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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. – Health and Gov. Operations
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. – Economic Matters
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. – Ways and Means
HB0037		Delegate Clark	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services Membership	Increasing the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain qualifying volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical services members for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.	Hearing 1/17 at 1:00 p.m. – Ways and Means

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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. – Ways and Means
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. – Ways and Means
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. – Ways and Means
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

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HB0078		Delegate Holmes	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. – 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'.	Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m. – Environment and Transportation

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HB0098	SB0135	Speaker	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.	First Reading Economic Matters
HB0120		Delegate Knotts	Property Tax Credit - Education Tax Relief for Elderly Individuals		First Reading Ways and Means
HB0129		Delegate Knotts	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income of Correctional Officers		First Reading Ways and Means
HB0131		Delegate Korman	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - College Savings Plan Accounts - Contributions (College Savings Tax Enhancement Act)		First Reading Ways and Means

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SB0006		Chair, Finance Committee	Financial Institutions - Nondepository 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 Nondepository Special Fund; altering the composition and the purpose of the Fund; etc.	Hearing 1/17 at 1:30 p.m. – Finance
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. – Budget and Taxation
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.	First Reading Budget and Taxation

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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 canceled
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.	First Reading Finance and Judicial Proceedings
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. – Judicial Proceedings

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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. – Budget and Taxation
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. – Judicial Proceedings
SB0050		Senator Mathias	Income Tax “Subtraction Modification” Retirement Income of Law Enforcement, Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel “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.	First Reading Budget and Taxation
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.	Hearing 1/16 at 1:30 p.m. – Finance

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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. – Judicial Proceedings
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

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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 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.	Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance
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. – Budget and Taxation
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

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SB0135	HB0098	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.	First Reading Finance
SB0157		Senator Brochin	Courts - Small Claims - Jurisdictional Limit		First Reading Judicial Proceedings
SB0158		Senator Rosapepe	Homestead Property Tax Credit Program - Eligibility Awareness		First Reading Budget and Taxation