional offer of employment has been extended; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to resolve certain complaints informally or to use mediation; authorizing the Commissioner to ask the Attorney General to bring a certain action on behalf of the applicant or employee; etc.	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0566	SB0195	Delegate Healey & Senator Pinsky	Business Relief and Tax Fairness Act of 2018	Prohibiting the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from imposing a fee for the filing of	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.

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				certain documents by corporations or business entities with 10 or fewer employees; requiring certain corporations to compute Maryland taxable income using a certain combined reporting method; requiring, subject to certain regulations, certain groups of corporations to file a combined income tax return reflecting the aggregate income tax liability of all the members of the group; etc.	
HB0583	SB0815	Delegate Long & Senator Salling	Baltimore County - Property Tax - Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Supplement	Requiring the governing body of Baltimore County to grant a certain property tax credit to supplement the State homeowners' property tax credit; providing for the calculation of the credit; prohibiting the county from granting the credit under certain circumstances; providing that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is responsible for certain administrative duties with respect to the credit; requiring the county to reimburse the Department for the reasonable cost of administering the property tax credit; etc.	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0585		Delegate Krebs	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income (Fairness in Taxation for Retirees Act)	Including income from certain retirement plans within a certain subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals who are at least 65 years of age or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; repealing a certain obsolete provision relating to a rollover individual retirement account; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0586		Delegate Krebs	State Property Tax - Homestead Property Tax Assessment Cap Reduction	Reducing from 110% to 105% the homestead property tax credit percentage for the State property tax; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2019.	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.

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HB0587	SB0194	Delegate Krebs & Senator Serafini	Calculation of Taxable Income - Itemized Deductions - Property Taxes	Allowing an individual, under certain circumstances, to increase the amount of itemized deductions used to determine Maryland taxable income by the amount of certain real or personal property taxes paid by the individual and not included as part of the individual's federal itemized deductions; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0588		Delegate Krebs	Income Tax - Rate Brackets, Personal Exemptions, and Standard Deduction - Cost-of-Living Adjustments	Altering certain State income tax rate bracket thresholds by a certain cost-of-living adjustment; altering the amount of certain exemptions allowed under the State income tax for certain taxable years by a certain cost-of-living adjustment; altering the minimum and maximum limitation amounts of certain standard deductions allowed under the State income tax for certain taxable years by a certain cost-of-living adjustment; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0589	SB0191	Delegate Krebs & Senator Serafini	Income Tax - Itemized Deductions	Allowing an individual to itemize deductions to compute Maryland taxable income whether or not the individual itemizes deductions on the individual's federal income tax return; providing that, for an individual who does not itemize deductions on the individual's federal income tax return, Maryland itemized deductions shall be determined as if an individual itemized deductions on the federal income tax return; applying the Act to tax years after 2018; etc.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0593		Delegate Hettleman	Income Tax - Student Loan Tax Credit	Expanding the student loan tax credit that allows certain individuals with certain student loan debt amounts to claim a credit against the State income tax to include graduate student loan debt.	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.

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HB0613		Delegate Hornberger	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Employee-Owned Businesses	Allowing a subtraction modification under the State income tax for income from a qualified transfer of stock or membership interest of a Maryland corporation or limited liability company to certain employee ownership entities; limiting the amount of the subtraction if the transfer is to a direct share ownership plan; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	First Reading Ways and Means
HB0624		Delegate Ali	Public Institutions of Higher Education â€“ Family Members of Killed or Disabled First Responders â€“ Tuition Exemption (Sean Suiter Act)	Exempting a family member of a certain first responder who was killed or disabled in the line of duty from paying tuition and certain fees at a public institution of higher education; and defining the term 'family member' as a spouse, domestic partner, or child.	Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0635	SB0837	Delegate Sydnor & Senator Smith	Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Consumer Contracts	Prohibiting a merchant in a certain consumer contract from extending the period of time during which the merchant may file a civil action at law against a consumer; prohibiting a merchant in a certain consumer contract from shortening the period of time during which a consumer may file a civil action at law against a merchant; establishing that a violation of certain provisions of the Act is an unfair or deceptive trade practice and is subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; etc.	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0644		Delegate Lam	State Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Elementary and Secondary Education Expenses	Excluding from a subtraction modification certain contributions to and distributions from a certain investment plan that is used for certain elementary and secondary education expenses; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0648		Delegate Miller, A.	Maryland Consumers' Rights	Authorizing a court to award actual damages or \$1,000, whichever is greater, and treble damages	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.

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				under certain circumstances to a person who is injured by a violation of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.	
HB0664	SB0543	Delegate Hettleman & Senator Madaleno	Labor and Employment - Payment of the Minimum Wage Required (Fight for Fifteen)	Specifying the State minimum wage rate that is in effect for certain time periods; increasing, except under certain circumstances, the State minimum wage rate based on the annual growth in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area; specifying the tip credit amount that is in effect for certain time periods; prohibiting an employer, beginning July 1, 2026, from including the tip credit amount as part of the wage of certain employees; etc.	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0669		Delegate Beidle	Real Property - Homeowners Associations - Definition of Lot	Altering the definition of 'lot' in the Maryland Homeowners Association Act to include any legally subdivided plot or parcel of land on which a dwelling is located or will be located within a development; and applying the Act retroactively.	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0673	SB0022	Delegate Barron & Senator Smith	Debt Collection - Exemptions From Attachment	Altering the amount of wages of a judgment debtor that are exempt from attachment; making a conforming change; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m. (Judiciary) Unfavorable Report –Judiciary 3/17
HB0674		Delegate Miller, W.	Business Regulation - Home Improvement Contracts	Authorizing certain home improvement retailers to obtain the full contract price of a home improvement contract before or at the time of execution of the contract under certain circumstances; requiring certain home improvement retailers to post an irrevocable letter of credit in a certain amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for a certain purpose; authorizing certain owners to file a complaint with the Maryland Home Improvement Commission under	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.

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				certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to investigate certain complaints; etc.	
HB0677	SB0477	Delegate Pena-Melnik & Senator Kagan	Public Information Act - Required Denials - Physical Addresses, E-Mail Addresses, and Telephone Numbers	Requiring a custodian to deny inspection of a distribution list and a request to be added to a distribution list that identifies a physical address, an e-mail address, or a telephone number of an individual that is used by a governmental entity or an elected official for the sole purpose of periodically sending news about certain activities or sending informational notices or emergency alerts; etc.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0680	SB0021	Delegate Healey & Senator Benson	Maryland Cooperative Housing Act - Dispute Settlement and Eviction Procedures	Specifying that a certain dispute settlement mechanism does not apply to complaints or demands arising out of a cooperative housing member's failure to pay certain assessments owed to the cooperative housing corporation; repealing a requirement that the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation hold a hearing on a certain alleged violation under certain circumstances; authorizing a member to request a hearing on a certain alleged violation within a certain time frame; etc.	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0693	SB0612	Delegate McIntosh & Senator Ferguson	State Education Aid - Tax Increment Financing Development Districts - Repeal of Sunset Provision	Repealing the termination provision of a certain provision of law relating to the annual certification of the amount of assessable base for certain real property for the purposes of calculating certain State education aid.	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0697		Delegate Afzali	Individual Income Tax - Itemized Deductions on State Income Tax Return	Allowing an individual, under certain circumstances, to itemize deductions to compute Maryland taxable income whether or not the individual itemizes deductions on the individual's federal income tax return; providing that Maryland	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.

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				itemized deductions shall be determined in a certain manner for an individual who does not itemize deductions on the individual's federal income tax return; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	
HB0710	SB0202	Delegate Carey & Senator Lee	Consumer Protection - Credit Report Security Freezes - Notice and Fees	Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a fee for the placement of a security freeze requested by a consumer or a certain consumer representative under certain circumstances; prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a fee for the temporary lift or removal of a security freeze that has been placed on the consumer's credit report; and altering the contents of a certain notice that must be included with a certain summary of rights provided to a consumer.	Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0737		Delegate Mosby	Election Law - Campaign Finance Reports - Bank Statements	Requiring a campaign finance report to include bank statements documenting all expenditures made by or on behalf of the campaign finance entity during the reporting period, with any personal identifying information, including bank account numbers, redacted; etc.	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0755		Delegate Mosby	Campaign Finance - Illegal Contributions - Fair Campaign Financing Fund	Prohibiting a campaign finance entity that receives a contribution in violation of certain provisions of law from using the contribution; requiring the campaign finance entity to remit the illegal contribution to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; requiring the Comptroller to credit an illegal contribution to the Fund; etc.	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0759		Delegate Sydnor	Election Law â€“ Campaign Finance Entities â€“ Limit on Cash Contributions	Increasing the maximum amount of a contribution of money from \$100 to \$400 that can be made by cash to a campaign finance entity during an election cycle.	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.

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HB0782	SB0550	Delegate Waldstreicher & Senator Zucker	Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program â€“ Death of a Designated Beneficiary	Authorizing money and assets in an ABLE account to be transferred, on the death of a designated beneficiary, to a certain estate or a certain ABLE account for an eligible individual, unless prohibited by federal law; and prohibiting the State, unless required by federal law, from seeking payment from an ABLE account or its proceeds for certain medical benefits paid for the designated beneficiary.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0791	SB0748	Delegate Kramer & Senator Astle	Interception of Communication - Financial Institutions	Providing that it is lawful under certain provisions of law for an employee or agent of a financial institution to intercept and record a certain oral communication under certain circumstances; providing that a certain audio recording shall be preserved for at least 30 calendar days; providing that a certain audio recording may be made in certain formats; and providing that a certain audio recording may be made available by a financial institution only to certain persons under certain circumstances.	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0802		Delegate Fisher	Retire in Maryland Act of 2018	Including income from certain retirement plans and unearned income sources within a subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals who are at least 65 years old or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; repealing the limitation on the maximum amount allowed as a subtraction modification under the State income tax for certain retirement income; applying the Act to taxable years after December 31, 2017; etc.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0818		Delegate West	Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction	Reducing, from 8.25% to 6.0%, the State corporate income tax rate by reducing the rate by 0.25% each year for 9 years.	First Reading Ways and Means

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HB0822		Delegate Krimm	Personnel and Pensions - Phased Retirement Plan - Development and Implementation	Requiring, on or before July 1, 2020, the Department of Budget and Management and the State Retirement Agency to develop and, to the extent authorized under law, implement a certain phased retirement plan for certain eligible individuals; requiring, on or before July 1, 2019, the Department and the Agency to submit the finalized plan to the Department of Legislative Services and certain committees of the General Assembly; terminating certain provisions of the Act after June 30, 2021; etc.	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0842	SB0227	Delegate Brooks & Senator Young	Small Business Fairness Act of 2018	Requiring certain retail trade and food services corporations to compute Maryland taxable income using a certain method; requiring, subject to regulations, certain groups of retail trade and food services corporations to file a combined income tax return reflecting the aggregate income tax liability of all the members of the group; requiring the Comptroller to report to the General Assembly by March 31 each year an estimate of the total additional tax revenue resulting from the combined reporting method; etc.	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means)
HB0848		Chair, Economic Matters Committee	Commissioner of Financial Regulation - Consumer Reporting Agencies	Altering the number of consumer reports that a consumer reporting agency must provide without imposing a fee; prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a consumer or a protected consumer for any service relating to a security freeze; prohibiting a person from operating as a consumer reporting agency unless the person is registered as a consumer reporting agency with the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; etc.	Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.

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HB0856	SB0647	Delegate Hixson & Senator Madaleno	Earned Income Tax Credit - Individuals Without Qualifying Children - Expansion	Altering the calculation of the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow certain individuals without qualifying children to claim an increased credit; expanding eligibility of the credit to allow certain individuals without certain qualifying children to claim the credit; allowing certain individuals to claim the credit without regard to a certain age limitation; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0867	SB0805	Delegate Rosenberg & Senator Oaks	Baltimore City - Table Game Proceeds - Recreational Facilities and School Programs	Altering the requirement that proceeds from certain table games paid to Baltimore City be used for certain purposes to include funding the operation of recreational facilities beyond the hours in effect as of January 1, 2016, and for after-school and summer school programs in Baltimore City public schools.	Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0873	SB0659	Delegate Kramer & Senator Feldman	Corporations Transfer of Assets and Exchange of Shares of Stock	Repealing a certain provision of law specifying a certain processing fee for articles of transfer; repealing each provision of law regarding executing and filing articles of transfer; altering the types of actions not required by a corporation for certain transfers of assets, creations of security interests, or exchanges of shares of stocks; altering the circumstances under which a corporation is not required to take certain actions for certain transfers of assets, creations of security interests, or exchanges of shares of stock; etc.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0875	SB0733	Speaker & President	Protecting Maryland Taxpayers Act of 2018	Repealing a requirement that an amendment to the Internal Revenue Code be enacted during the calendar year in which the taxable year begins that the amendment affects in order for the amendment not to impact the determination of Maryland taxable income; allowing an individual to	First Reading Ways and Means

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				itemize deductions to compute Maryland taxable income whether or not the individual itemizes deductions on the individual's federal tax return; providing that Maryland itemized deductions may be determined in a certain manner; applying the Act; etc.	
HB0883		Delegate Queen	Income Tax Credits - Employer Child Care Center and Employer-Provided Child Care Services	Authorizing a credit against the State income tax for certain taxpayers who incur qualified expenses for a child care center that provides child care services for the children of the taxpayer's employees or who compensate a child care provider or child care referral service under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Education, on application of a taxpayer, to issue a tax credit certificate under certain circumstances; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0887		Delegate Shoemaker	Criminal Law - Death Penalty - Murder of Specific Individuals or Mass Murder	Providing that a person who is convicted of murder in the first degree may be sentenced to death under certain circumstances; providing that the murder of a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a certain first responder, or a certain witness, or a certain mass murder, under certain circumstances, is an aggravating circumstance that the court or jury must consider in making a determination as to the imposition of the death penalty; establishing procedures for the imposition of the death penalty; etc.	First Reading Judiciary
HB0902	SB1028	Delegate Cullison & Senator Madaleno	Health Occupations - Conversion Therapy for Minors - Prohibition (Youth)	Prohibiting certain mental health or child care practitioners from engaging in conversion therapy with individuals who are minors; providing that a certain mental health or child care practitioner who engages in conversion therapy with a minor shall	First Reading Health and Government Operations

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			Mental Health Protection Act)	be considered to have engaged in unprofessional conduct subject to disciplinary action; defining 'conversion therapy' as a practice or treatment by a mental health or child care practitioner that seeks to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity; etc.	
HB0906		Delegate Flanagan	Income Tax - Itemized Deductions and Personal Exemptions	Altering the amounts allowed as deductions for certain exemptions under the Maryland income tax; allowing certain individuals to itemize deductions to compute Maryland taxable income; allowing an individual, under certain circumstances, to increase the amount of itemized deductions used to determine Maryland taxable income by a certain amount of real or personal property taxes paid by the individual; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	First Reading Ways and Means
HB0909	SB0862	Delegate Cullison & Senator Kelley	Maryland No-Fault Birth Injury Fund	Establishing a system for adjudication of a claim involving a birth-related neurological injury; providing for certain benefits and compensation, of a claimant under the Act; establishing the Maryland No-Fault Birth Injury Fund to provide compensation and benefits to eligible claimants; providing for certain premiums and insurance surcharges to be used to finance and administer the Fund; applying the Act prospectively; etc.	Hearing canceled
HB0918		Delegate Fisher	Calvert County - Personal Property Tax - Exemption	Exempting certain personal property from the Calvert County property tax; providing that certain personal property remains subject to the Calvert County property tax including the operating personal property of a railroad or public utility and certain property used to provide cable television, data, or telecommunication services; providing that certain personal property subject to a payment in	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.

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				lieu of taxes agreement shall be subject to the Calvert County property tax on the termination of the agreement; applying the Act; etc.	
HB0919		Delegate Saab	Public Safety - Handgun Permit - Renewal	Repealing the requirement that an applicant complete a certain firearms training course prior to a renewal of a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun; altering the term of a renewal permit; and limiting the number of times that a permit may be renewed.	First Reading Judiciary
HB0922		Delegate Kipke	Maryland Department of Health - 'Pill Mill' Tip Line	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before December 1, 2018, to establish a certain tip line through which a person may report a certain individual who the reporting person suspects is prescribing medication or overprescribing medication in violation of certain provisions of law; requiring the Department to endeavor to ensure that a certain phone number translates alphanumerically to a memorable word or phrase; etc.	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0942		Delegate Rosenberg	Real Property â€“ Body Attachments â€“ Debt Related to Residential Tenancy	Establishing that, in the case of a debt related to a residential tenancy where the court has entered a judgment in favor of the landlord, an individual arrested on a certain body attachment and taken before the court or a judicial officer of the District Court is entitled to be represented by counsel, including, if the individual is indigent, the Public Defender or a designee of the Public Defender; etc.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m. (Judiciary)
HB0948		Delegate Morgan	Estates and Trusts â€“ Transfer From Revocable Trust â€“ Exemption From Tax	Exempting from certain real property recordation, transfer, and excise taxes transfers of real property from a revocable trust to a beneficiary of the trust as a result of the death of the settlor of the revocable trust.	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.

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HB0951	SB0317	Delegate Tarlau & Senator Pinsky	Higher Education Degree and Job Certification Without Debt Act of 2018	Requiring the Governor to include certain amounts in the State budget to the Higher Education Commission for near completer grants for certain recipients; establishing the Maryland Community College Promise Program to provide the opportunity for community college students to earn an associate degree or a certificate debt-free; imposing a certain State income tax on the Maryland taxable income, attributable to investment management services, of an individual or a corporation or the distributive share of a pass-through entity; etc.	First Reading Ways and Means and Appropriations
HB0973		Delegate Waldstreicher	Directors of Corporations - Duties and Standard of Conduct	Specifying that a certain statutory standard of conduct is the sole source of duties owed by a director of a corporation directly to the corporation and indirectly to the stockholders of the corporation; repealing a certain provision of law regarding the application of a certain statutory standard of conduct when a decision has been made to enter into a certain transaction; providing that certain provisions of law concerning the liability of a director of a corporation do not apply to certain actions; etc.	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0974		Delegate Tarlau	Labor and Employment - Exemptions From Overtime Pay - Administrative, Executive, or Professional Capacity	Altering the conditions under which an individual who works in a certain administrative, executive, or professional capacity qualifies for an exemption from overtime pay; requiring that an individual be compensated on a salary basis at \$900 or more per week exclusive of board, lodging, or other facilities, to qualify as an individual who is employed in an administrative, executive, or professional capacity; etc.	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.

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HB0978	SB0624	Delegate Wilkins & Senator Smith	State Income and Property Tax Credits - Purple Line Construction Zone	Allowing certain businesses impacted by the construction of the Purple Line light rail project in Montgomery County and Prince George's County a credit against the State income tax and State property tax; requiring the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Comptroller, to determine the amount of the income tax credit; requiring the Department to certify a business entity as a qualified business if the business entity can establish loss of business income at a property in the area impacted by the construction; etc.	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0989	SB0877	Speaker & President	Promoting ext-Raordinary Innovation in Maryland's Economy (PRIME Act)	Establishing the Promoting ext-Raordinary Innovation in Maryland's Economy Program within the Department of Commerce to provide certain Fortune 100 companies tax credits and benefits for up to 10 years; requiring the Department to administer the Program; establishing the application and eligibility requirements for a business entity to qualify for tax credits and benefits under the Program; authorizing a credit against the State income tax for certain income of business entities certified under the Program; etc.	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0990		Delegate McMillan	Homestead Property Tax Credit - Notification on Acquisition of Property	Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to mail to each individual who acquires residential real property within a reasonable period of time after the individual acquires the property a certain notice about the homestead tax credit and how to apply for the credit; and requiring the Department to ensure that the information it provides is accurate and up-to-date.	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.

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HB0992		Delegate Angel	Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission - Definitions	Defining 'bona fide provider-patient relationship' for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing medical cannabis to mean a treatment or counseling relationship between a provider and a patient in which the provider has reviewed certain records and completed a certain assessment in person or through telehealth, has created and maintained certain records, and has a certain reasonable expectation; and defining 'telehealth' for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing medical cannabis.	First Reading Health and Government Operations
HB0993	SB0898	Delegate Korman & Senator Guzzone	Maryland Pension Climate Change Risk Act	Requiring that, consistent with certain fiduciary duties, the investment policy manual adopted by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System include certain policies and address certain details regarding the management of climate risks in the investment of State Retirement and Pension System assets; requiring the Board of Trustees to conduct or commission a climate risk assessment of the investments of the several systems by January 31, 2019, and every 4 years thereafter; etc.	First Reading Appropriations
HB0995		Montgomery County Delegation	Montgomery County - Residential Leases - Just Cause Eviction MC 15-18	Prohibiting a certain landlord from evicting a tenant from leased premises in Montgomery County in the absence of just cause; specifying the circumstances under which just cause exists; requiring a certain notice to a tenant to be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested; making certain eviction actions in Montgomery County subject to a certain provision; and applying the Act.	First Reading Environment and Transportation
HB0997		Delegate Cullison	Condominiums - Transfer of Control -	Requiring, on the transfer of control of a condominium, the documents turned over by the developer to the council of unit owners to include	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.

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			Common Element Reserves	any reserve account records and a certain report describing the reserves required for major repairs and replacement of the common elements; and requiring, for a condominium created by the conversion of residential rental property, the developer to turn over a reserve account containing certain funds.	
HB1013	SB0759	Delegate West & Senator Jennings	Property Tax - Benefits for Agricultural Land - Exclusion of Solar Farms	Establishing that a certain special use value assessment of certain agricultural land does not apply to land used for the generation of electricity from solar energy; prohibiting a certain property tax credit for agricultural land from being granted for tax imposed on land used for the generation of electricity from solar energy; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018.	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1024	SB0986	Delegate Hettleman & Senator Kelley	State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program - Contraceptive Drugs and Devices and Male Sterilization	Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to ensure that the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program complies with certain provisions of the Insurance Article relating to the coverage of contraceptive drugs and devices and male sterilization.	First Reading Appropriations
HB1043		Delegate McConkey	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Out-of-State Military Income	Expanding a certain subtraction modification allowed under the State income tax to include certain income attributable to military service outside the State; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1048		Delegate Young, P.	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Military Retirement Income	Removing the limitation on the amount of income that may be included in a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain military retirement income; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.

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HB1049	SB0895	Delegate Barnes, B. & Senator Guzzone	State Police Retirement System - Deferred Retirement Option Program - Alterations	Increasing the maximum number of years of eligibility service that certain members of the State Police Retirement System may have to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) to 30; increasing the number of years that certain members of the State Police Retirement System may participate in the DROP; authorizing certain individuals, subject to certain limitations and requirements, to elect to extend their participation in the DROP; etc.	First Reading Appropriations
HB1050	SB1022	Delegate Haynes & Senator Conway	Baltimore City - Property Tax Credit - Rental Discount for Baltimore City Public Safety Officers	Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the property tax imposed on certain rental dwellings in Baltimore City; establishing that qualified landlords that provide certain rental discounts to certain public safety officers may be eligible for the tax credit; providing that, for a taxable year, qualified landlords that receive the credit are ineligible to receive certain other credits against the county property tax in that taxable year; etc.	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1051		Delegate Young, P.	Corporate Income Tax - Throwback Rule	Requiring that certain sales of tangible personal property be attributed to the State for apportionment purposes under the corporate income tax if the corporation is not taxable in the state of the purchaser; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	First Reading Ways and Means
HB1069		Delegate Buckel	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency	Increasing the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain qualifying volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical services members for certain taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.	First Reading Ways and Means

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			Medical Services Members		
HB1073	SB0468	Delegate Holmes & Senator Eckardt	Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases - Water and Sewer Bills	Requiring a landlord that requires a tenant to make payments for water or sewer utility services to the landlord to use a written lease that includes a certain notice and to provide a copy of a certain water or sewer bill to a tenant under certain circumstances; and providing for the application of the Act.	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1090		Delegate Afzali	Consumer Protection - Caller ID Spoofing Ban of 2018	Prohibiting an individual or a person from taking certain actions to provide false location information when placing a telephone call; and establishing a certain penalty for providing false location information when placing a call.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1093		Delegate Platt	Maryland Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act	Establishing that requirements of certain laws specifying a certain document be in a certain form or signed as a condition for recording are met by an electronic document or electronic signature under certain circumstances; authorizing a clerk of the circuit court, in compliance with standards established by the Administrative Office of the Courts, to perform certain acts relating to electronic documents and provide for certain activities by electronic means; providing for the application of the Act; etc.	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1095	SB0865	Delegate Kramer & Senator Feldman	Corporations - Maryland General Corporation Law - Miscellaneous Provisions	Clarifying the term of a certain director of a corporation elected to fill a vacancy; altering the authority of and circumstances in which certain holders of stock may take certain action or consent to a certain action by delivering a consent in writing or by electronic transmission; altering a certain voting process of stockholders of different classes; clarifying the time by which a parent corporation is	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.

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				required to provide a certain notice in a certain merger; etc.	
HB1097	SB0931	Delegate Healey & Senator Benson	Real Property - Condominiums and Homeowners Associations - Dispute Settlement	Altering the procedures a council of unit owners or a board of directors of a condominium shall take before a penalty for a violation of the condominium's rules can be imposed on an alleged violator; establishing procedures a board of directors or other governing body of a homeowners association shall take before a penalty for a violation of the homeowners association's rules can be imposed on an alleged violator; etc.	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1100	SB0893	Delegate Kramer & Senator Feldman	Corporations and Associations - Corporate Records and Electronic Transmissions	Authorizing certain records of a corporation to be maintained by means of any information storage device, method, or electronic network or database, including a distributed electronic network or database, under certain circumstances; requiring a corporation to convert a record maintained in a certain manner into a clearly legible written form on the request of a certain person; authorizing certain communications, consents, and requests to be made by means of a certain electronic transmission; etc.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1107	SB0831	Delegate Wilson & Senator Middleton	Public Safety - Elevator Inspections - Testing	Requiring that a certain test on an elevator unit performed in connection with a certain inspection be performed by a certain licensed elevator mechanic; requiring a third-party qualified inspector to be physically present during a certain test in its entirety to witness that the test has been performed correctly and to verify the proper recording of the result; clarifying that a State inspector retains certain authority under the Act; etc.	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.

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HB1108		Delegate McMillan	State Procurement - Use of Electronic Means to Conduct Procurement	Requiring, beginning July 1, 2020, a primary procurement unit to conduct procurement by electronic means; and authorizing a bidder or an offeror to elect to submit a bid or an offer and conduct each element of a certain procurement contract in hard copy form.	First Reading Health and Government Operations
HB1109		Delegate Morales	State Government - Discrimination in Employment - Pregnancy and Childbirth	Requiring an employer to provide certain reasonable accommodations for certain employees; applying certain requirements regarding reasonable accommodations in employment to employees who have certain limitations caused by childbirth; altering the circumstances under which an employer is required to transfer an employee for the duration of the employee's limitation caused or contributed to by pregnancy; etc.	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1112	SB0951	Delegate Holmes Senator Eckardt	Tax Sales - Vacant and Abandoned Property	Authorizing all counties and municipal corporations to release liens for unpaid real property taxes or other charges and assessments to facilitate a transfer of real property if certain conditions are satisfied; authorizing a county to direct the tax collector to withhold certain real property from tax sale under certain circumstances; requiring a county to develop objective criteria for designating certain property to be withheld from tax sale; making conforming changes; etc.	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1127	SB0876	Delegate Jameson & Senator Middleton	Insurance Commercial Lines Exemptions From Filings	Providing that certain requirements for filing with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner certain rates and supplementary rate information and for modifications of rates and supplementary rate information do not apply to exempt commercial policyholders; repealing the requirement that a certain commercial policyholder has to certify in a	Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.

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				certain manner to the Commissioner that it meets certain criteria for a certain exemption; etc.	
HB1146		Delegate Buckel	Income Tax - Rates and Itemized Deductions	Altering the State income tax rate on the Maryland taxable income of certain individuals; allowing an individual to itemize deductions to compute Maryland taxable income whether or not the individual itemizes deductions on the individual's federal income tax return; providing that, for an individual who does not itemize deductions on the individual's federal income tax return, Maryland itemized deductions shall be determined as if an individual itemized deductions on the federal income tax return; etc.	First Reading Ways and Means
HB1147	SB0887	Delegate Wivell & Washington County Senators	Washington County - Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans - Minimum Percentage of Disability	Expanding eligibility for a certain property tax credit in Washington County for the dwelling house of a disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran to include veterans with any service-connected disability; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018.	First Reading Ways and Means
HB1158		Delegate Holmes	Real Property - Regulation of Common Ownership Community Managers	Creating the State Board of Common Ownership Community Managers in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; providing for the composition of the Board and the appointment, terms, and expenses of the Board members; providing that the Act does not prohibit certain persons from providing services under certain circumstances; requiring an individual to be issued a license or a limited license by the Board before providing management services for a common ownership community under certain circumstances; etc.	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1165		Delegate Young, P.	Military Service Credit - Eligibility	Repealing limitations and exceptions for certain members of the State Retirement and Pension	First Reading Appropriations

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				System receiving credit for military service if the member receives military service credit in another retirement system.	
HB1167	SB1011	Delegate Pena-Melniky & Senator Feldman	Protect Maryland Health Care Act of 2018	Establishing the Maryland Insurance Stabilization Fund and the Health Insurance Down Payment Escrow Fund; specifying the purposes of the funds; requiring, beginning on a certain date, an individual to maintain certain coverage for certain individuals; requiring that an individual pay a certain payment under certain circumstances; requiring the Exchange to take certain steps to facilitate the enrollment of certain individuals into certain coverage under certain circumstances; etc.	First Reading Health and Government Operations
HB1178	SB0925	Delegate Lafferty & Senator Kasemeyer	Property Tax - Liability for Payment of Tax on Leased Property	Providing that a lien that is the result of unpaid property tax of the lessee of certain interests in property of certain governmental entities does attach, under certain circumstances, to certain property; etc.	First Reading Ways and Means
HB1179	SB0880	Delegate Miller & Senator Astle, Feldman	Commercial Insurance - Certificates of Insurance - Fee	Providing that an insurance producer is not prohibited from charging and collecting a fee, not exceeding \$30, for services rendered in issuing a certain certificate of insurance or other evidence of coverage on behalf of a commercial policyholder under certain circumstances.	Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1180		Howard County Delegation	Howard County Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Teachers Ho. Co. 14â€“18	Establishing the Howard County Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Teachers to attract, recruit, and retain a diverse cadre of qualified teachers that is reflective of the student population within county schools; authorizing the governing body of Howard County to establish the Program; requiring the county to assist in the repayment of certain student loans owed by certain teachers; requiring the county to establish	First Reading Ways and Means

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				the amount and terms and conditions of the Program; establishing Program funding; etc.	
HB1186		Howard County Delegation	Howard County - Property Tax Credit - Natural Disaster Ho. Co. 09-18	Authorizing the governing body of Howard County to grant a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on residential or commercial real property that has suffered damage caused by a natural disaster; and making certain alterations to the county's existing authority to provide a property tax credit for commercial property that has suffered damage caused by flood conditions.	First Reading Ways and Means
HB1190	SB0318	Delegate Buckel & Senator Serafini	Income Tax - Standard Deduction - Alteration	Altering the determination of the amount of the standard deduction allowed for an individual under the Maryland income tax; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1203		Delegate Haynes	Maryland Education Opportunity Act of 2018	Exempting recent high school graduates from payment of tuition to attend a community college in theS State under certain circumstances; providing a 50% discount on tuition to individuals who do not have a high school diploma or GED and have been unemployed for at least 6 months but who have been seeking employment and who are attending a community college and seeking vocational certificates or associate's degrees; requiring the State to reimburse community colleges for foregone tuition revenue; etc.	First Reading Appropriations
HB1208	SB0810	Delegate Walker & Senator Zucker	Job Reinvestment Act of 2018	Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain small business entities located in an enterprise zone or a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) zone; allowing a small business to qualify for the credit if the business hired and retained at least one new employee for at least 6 months; allowing a small business to apply the credit for each employee who is hired that results	First Reading Ways and Means

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				in a net increase in the number of employees hired and retained by the business; etc.	
HB1213		Delegate McMillan	Maryland 529 - Broker-Dealer College Investment Plan - Required Establishment	Requiring the Maryland 529 Board to establish a Maryland Broker-Dealer College Investment Plan on or before July 1, 2019; etc.	First Reading Appropriations
HB1223		Delegate Lierman	Tuition Stabilization Act of 2018	Prohibiting the governing boards of public senior higher education institutions from approving increases in tuition that are more than 2% over the previous year's tuition for certain eligible students in certain academic years; providing that certain tuition restrictions apply to certain eligible students through a certain academic year, do not apply to eligible students after the fourth academic year, and do not apply to eligible students who attend the University of Maryland University College; etc.	First Reading Appropriations
HB1227		Delegate Beidle	Tax Credit - Commuter Benefits - Alterations	Increasing from 50% to 80% the percent of the cost of providing certain employee commuter benefits that a business may claim as a credit against the income tax and insurance premium tax; providing that the commuter benefits tax credit may be claimed for costs incurred in connection with travel between an employee's residence and place of employment; providing that a vehicle used to transport employees must incur certain mileage in connection with transporting individuals between their residences and places of employment; etc.	First Reading Ways and Means
HB1239		Delegate Wilson	Labor and Employment - Sexual Harassment - Contractual Waivers	Providing that a provision in certain employment contracts, policies, or agreements that waive certain rights or remedies to a claim of sexual harassment, discrimination, or retaliation is null	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.

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				and void as being against the public policy of the State; and providing for the application of the Act.	
HB1241	SB0971	Delegate Lisanti & Senator Manno	Corporations and Associations - Recordation and Filing - Proof of Occupational or Professional License or Admission to Bar	Prohibiting the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from accepting for recordation or filing certain documents unless the entity requesting the recordation or filing has provided the Department certain proof that the owner of the entity, or a member, a partner, a shareholder, or an authorized agent of the entity, holds a certain occupational or professional license or is admitted to the Bar of the Court of Appeals of Maryland; and applying the Act.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1246	SB0954	Delegate Holmes & Senator Eckardt	Property Tax - In Rem Foreclosure and Sale - Vacant and Abandoned Property	Requiring a tax collector to withhold from tax sale certain real property designated by a county or municipal corporation for sale under a certain process; authorizing a county or municipal corporation to initiate an in rem foreclosure and sale of certain real property for delinquent taxes; requiring a county or municipal corporation to enact certain laws authorizing in rem foreclosure and sale of certain real property; requiring the tax collector to commence an in rem foreclosure action; etc.	First Reading Ways and Means
HB1252		Delegate Dumais	Income Tax - Refunds - Payment	Prohibiting the Comptroller without just cause from delaying the payment of an income tax refund to an individual who files a married filing separately income tax return unless the delay is in accordance with certain provisions of law.	First Reading Ways and Means
HB1253	SB0068	Delegate Dumais & Senator Norman	Business Regulation - Collection Agencies - Exemptions From Licensure	Altering the exemption from the requirement that a person must have a license to operate as a collection agency to include all lawyers, and employees under the supervision of a lawyer, who are collecting a debt for a client; repealing the	Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.

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				requirement that lawyers who have employees who are nonlawyers primarily engaged in debt collection must have a license to operate as a collection agency; etc.	
HB1257		Delegate Rosenberg	Residential Leases - Lease Option Agreements - Required Statements	Requiring a lease option agreement to purchase improved residential property, if executed on or after July 1, 2018, to state in capital letters and in close proximity to the tenant's signature that the agreement is a lease governed by Title 8 of the Real Property Article and a tenant or prospective tenant shall have all applicable rights and remedies provided under that title.	First Reading Environment and Transportation
HB1262		Delegate Adams	Healthy Working Families Act - Enforcement - Modifications (Healthy Working Families Enforcement Consistency Act)	Repealing the rebuttable presumption that an employer that fails to keep certain records or refuses to allow the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to inspect certain records has violated certain provisions of law; repealing a requirement that the Commissioner investigate a certain complaint within a certain number of days; altering the steps the Commissioner is required to take if the Commissioner receives a certain complaint; etc.	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1263		Delegate Haynes	Foreclosed Property Registry - Duty to Inspect and Maintain Properties in Baltimore City	Requiring a foreclosure purchaser at least every 3 months to conduct a reasonable inspection of and perform necessary maintenance on certain properties in Baltimore City to prevent the property from becoming blighted or causing damage to a neighboring property; requiring a foreclosure purchaser to certify to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation certain information about inspections of certain properties in Baltimore City; imposing a certain penalty for a failure to conduct a certain inspection; etc.	First Reading Environment and Transportation

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HB1264	SB1039	Delegate Moon & Senator Smith	Constitutional Amendment - Cannabis - Use, Possession, Cultivation, and Sale	Amending the Maryland Constitution to establish that, subject to certain exceptions, an individual in the State who is at least 21 years old may under State law use cannabis, possess up to 1 ounce of cannabis, cultivate up to 6 cannabis plants, and share a certain amount of cannabis; providing that the amendment does not require or prohibit certain employment policies, authorize certain driving conduct, or change certain existing laws, with a certain exception; etc.	First Reading Judiciary
HB1280	SB0660	Delegate Korman & Senator Lee	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Rare and Expensive Case Management Program - Waiver Amendment	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to the Rare and Expensive Case Management Program under a certain waiver; and requiring the application to authorize enrollment in the Program for certain individuals who are between the ages of 21 and 64 who have a qualifying Rare and Expensive Case Management diagnosis.	First Reading Health and Government Operations
HB1285		Delegate Kramer	Consumer Protection - Consumer Reporting Agencies - Security Freezes - Call Center	Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a fee for the placement, temporary lift, or removal of a security freeze requested by a consumer or a certain consumer representative within 90 days after a certain data breach; altering the contents of a certain notice that must be included with a summary of rights provided to a consumer; requiring a consumer reporting agency that keeps a file on a consumer to maintain a toll-free customer call center; requiring the consumer reporting agency to publicize the availability of a call center; etc.	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1288		Delegate Rey	Medical Cannabis - Identification and	Requiring a patient or a caregiver to obtain a certain identification card and to comply with	First Reading Health and Government Operations

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			Registration Cards and Law Enforcement	certain requirements; requiring a grower agent, dispensary agent, or processor who is issued a certain registration card to comply with certain requirements; prohibiting a law enforcement officer from being held liable in any cause of action if the law enforcement officer, acting in good faith, takes certain actions; etc.	
HB1294		Delegate Haynes	Income Tax Credit – Payment of Tuition at a Community College	Allowing an individual who pays certain tuition and fees at a community college to claim a credit against the State income tax up to the amount of State income tax imposed or tuition paid for the taxable year; prohibiting an individual from claiming the credit for the amount of tuition otherwise covered by grants or loans; requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	First Reading Ways and Means
HB1297		Delegate Aumann	Commercial Law - Consumer Loans and Credit - Miscellaneous Provisions	Prohibiting an unlicensed person from making a covered loan under certain circumstances; providing that certain loans are void and unenforceable under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain persons from receiving or retaining certain principal, interest, fees, or other compensation under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain persons from selling, assigning, or otherwise transferring certain loans; etc.	Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1331		Delegate Washington, A.	Election Law - Cybersecurity	Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to notify certain persons within 7 days after becoming aware of a security incident involving an election system; requiring that the notification include certain information; authorizing the Secretary of Information Technology to require that information contained in a notification be withheld from the	First Reading Ways and Means

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				general public if the Secretary makes a certain determination; etc.	
HB1336		Delegate Kaiser	Income Tax - Calculation of Maryland Taxable Income - Itemized Deductions	Allowing certain taxpayers to increase the amount of itemized deductions used to determine Maryland taxable income by a certain amount of real or personal property taxes paid by the taxpayer and by the amount of certain interest paid by the taxpayer on certain home equity indebtedness and certain expenses and losses disallowed as a deduction under certain federal income tax provisions; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	First Reading Ways and Means
HB1364		Delegate Ali	Maryland Healthy Working Families Act – Calculation of Employees (Fair Sick Leave and Holiday Compensation Act)	Specifying, for purposes of determining whether an employer is required to provide paid or unpaid earned sick and safe leave in accordance with certain provisions of law, that, if an employer or a franchisor has more than one business location in the State, the number of employees at each location shall be aggregated.	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1372		Delegate Waldstreicher	Consumer Protection - Consumer Contracts Renewal - Restrictions	Prohibiting a consumer contract from containing a renewal term that exceeds 12 months under certain circumstances; requiring a certain person who sells or leases or offers to sell or lease any consumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services to disclose certain information regarding contract renewal in a certain manner; making a violation of the Act an unfair or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; etc.	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1417		Delegate McComas	Healthy Working Families Act - Delay of Effective Date	Delaying the effective date of the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act; etc.	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.

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HB1445		Delegate Long	Homestead Property Tax Credit - Calculation of Credit for Dwelling Purchased by First-Time Homeowner	Allowing a first-time homeowner in the State to calculate the homestead property tax credit for property that includes a newly purchased dwelling using a certain method; requiring that the credit for a newly purchased dwelling be calculated in a certain manner; providing that a certain homeowner may receive the larger of the homestead property tax credit amounts as calculated using certain methods; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018; etc.	First Reading Ways and Means
HB1465		Delegate Walker	Tax Sales - Homeowner Protections	Authorizing a collector of property taxes to withhold from tax sale any property when the total taxes due on the property amount to less than \$750 in any 1 year; requiring a certain mailing sent by a collector of property taxes to the owner of a property before the property is advertised for tax sale to include a separate insert that includes certain information about how a homeowner may access certain services and programs that may assist the homeowner to avoid tax sale costs or foreclosure; etc.	First Reading Ways and Means
HB1468		Delegate Beidle	Transit - Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program	Establishing the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program in the Maryland Transit Administration; authorizing the Administration to make certain grants under the Program to certain providers for certain employment and commuter projects; providing for the distribution of funds under the Program; requiring the Administration to conduct certain solicitations before accepting grant applications under the Program; establishing a certain application process for a grant under the Program; etc.	First Reading Environment and Transportation

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HB1481	SB0648	Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo & Senator Kelley	Real Property - New Home Sales - Information on Energy-Efficient Options	Requiring, for a development with 11 or more homes to be built by the same builder, a home builder to provide a purchaser with written information on energy-efficient options, including a statement that tax credits may be available related to the energy-efficient options, available for installation in a new home; and requiring a contract for the initial sale of a new home to contain a certain acknowledgment that the purchaser was provided with certain information about energy-efficient options for the home.	First Reading Environment and Transportation
HB1490		Delegate Washington, A.	Local Government - Overhead Transmission Lines - Property Maintenance	Authorizing a county or municipality to enact a law that establishes certain standards and requirements for a certain electric company to follow to maintain a certain property on which an overhead transmission line is located; specifying that certain standards and requirements may relate to certain maintenance and securement on certain property; and authorizing a county or municipality to impose a civil penalty of up to \$500 for a first offense and up to \$1,000 for each subsequent violation.	Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1496		Delegate Glenn	Labor and Employment - Discrimination Against Medical Cannabis Patients and Caregivers - Prohibition (Medical Cannabis Patient and Caregiver Antidiscrimination Act)	Prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, a certain employer from taking certain discriminatory actions against or otherwise penalizing a qualifying patient or caregiver based on the individual's status as a qualifying patient or caregiver or, with respect to a certain qualifying patient, a certain drug test result; authorizing certain individuals to file a complaint with the Commissioner of Labor and Industry; etc.	First Reading Health and Government Operations
HB1497	SB0852	Delegate Valderrama &	Workers' Compensation -	Providing a credit for an employer or insurer for compensation paid to a covered employee who is	Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.

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		Senator Klausmeier	Temporary Total Disability - Credit	temporarily totally disabled due to an accidental personal injury or an occupational disease under certain circumstances and during a certain period; and applying the Act prospectively.	
HB1499	SB0575	Delegate Valderrama & Senator Klausmeier	Workers' Compensation - Self-Insured Employers - Suspected Fraud Reporting	Requiring certain governmental self-insurance groups and employers who self-insure or participate in a self-insurance group in accordance with certain provisions of law governing workers' compensation to report suspected insurance fraud in writing to the Fraud Division of the Maryland Insurance Administration; and providing that certain information, documentation, or other evidence provided by certain self-insureds to certain persons is not subject to public inspection under certain circumstances.	Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1506		Delegate Kramer	Office of the Attorney General - Securities Commissioner - Asset Recovery for Exploited Seniors	Authorizing the Securities Commissioner of the Division of Securities of the Office of the Attorney General to bring a civil action for damages against a certain person that violates certain provisions of law on behalf of a certain person; authorizing the Commissioner to recover certain damages; authorizing the Commissioner to recover certain costs under certain circumstances; providing that a certain criminal conviction is not a prerequisite for maintenance of an action under the Act; and applying the Act.	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1509		Delegate Morgan	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange â€“ Individual Exchange â€“ Copper Plans to Lower Rates	Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, beginning January 1, 2019, to make copper plans available in the Individual Exchange to certain individuals, notwithstanding certain provisions of law; requiring the Exchange to certify a certain health benefit plan as a copper plan if the plan	First Reading Health and Government Operations

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				provides certain coverage, notwithstanding certain provisions of law; etc.	
HB1511		Delegate Mautz	Credit Regulation - Mortgage Brokers - Finder's Fee	Repealing a certain provision of law limiting the amount of a finder's fee that may be charged by a mortgage broker obtaining a mortgage loan with respect to the same property more than once within a 24-month period.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1513		Delegate Fennell	Commercial Law - Maryland Credit Repair Businesses Act	Recodifying provisions relating to the regulation of credit repair businesses by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; prohibiting a credit repair business and certain persons from receiving certain consideration unless the business is licensed by the Commissioner; prohibiting a credit repair business and certain persons from receiving certain consideration for certain purposes; prohibiting a credit repair business from making, or assisting a consumer to make, a certain false or misleading statement or representation; etc.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1516	SB1002	Delegate Barron & Senator Feldman	Public Health - Healthy Maryland Program - Establishment (Healthy Maryland Act of 2018)	Establishing Healthy Maryland as a public corporation and a unit of State government to provide comprehensive universal health coverage for every Maryland resident; requiring Healthy Maryland to provide certain services, a certain system, certain choice and access to certain coordinators and certain providers, and certain financing for residents of the State on or before January 1, 2020; establishing the Health Maryland Board to organize, administer, and market Healthy Maryland and Healthy Maryland Services as a single-payer program; etc.	First Reading Health and Government Operations
HB1584		Delegate Howard, S.	Maryland Personal Information Protection Act - Security Breach	Altering the applicability of certain security breach investigation and notification requirements to certain businesses; prohibiting a certain business	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.

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			Notification Requirements - Modifications	from charging a certain owner or licensee of computerized data a fee for providing information that the owner or licensee needs to provide a certain notification; prohibiting a certain owner or licensee from using certain information for certain purposes; etc.	
HB1596	SB1010	Delegate Valderrama & Senator Zucker	Labor and Employment Sexual Harassment Contractual Waivers and Reporting Requirements	Providing that a provision in certain employment contracts, policies, or agreements that waive certain rights or remedies to a claim of sexual harassment, discrimination, or retaliation is null and void as being against the public policy of the State; prohibiting an employer from taking certain adverse actions against certain employees; providing that certain employers are liable for certain attorney's fees; applying the Act; etc.	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1608		Delegate Morgan	Real Property - Trust Money - Escrow Trust Accounts	Requiring an escrow agent to deposit trust money into an escrow trust account within a certain period of time; requiring that an escrow trust account be kept only for trust money and be kept separately from an escrow agent's other accounts; prohibiting an escrow agent from using trust money for any purpose other than that for which it is entrusted to the escrow agent; requiring that an escrow trust account be maintained at a financial institution insured by a certain entity; etc.	First Reading Environment and Transportation
HB1612		Delegate Rosenberg	Real Property - Wrongful Detainer - Emergency Hearing on Lease Agreement	Requiring a court to hold an emergency hearing on motion of either party to determine the legitimacy of a lease agreement for contested property in an action alleging wrongful detainer of property.	First Reading Environment and Transportation
HB1634	SB1068	Delegate Frick & Senator Rosapepe	Financial Consumer Protection Act of 2018	Providing that certain loans are void and unenforceable under certain circumstances; prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a fee for any service relating to a security	Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m. Support with Amendments. Passed by House. Senate –second reading

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				freeze; requiring the Governor to appropriate certain amounts in the annual State budget for the Commissioner of Financial Regulation and the Office of the Attorney General; prohibiting a person from engaging in student education loan servicing unless the person is licensed by the Commissioner or is exempt from licensing; etc.	
HB1642	SB1012	Delegate Frick & Senator Feldman	Commissioner of Financial Regulation - Student Education Loans - Ombudsman and Licensing of Servicers	Requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to designate an individual to serve as the Student Loan Ombudsman; establishing the duties and responsibilities of the Student Loan Ombudsman; requiring the Ombudsman, in consultation with the Commissioner, to establish a certain student loan borrower education course with certain requirements; prohibiting a person from engaging in student education loan servicing unless the person is licensed by the Commissioner or is exempt from licensing; establishing application requirements; etc.	Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1647		Delegate Howard, S.	Commercial Law - Credit Card Processors - Service Agreements	Requiring a credit card processor to send a summary of a certain services agreement to certain businesses; requiring the summary to include certain information; requiring a credit card processor to provide a certain notice regarding a services agreement renewal before a certain date; requiring the notice to disclose certain information; authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to take certain actions; establishing certain civil penalties for a violation of the Act; and defining certain terms.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1654		Delegate Frick	Commercial Law - Internet Privacy and Net Neutrality	Specifying the circumstances under which a broadband Internet access service provider may handle certain customer personal information in a	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.

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				certain manner; establishing a mechanism through which a broadband Internet access service provider may obtain customer consent to have certain personal information handled in a certain manner; etc.	
HB1655		Delegate Reznik	Commercial Law - Privacy and Net Neutrality Protections	Specifying the circumstances under which a broadband Internet access service provider may handle certain customer personal information in a certain manner; establishing a mechanism through which a broadband Internet access service provider may obtain customer consent to have certain personal information handled in a certain manner; prohibiting a broadband Internet access service provider from taking certain actions based on whether a customer has consented to have certain customer personal information handled in a certain manner; etc.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.
HB1663		Delegate Malone	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Qualified Higher Education Expenses - Annual Limitation	Increasing, from \$2,500 to \$5,000, the maximum amount allowed in a taxable year as a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for advance payments of certain qualified higher education expenses made by an account holder or a contributor under a Maryland Prepaid College Trust contract; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	First Reading Ways and Means and Appropriations
HB1664		Delegate Malone	Sales and Use Tax - Casual and Isolated Sales - Exemption Amount	Increasing from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the amount of the sales price of certain sales that are eligible for an exemption under the sales and use tax for casual and isolated sales.	First Reading Ways and Means
HJ0002	SJ0004	Delegate McIntosh & Senator Klausmeier	Increasing Maryland's Competitiveness Through Gender	Recognizing certain evidence showing a deficiency in the gender diversity of Maryland boardrooms and the comparative high performance of companies where women are more strongly	Hearing 2/26 at 3:00 p.m.

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			Diversity in Boardrooms	represented in top management; encouraging equitable and diverse gender representation on the boards and in senior management of companies and organizations in the State of Maryland; and urging certain institutions and companies to have a minimum of 30% of women directors by December 31, 2021; etc.	
SB0010		Senator Kasemeyer	Property Tax Assessments - Physical Inspection of Property	Repealing a requirement that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation or the supervisor of assessments for a county value all real property once in every 3-year cycle based on an exterior physical inspection of the real property; and requiring the Department's review of each real property assessment in every 3-year cycle to include a physical inspection under certain circumstances.	Hearing 1/18 at 2:30 p.m.
SB0035		Senator Norman	Labor and Employment - Lien for Unpaid Wages - District Court Jurisdiction	Establishing that the District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit courts over proceedings under certain provisions of law regarding liens for unpaid wages and has the powers of a court in equity in those proceedings; authorizing a certain employer to dispute a lien for unpaid wages by filing a complaint in the District Court sitting in the county where property of an employer is located; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.	Hearing 1/16 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0042		Senator Norman	Courts - Consumer Debt Collection Actions - Statute of Limitations	Repealing a certain provision of law relating to the statute of limitations on consumer debt collection actions; and clarifying that a prohibition on reviving the statute of limitations period after certain activity on debt occurs applies only after the expiration of the statute of limitations.	Favorable with Amendments Report by Judicial Proceedings

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SB0050		Senator Mathias	Income Tax â€“ Subtraction Modification â€“ Retirement Income of Law Enforcement, Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel â€“ Eligibility	Altering a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax to include certain retirement income attributable to a resident's employment with the District of Columbia as a law enforcement officer or member of a fire, rescue, or emergency services organization; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	Hearing 1/31 at 2:30 p.m.
SB0052		Chair, Finance Committee	Insurance - Medicare Supplement Policy Plans - Conformity to Federal Law	Altering references to certain Medicare supplement policy plans to conform with certain provisions in federal law; etc.	First Reading Health and Government Operations
SB0056		Senator Norman	Civil Actions and Procedures - Garnishments - Spousal Property	Providing that a garnishment against property held in a certain joint account is valid unless the persons named on the account were married prior to a certain date; establishing a presumption that the garnishment is valid unless, within 30 days after service of the writ of garnishment on the garnishee, either spouse files a motion objecting to the garnishment and serves a copy of the motion on the judgment creditor, the garnishee, and any other person named on the account; etc.	Hearing 1/16 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0061		Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee	Child Support - Noncustodial Parent Employment Assistance Pilot Program - Documentation and Reporting	Repealing the requirement that the Noncustodial Parent Employment Assistance Pilot Program include documentation of a noncustodial parent's compliance status at 14 days after the effective date of a certain consent agreement; and altering certain Program evaluation reporting requirements.	First Reading Judiciary
SB0065		Senator Benson	Real Property - Regulation of Common	Creating the State Board of Common Ownership Community Managers in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation for purposes of	Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.

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			Ownership Community Managers	regulating common ownership community property management services in the State; providing for the composition of the Board; providing that the Act does not prohibit certain persons from providing services under certain circumstances; requiring an individual to be issued a license by the Board before providing management services for a common ownership community under certain circumstances; etc.	
SB0084		Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee	Real Property Tax - Exemption Applications - Approval Authority	Requiring that the supervisor of assessments for a county, rather than the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, approve or reject an application for an exemption of real property from the property tax.	First Reading Ways and Means
SB0086		Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee	Charitable Organizations - Registration Late Fees - Distribution and Use	Requiring \$100 of the annual fees as well as the late fees paid by a charitable organization for failure to timely file a registration that are collected by the Secretary of State to be distributed to the Charitable Enforcement Fund, to be used to support the actions of the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to carry out certain duties relating to the protection of charitable assets and the enforcement of the Maryland Solicitations Act.	First Reading Economic Matters
SB0093		Senator Norman	Real Property - Wrongful Detainer Actions - Counterclaims and Cross-Claims	Repealing a certain prohibition on filing a counterclaim or cross-claim in a wrongful detainer action; and authorizing a counterclaim or cross-claim to be filed in a wrongful detainer action.	Hearing 1/11 at 1:15 p.m.
SB0099		Senator Norman	Public Safety - Permit to Carry, Wear, or Transport a Handgun - Qualifications	Clarifying that personal protection or self-defense can qualify as a good and substantial reason to wear, carry, or transport a handgun for purposes of the issuance by the Secretary of State Police of a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun.	Hearing 1/17 at 1:00 p.m.

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SB0157		Senator Brochin	Courts - Small Claims - Jurisdictional Limit	Increasing from \$5,000 to \$7,500 the minimum amount in controversy in civil cases over which the District Court and the circuit courts have concurrent jurisdiction; increasing from \$5,000 to \$7,500 the maximum amount of money over which the District Court has exclusive jurisdiction in a small claim action; increasing from \$5,000 to \$7,500 the minimum amount in controversy in civil cases in which appeals from the District Court are required to be heard on the record; etc.	Third Reading Passed (46-1)
SB0165		Senator Serafini	Income Tax - Flat Tax	Altering the State individual income tax rate to be 3.9% for individuals or spouses filing joint returns with federal adjusted gross income in excess of \$30,000; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018.	Hearing 1/31 at 2:30 p.m.
SB0177		Senator Manno	Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program and Electric Vehicle Excise Tax Credit - Fiscal Year 2017 Applicants	Establishing the Fiscal Year 2017 Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program to provide rebates to individuals and entities that qualified for a rebate in fiscal year 2017 but did not receive it due to a limitation on the total amount of rebates to be issued in fiscal year 2017; limiting the rebate to applicants that applied for a rebate during fiscal year 2017; allowing a credit against the motor vehicle excise tax for certain qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles; etc.	Hearing 1/30 at 1:30 p.m.
SB0179		Senator Guzzone	Property Tax Credits - Real Property Used for Robotics Programs	Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property used exclusively for the purposes of a public school robotics program or nonprofit robotics program in the State; authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide, by law,	First Reading Ways and Means

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				for certain matters relating to the tax credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018.	
SB0181		Senator Astle	Medical Cannabis - Provider Applications - Opioid Use Disorder	Encouraging the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission to approve certain patient applications for patients who have an opioid use disorder.	Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0193		Senator Serafini	Income Tax - Interest Rate - Wynne Case	Repealing a requirement that the Comptroller set the annual interest rate on income tax refunds that result from the decision under Maryland State Comptroller of the Treasury v. Brian Wynne at a certain amount; requiring the Comptroller to pay additional interest amounts to taxpayers that received income tax refunds with interest calculated using a certain interest rate; etc.	Hearing 1/31 at 2:30 p.m.
SB0206		Senator Manno	Long-Term Care Insurance - Premium Rates and Benefits	Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from considering certain benefits and distributions for purposes of determining allowable yearly income under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; prohibiting a certain carrier from increasing a certain premium under a policy or contract of long-term care insurance from June 1, 2018, to December 31, 2019, both inclusive; authorizing a certain carrier to increase a certain premium beginning January 1, 2020, only if certain conditions are met; etc.	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0216		Senator Norman	Condominiums and Homeowners Associations - Priority of Liens - Included Charges	Authorizing certain interest, costs, charges, fines, fees, and special assessments to be included in the portion of a condominium's or homeowners association's lien that is given priority over a claim of the holder of a certain first mortgage or first deed of trust.	Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings

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SB0226		Senator Norman	Real Property - Wrongful Detainer and Distress Actions - Trial by Jury	Autorizing a party to a certain wrongful detainer or distress action brought in the District Court to demand a trial by jury in accordance with certain provisions of law, subject to certain provisions of law; and making certain provisions of law regarding jury demands applicable to wrongful detainer actions.	Favorable Report by Judicial Proceedings
SB0235		Senator Robinson	Labor and Employment - Minimum Wage - Indexing	Increasing, except under certain circumstances, the State minimum wage rate in effect for certain periods of time based on annual growth in a certain Consumer Price Index; and requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, beginning March 1, 2019, to annually determine and announce the growth in the Consumer Price Index, if any, and the new State minimum wage rate.	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0236		Senator Robinson	State Board of Education - Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship Curriculum - Development and Implementation	Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content for a semester-long high school elective course in financial literacy and entrepreneurship; and authorizing each county board of education to implement the curriculum content beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.	Hearing 1/31 at 2:00 p.m. Passed by Senate
SB0237		Senator Robinson	Adult Correctional Institutions - Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship Curriculum - Development and Implementation	Requiring the Correctional Education Council, in collaboration with the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, to develop and implement, on or before July 1, 2019, a financial literacy and entrepreneurship curriculum to be offered as part of certain transition training to certain inmates in the Division of Correction; and requiring the curriculum content to include certain instruction.	Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. Favorable with Amendments Report by Finance

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SB0304		Senator Middleton	Maryland Healthy Working Families Act – Delay of Effective Date	Prohibiting the Commissioner of Labor and Industry from enforcing compliance with the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act until 60 days after February 11, 2018.	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. - cancelled
SB0358		Senator Ready	Environment - Bay Restoration Fee - Unimproved Property	Prohibiting a local government, a billing authority for a water or wastewater facility, or any other authorized collection agency from imposing the Bay Restoration Fee on unimproved property.	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0368		Senator McFadden	Labor and Employment - State Minimum Wage Rate - Increase	Specifying the State minimum wage rate in effect for certain time periods based on employer size; increasing the State minimum wage rate based on the annual growth in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area, or a certain successor index; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, beginning at a certain time, to annually determine and announce the growth in the Consumer Price Index and the new State minimum wage rate; etc.	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0482		Senator Astle	Remote Access Information Program for Deaf-Blind Individuals - Establishment	Establishing the Remote Access Information Program for Deaf-Blind Individuals to use remote assistive technology to connect certain deaf-blind individuals with a human assistant to provide real-time information that would not otherwise be available; requiring the Department of Information Technology to consult with the Department of Disabilities to establish and administer the Program and adopt certain regulations; requiring a certain annual payment to the Department of Disabilities; etc.	Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0538		Senator Pinsky	Corporate Income Tax - Throwback Rule	Requiring that certain sales of tangible personal property be attributed to the State for apportionment purposes under the corporate income tax if the corporation is not taxable in the	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.

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				state of the purchaser; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	
SB0561		Senator Manno	Maryland Estate Tax - Unified Credit	Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after June 1, 2018; altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after June 1, 2018; and making a conforming change.	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0566		Senator Serafini	Credit Regulation - Mortgage Brokers - Finder's Fee	Repealing a certain provision of law limiting the amount of a finder's fee that may be charged by a mortgage broker obtaining a mortgage loan with respect to the same property more than once within a 24-month period.	Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0697		Senator Guzzone	Income Tax - Community Investment Tax Credit - Verification of Credit Eligibility	Requiring the Comptroller to use the information contained in a certain report to verify that a certain business entity or individual is eligible for a credit against the State income tax for contributions to certain projects; prohibiting the Comptroller from requiring a business entity or an individual to submit additional information with the business entity's or individual's income tax return to claim a certain income tax credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0699	HB1019	Senator Guzzone	Alternate Contributory Pension Selection â€“ Former Members â€“ Member Contributions	Requiring that certain active members of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System who are subject to the Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit earn a certain rate of interest on certain former member contributions in the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection under certain circumstances; etc.	Hearing 2/22 at 8:30 a.m.

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SB0712		Senator Serafini	Maryland Healthy Working Families Act - Exemptions	Repealing the inclusion of local governments in the definition of 'employer' for purposes of certain provisions of law governing earned sick and safe leave; exempting from certain provisions of law governing earned sick and safe leave certain employees who are employed by county boards of education or nonprofit entities or who regularly work at facilities at which their employers offer the employees access to an on-site health clinic that has operating costs of at least \$1,000,000 per year; etc.	First Reading Finance
SB0733	HB0875	President	Protecting Maryland Taxpayers Act of 2018	Repealing a requirement that an amendment to the Internal Revenue Code be enacted during the calendar year in which the taxable year that the amendment affects begins in order for the amendment not to impact the determination of Maryland taxable income; allowing an individual to itemize deductions to compute Maryland taxable income whether or not the individual itemizes deductions on the individual's federal tax return; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	First Reading Senate Rules
SB0748	HB0791	Senator Astle	Interception of Communication â€“ Financial Institutions	Providing that it is lawful under certain provisions of law for an employee or agent of a financial institution to intercept and record a certain oral communication under certain circumstances; providing that a certain audio recording shall be preserved for at least 30 calendar days; providing that a certain audio recording may be made in certain formats; and providing that a certain audio recording may be made available by a financial institution only to certain persons under certain circumstances.	Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.

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SB0777		Senator Hershey	Aquaculture Leases - Notice - Homeowners Associations	Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to notify certain homeowners associations of certain applications for certain aquaculture leases to be issued in the Chesapeake Bay or in the Atlantic Coastal Bays.	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0820		Senator Madaleno	State Budget	Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution authorizing the General Assembly to increase or add Executive Department items in the budget bill, subject to a certain limitation; providing for the veto by the Governor of only those items relating to the Executive Department that have been increased or added by the General Assembly; providing for the reversion to original appropriations of certain vetoed items in the budget bill; authorizing the General Assembly to override budget bill item vetoes; etc.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0829		Senator Eckardt	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income (Fairness in Taxation for Retirees Act)	Including income from certain retirement plans within a subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain retired individuals or individuals who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; repealing an obsolete reference to a certain provision relating to a rollover individual retirement account; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0830		Senator Eckardt	Income Tax - Standard Deduction - Inflation Adjustment	Increasing the minimum and maximum limitation amounts of the standard deduction allowed under the State income tax for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018, by a certain cost-of-living adjustment.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0848		Senator Serafini	Income Tax Credit - Wineries and Vineyards - Procedures	Altering the method by which an individual or a corporation may claim a credit against the State income tax for certain expenses related to certain	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.

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			to Claim Credit and Sunset Extension	wineries and vineyards in the State; extending for 3 years a certain termination provision for the credit; applying the Act to all credits certified after December 31, 2017; etc.	
SB0857		Senator Oaks	Baltimore City - Table Games Proceeds - Distribution and Recreational Facilities	Altering the distribution of certain proceeds of table games paid to Baltimore City; requiring that 49.5% of the proceeds be used for school construction projects, 49.5% of the proceeds are to be used for recreational facilities and 1% of the proceeds is to be paid to the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account; and providing that the proceeds of table games paid to Baltimore City to be used for recreational facilities may be used only to supplement and not to supplant existing expenses or obligations.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0866		Senator Feldman	Commercial Law - Maryland Uniform Electronic Transactions Act - Revisions	Providing that a certain consumer shall be deemed not to have agreed to enter into a certain consumer contract by electronic means or in electronic form under certain circumstances; and defining certain terms.	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0874		Senator Zirkin	Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission - Secure Transportation Companies	Prohibiting a secure transportation company and a courier of a secure transportation company authorized under certain regulations to transport products containing medical cannabis from being subject to certain arrest, prosecution, or certain penalties or being denied certain rights or privileges based on the transportation of products containing medical cannabis.	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0882		Senator Lee	Procurement - Telecommunication and Computer Network Access - Security Requirements	Requiring a unit to require a certain bidder or offeror to submit a certain certification or application before the unit is authorized to award a procurement contract for a certain Internet-connected device; requiring a certain bidder or	Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.

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				offeror to certify certain information regarding a certain security vulnerability of a certain Internet-connected device; authorizing a certain bidder or offeror to submit a certain application for a waiver from certain certification requirements; etc.	
SB0890		Senator Serafini	Income Tax â€“ Subtraction Modification â€“ Entities That Provide Paid Sick Leave	Allowing a subtraction modification under the State income tax for the first \$20,000 of nonpassive income received by a member of certain pass-through entities that meet certain requirements; providing that the subtraction modification applies only to the nonpassive income of a member of an eligible pass-through entity if certain conditions are met; providing that certain individuals and married couples with federal adjusted gross income in excess of certain amounts are not eligible for the subtraction modification; etc.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0897		Senator Guzzone	Property Tax â€“ Homeownersâ™ Property Tax Credit â€“ Repeal of Age Requirement	Repealing the requirement that a homeowner be at least 70 years old to apply to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for a reimbursement of the homeowner's property tax credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015.	Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0928		Senator Benson	Prince George's County - Property Tax Credit - Supermarkets	Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the personal property tax imposed on personal property of a supermarket that completes certain construction and is located in a certain food desert retail incentive area; requiring the governing body of Prince George's County to designate what constitutes a food desert retail incentive area for purposes of the tax credit; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018; etc.	Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.

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SB0942		Senator Brochin	Property Tax - Electronic Notification of Tax Sales	Requiring a certain property record account to include a contact e-mail address, if designated by the owner of the property; requiring the tax collector in Baltimore County, under certain circumstances, to send a certain statement and notice electronically to a certain e-mail address at least 30 days before certain property is advertised for sale; providing that failure of the collector to send the electronic statement and notice does not invalidate or affect certain taxes, sales, proceedings, or titles to property; etc.	Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0952		Senator Eckardt	Tax Sales Homeowner Protections	Authorizing a collector of property taxes to withhold from tax sale any property when the total taxes due on the property amount to less than \$750 in any 1 year; requiring a certain mailing sent by a collector of property taxes to the owner of a property before the property is advertised for tax sale to include a separate insert that includes certain information about how a homeowner may access certain services and programs that may assist the homeowner to avoid tax sale costs or foreclosure; etc.	Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0953		Senator Eckardt	Tax - Property - Collateralization of Tax Lien Securities	Authorizing a county or municipal corporation to place tax liens into a trust for the purpose of issuing tax lien collateralized securities for certain purposes; providing that the securities are the obligation of the county or municipal corporation payable on certain conditions; providing that a tax lien collateralized security may not be issued under the Act unless approved by the governing body of the county or municipal corporation issuing the security; and requiring a county or municipal corporation to adopt certain rules and procedures.	Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.

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SB0955		Senator Eckardt	Income Tax - Angel Investor Tax Credit Program	Allowing a credit against the State income tax for a certain percentage of an investment made in a qualified innovation business, not to exceed \$50,000, or \$100,000 for a qualified investor that is a married couple filing jointly or a pass-through entity; requiring a qualified investor to meet certain requirements in order to be eligible for the credit; requiring the Department of Commerce to administer the credit; applying the Act to certain taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0966		Senator Ferguson	RISE Zones - Expansion and Income Tax Credit	Repealing a limitation on the number of Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise zones that may be approved in a county or municipal corporation; providing that a business entity in a RISE zone is eligible for a certain tax credit; authorizing certain business entities to apply for a certain tax credit certificate; requiring the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Maryland Technology Development Corporation, to approve certain applications for certain tax credit certificates in a certain manner; etc.	Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0995		Senator Peters	Corporate Income Tax - Single Sales Factor Apportionment	Altering the formula used to apportion income to the State for corporations that carry on a trade or business in and out of the State; authorizing certain corporations to elect to use a certain formula to apportion certain income; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.	Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0996		Senator Peters	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Military Retirement Income -	Altering a subtraction modification under the State income tax for certain military retirement income for individuals who are at least 65 years old from	Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m.

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			Individuals at Least 65 Years Old	\$10,000 to \$15,000; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	
SB0997		Senator Peters	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Perpetual Conservation Easements	Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the first \$250,000 in proceeds from the sale of a perpetual conservation easement on real property in the State; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0999		Senator Peters	Recordation Tax - Exemptions	Altering an exemption from recordation tax to include certain transactions of an original mortgagor; altering the definition of 'business entity' to include a partnership and business trust to exempt from the recordation tax transfers between certain related business entities; and altering an exemption from recordation tax for certain transfers of a controlling interest.	Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.
SB1001		Senator Peters	Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Program - Revisions	Altering the entities for which the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is required to waive a certain filing fee; designating the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board as a body politic and corporate; authorizing the appointing authority, rather than the Governor, to remove a member of the Board; altering a requirement related to the preparation, adoption, and review of a written statement of investment policy; authorizing, rather than requiring, the Board to procure certain insurance; etc.	Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m. (Budget and Taxation)
SB1019		Senator Robinson	Labor and Employment - State Minimum Wage Rate - Increase	Specifying the State minimum wage rate that is in effect for certain time periods for certain employers, including midsized and small employers; increasing, except under certain circumstances, the State minimum wage rate in effect for certain periods of time based on certain	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.

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				calculations; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, beginning at a certain time, to annually determine and announce the growth in the Consumer Price Index, if any, and the new State minimum wage rate under a certain provision of the Act; etc.	
SB1029		Senator Madaleno	Oil and Gas Drilling and Production - Restrictions	Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to impose certain restrictions on the drilling or production of oil or gas in the State and to prohibit the General Assembly, on or after November 15, 2018, from authorizing any drilling for oil or gas except by an act passed in a certain manner and if approved through a certain referendum; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.
SB1031		Senator Hough	Vehicle Laws – Manufacturers and Dealers – Consumer Data Protection	Prohibiting manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches, or their agents, from requiring or coercing a dealer to share consumer data from the dealer's data management system in certain manners; prohibiting manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches, or their agents, from taking adverse action against a dealer for refusing to share certain consumer data; requiring manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches, or their agents, to provide certain indemnification to dealers; etc.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.
SB1047		Senator Kagan	Consumer Protection - Scanning or Swiping Identification Cards and Driver's Licenses - Prohibition	Prohibiting a person from using a scanning device to scan or swipe an identification card or a driver's license of an individual to obtain personal information of the individual; prohibiting a person from retaining, selling, or transferring to another person any information collected from scanning or	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.

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				swiping an individual's identification card or driver's license under certain circumstances; providing a violation of the Act constitutes an unfair or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; etc.	
SJ0003		Senator Young	Women on Corporate Boards	Acknowledging certain evidence that demonstrates that companies perform better when their boards and executive leadership include women and that the State of Maryland has a certain stake in protecting certain shareholders and setting certain policies; encouraging certain gender representation on corporate boards; and urging that, within a 3-year period of time, each publicly held corporation in Maryland have a certain minimum number of women on its board.	Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.