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Bill #	Cross File #	Sponsor	Title	Synopsis	Comments
HB0002	SB0001	Delegate Glenn & 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. Senate - First Reading Finance
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 1/25 at 1:00 p.m.
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 of Total Real Property Tax	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 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.	Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0043		Delegate Jackson	Income Tax - Subtraction	Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the first \$100,000 in	Hearing 1/17 at 1:00 p.m.

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			Modification - Perpetual Conservation Easements	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.	
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 canceled
HB0078	SB0222	Delegate Holmes & Senator Kelly	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.	Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m. Monitor to ensure it is more efficient than current practice.
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	Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m.

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				of the General Assembly, to provide information from the Foreclosed Property Registry to the member making the request; and defining 'local legislative body'.	
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.	House - First Reading Economic Matters Senate – First Reading Finance
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.	First Reading Ways and Means
HB0131		Delegate Korman	Income Tax Subtraction	Increasing, from \$2,500 to \$5,000, the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland	Hearing 1/31 at 2:00 p.m.

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			Modification - College Savings Plan Accounts - Contributions (College Savings Tax Enhancement Act)	income tax for contributions made by certain individuals whose federal adjusted gross income 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.	
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 credited to the Non-depository Special Fund; altering the composition and the purpose of the Fund; etc.	House – Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. Senate – Favorable Report by Finance Monitor – lean to support as it allows DLLR and agencies to transfer funds and fees to special fund
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.
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	Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.

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				charges not exceeding a certain amount under certain circumstances; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.	
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 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.	House - First Reading Ways and Means Senate - Hearing 1/31 at 2:30 p.m.
HB0310		Delegate Wivell	Public Safety Elevators 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	First Reading Economic Matters

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				failed an inspection is required to have a certain periodic inspection.	
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.
SB0011		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 from qualifying for the subtraction if the total income from all qualified plans for the taxable year exceeds \$100,000.	Hearing 1/31 at 2:30 p.m.
SB0021		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 1/23 at 1:00 p.m.

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SB0022		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 2/07 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)
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.
SB0037		Senator Young	Income Tax Subtraction Modification Expenses of Medical Cannabis Grower, Processor, or Dispensary	Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on a trade or business as a certain medical cannabis grower, processor, or dispensary; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	Hearing 1/24 at 2:15 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.	Hearing 1/16 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0050		Senator Mathias	Income Tax Subtraction Modification Retirement Income of Law Enforcement, Fire, Rescue, and	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	Hearing 1/31 at 2:30 p.m.

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			Emergency Services Personnel Eligibility	Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	
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.	Second Reading Passed
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.
SB0065		Senator Benson	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 for purposes of 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.	Hearing canceled
SB0068		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 2/01 at 1:00 p.m.

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				requirement that lawyers who have employees who are non-lawyers primarily engaged in debt collection must have a license to operate as a collection agency; etc.	
SB0084		Senator Kasemeyer	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.	Hearing 1/18 at 2:30 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.
SB0134	HB0099	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.	First Reading Budget and Taxation
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	Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m.

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				cases in which appeals from the District Court are required to be heard on the record; etc.	
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.
SB0174	HB0134	Senator Middleton & Delegate Kelly	Health Insurance - 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; and applying the Act.	Hearing 1/31 at 2:00 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, for certain matters relating to the tax credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018.	Hearing 1/30 at 1:30 p.m.

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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.	First Reading Finance
SB0184		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 1/30 at 1:30 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.
SB0195		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 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.	Hearing 1/24 at 2:15 p.m.
SB0202		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	First Reading Finance Monitor as it could create additional fees to credit unions in reporting situations

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				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.	
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.	First Reading Finance
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.	First Reading Finance
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.
SB0237		Senator Robinson	Adult Correctional Institutions - Financial	Requiring the Correctional Education Council, in collaboration with the Division of Workforce	First Reading Finance

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			Literacy and Entrepreneurship Curriculum - Development and Implementation	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.	
SB0250		Senator Kelley	Landlord and Tenant - Prohibited Lease Provisions - Late Fees for Tenants Receiving Government Benefits	Prohibiting a landlord from including a certain provision in a residential lease that provides for a penalty for the late payment of rent if the tenant receives a government benefit under certain circumstances; and defining the term 'government benefit'.	Hearing 1/31 at 2:00 p.m.
SB0258	HB0077	Senator Kelley	Condominiums “Claims Against Developers and Vendors” Unenforceability of Certain Provisions	Making unenforceable certain provisions of certain condominium governing documents and other documents relating to asserting certain claims against a developer or vendor; applying the Act prospectively; etc.	Hearing 1/31 at 2:00 p.m.
SB0279		Senator Feldman	Metro Board Member Act	Altering the requirement that Washington Suburban Transit Commission members appointed by the Governor serve as the Commission's appointees to be principal members of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors; requiring one of the Commission's appointees to the Authority's board of directors to be the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's designee; requiring one of the Commission's appointees to the Authority's board of directors to be one of the commissioners appointed by the Governor; etc.	First Reading Finance