

**2010 MDA Synopsis  
(February 4, 2010)**

**HB 25 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Amounts Received for Agricultural Preservation**

Sponsored By: Delegate Smigiel

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland individual and corporate income tax for income received from the State for specified agricultural preservation purposes; defining "State agricultural program"; applying the Act to tax years beginning after December 31, 2009; etc. *Prior Year Introduction As: [HB 483/06 - W&M](#)*

**Bill Hearing: Thurs, Jan 21, 11 AM, W&M**

**HB 50 - Agriculture - Specialty Fertilizers - Low Phosphorous Fertilizer**

Sponsored By: Delegate G. Clagett

Lowering the threshold for the phosphoric acid content of lawn fertilizers to which specified prohibitions and requirements apply; and altering the definition of "low phosphorous fertilizer".

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 3, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 89 - Environment - Wetlands and Waterways Program Fees – Aquaculture**

Sponsored By: Delegate O'Donnell

Exempting aquacultural activities for which the Department of Natural Resources has issued a specified permit from a requirement to pay application fees under the Wetlands and Waterways Program. *Crossfiled with: [SENATE BILL 3](#)*

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 3, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 107 – Legislative Voting Sunshine Act**

Sponsored By: Delegates Ali, Bobo, Barkley, Carr, Feldman, Gutierrez, Hucker, Kaiser, Manno, McComas, McConkey, Miller, Montgomery, Norman, Olszewski, Pena-Melnyk, Reznik, Rice, Shewell, Stein, Taylor, and Waldstreicher

Requiring that the result of a roll call vote taken on a bill, an amendment to a bill, or any other motion relating to a bill in a standing committee be made available on the General Assembly website at the same time the report of the standing committee on the bill is made available on the website; and requiring the posted result to allow an individual to see how each member of the standing committee voted on a bill, an amendment to the bill, or other motion related to a bill and which members made the motion and seconded the motion.

**Bill Hearing:**

1/15 - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 109 – Residential Property Tax Disclaimer Act**  
Sponsored By: Delegates Ali

Requiring that a specified form developed by the State Real Estate Commission contain a specified notice regarding property taxes. *Prior Year Introduction As: [HB 233/09 - ENV](#)*  
**Bill Hearing: Thurs, Feb 4, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 127 – Public Health - Food Establishments - Transportation of Perishable Foods**  
Sponsored By: Delegate Kipke

Requiring specified food establishments to transport perishable foods from a wholesale food warehouse or distribution center in accordance with specified standards; requiring a wholesale food warehouse or distribution center to display a specified sign; and requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations establishing specified standards for the transportation of perishable foods, requirements for the display of a specified sign, and specified fines.  
**Bill Hearing: Tues, Feb 2, 2 PM, HGO**

**HB 160 - Maryland Estate Tax - Exclusion for Family Farm Subject to Agricultural Preservation Easements**  
Sponsored By: Delegate Malone

Altering the determination of the Maryland estate tax to exclude from the value of the gross estate the value of specified real property that is subject to a perpetual agricultural preservation easement that has been granted to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and passes from the decedent to or for the use of specified relatives of the decedent; and applying the Act to decedents dying after December 31, 2009. *Prior Year Introduction As: [HB 1289/08 - W&M](#) Crossfiled with: [SENATE BILL 155](#)*  
**Bill Hearing: Tues, Feb 2, 2 PM, W&M**

**HB 166 - Farmer's Markets - Raw Agricultural Product Sales - Producer Mobile Farmer's Market License**  
Sponsored By: Delegate Hubbard

Altering the definition of "food service facility" to exclude the sale of specified raw agricultural products at a farmer's market from regulation as a food service facility; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from requiring a license for the sale of raw agricultural products at a farmer's market; clarifying that a license is not required to deliver prepackaged food products; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a producer mobile farmer's market license; etc.  
**Bill Hearing: Tues, Feb 2, 2 PM, HGO**

**HB 167 - Seasonal Farmer's Market Producer Sampling License**

Sponsored By: Delegate Hubbard

Authorizing a county to establish a seasonal farmer's market producer sampling license to allow a producer of a farm product to prepare and offer samples of the product at a farmer's market; requiring the license to be valid at all farmer's markets in the county for a specified time period, for a single fee; limiting a licensee to offering samples only of a farm product produced by the licensee; and requiring a county issuing the license to adopt specified ordinances.

**Bill Hearing: Tues, Feb 2, 2 PM, HGO**

**HB 211 – State Government - Open Meetings Act - Notice and Complaints**

Sponsored By: Delegate Morhaim

Requiring a complaint filed with the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board to be filed within 1 year of the action that is the basis for the complaint; altering specified notice requirements; requiring a public body to give notice of a meeting by posting the notice on a website that is regularly used by the public body to provide information to the public or by posting the notice at a location accessible to the public and regularly used by the public body for posting notices under specified circumstances; etc.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 3, 1 PM, HGO**

**HB 218 – Natural Resources - Oysters - Dredge Devices**

Sponsored By: Delegates Elmore, Aumann, Bartlett, Bates, Beitzel, Bohanan, Boteler, Cane, Conway, Costa, DeBoy, Eckardt, Frank, George, Haddaway, Impallaria, Jameson, Jennings, Kach, Kelly, King, Kipke, Krebs, Kullen, Levy, Mathias, McConkey, McDonough, Miller, Murphy, Myers, Norman, O'Donnell, Rudolph, Serafini, Shank, Shewell, Smigiel, Sophocleus, Sossi, Stifler, Stull, Walkup, Weir, and Wood

Repealing a prohibition on a person on a dredge boat possessing or using specified dredge devices.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 17, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 220 – Program Open Space - Local Agricultural Exposition Centers - Authorization**

Sponsored By: Delegate James

Authorizing each subdivision to construct and operate an agricultural exposition center on land that was acquired by the subdivision with Program Open Space funding; and authorizing the sale of specified agricultural products at each agricultural exposition center.

*Crossfiled with: [SENATE BILL 233](#)*

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 10, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 221 - Maryland Estate Tax - Exclusion for Qualified Agricultural Property**

Sponsored By: Delegates Kullen, Bartlett, V. Clagett, Conway, Costa, Frush, Haddaway, Hecht, Jameson, Krebs, Mathias, McComas, McIntosh, Montgomery, Murphy, Myers, O'Donnell, Stull, and Jenkins

Altering the determination of the Maryland estate tax under specified circumstances to exclude from the value of the gross estate the value of specified agricultural property; providing for the recapture of the Maryland estate tax under specified circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to adopt regulations; and applying the Act to decedents dying after December 31, 2009. *Prior Year Introduction As: [HB 166/09 - W&M](#)*

**Bill Hearing: Tues, Feb 2, 2 PM, W&M**

**HB 228 – Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Living Farm Heritage Museum Ho. Co. 6-10**

Sponsored By: Howard County Delegation

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$35,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, and reconstruction of the Living Farm Heritage Museum, located in West Friendship; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

**Bill Hearing:**

1/25 - First Reading Appropriations

**HB 245 – Allegany County - Turkey Hunting - Sundays**

Sponsored By: Allegany County Delegation

Authorizing a person to hunt turkey in Allegany County on the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in May, except on Easter Sunday.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 17, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 246 - Allegany County and Garrett County - Deer Hunting on Private Property - Sundays**

Sponsored By: Allegany County Delegation and Garrett County Delegation

Authorizing a person in Allegany County or Garrett County to hunt for deer on private property with a bow and arrow during open season on the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in November.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 17, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 284 – County Oyster Committees - Public Shellfish Fishery Area - Power Dredging**

Sponsored By: Delegates Smigiel, Eckardt, Elmore, Haddaway, McDonough, Sossi

Authorizing specified county oyster committees to authorize the use of power dredges to catch oysters in public shellfish fishery areas under specified circumstances.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 10, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 295 – Natural Resources - Incidental Taking Permit for Endangered Puritan Tiger Beetle – Requirements**

Sponsored By: Delegate O'Donnell

Requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue a permit to an applicant that authorizes an incidental taking of the endangered Puritan Tiger Beetle under specified circumstances; and requiring the Secretary to adopt specified regulations relating to an incidental taking permit for the endangered Puritan Tiger Beetle.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 10, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 296 – State Government - State Soil - Sassafras Soil**

Sponsored By: Delegates Stull, Bartlett, Beitzel, Cane, G. Clagett, Elliott, Elmore, Hecht, Jameson, Kullen, Myers, and Riley

Designating Sassafras sandy loam as the State soil.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 17, 1 PM, HGO**

**HB 301 – Calvert County and St. Mary's County - Deer Hunting on Private Property - Sundays**

Sponsored By: Delegates O'Donnell, Bohanan, Kullen, Proctor, Vallario, and Wood

Authorizing a person in Calvert County to hunt deer on private property with a bow and arrow during open season on the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in November; and authorizing a person in Calvert County and St. Mary's County to hunt deer on private property on the first Sunday of bow hunting season in November and each Sunday during the deer firearms season.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 17, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 303 – Natural Resources - Oyster Harvest - Closure of State Waters**

Sponsored By: Delegates Smigiel, Aumann, Carter, Costa, Eckardt, Elmore, Frank, George, Haddaway, Kelly, McDonough, Miller, Shewell, Sossi, and Walkup

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to keep tidal waters of the State open for oyster harvesting unless the Department makes specified determinations or except as required by law; requiring the Department to manage tidal waters to support, promote, and enhance oyster harvesting opportunities to a specified extent; requiring the Department to manage tidal waters to prevent any net loss of waters available for oyster harvesting or of available oyster harvest authorizations; etc. *Prior Year Introduction As: [HB 862/09 - ENV](#)*

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 10, 1 PM, ENV**

## **HB 313 – Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Authorized Uses**

Sponsored By: Delegate Costa

Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to pay the cost of connecting properties served by onsite sewage disposal systems to specified existing municipal wastewater facilities under specified circumstances; and establishing specified conditions for the funding of specified costs. *Prior Year Introduction*

As: [HB 1362/09 - ENV](#)

**Bill Hearing:** **Wednes, Feb 10, 1 PM, ENV**

## **HB 320 – Maryland Dormant Mineral Interests Act**

Sponsored By: Delegate Beitzel

Authorizing a specified owner of real property to maintain an action to terminate a specified mineral interest under specified circumstances; establishing actions that constitute use of a mineral interest; requiring a specified owner to bring a specified action in the circuit court of a specified jurisdiction; authorizing an owner of a mineral interest to record a specified notice of a mineral interest; requiring a court to permit a specified owner to record a late notice under specified circumstances; etc. *Prior Year Introduction As:*

[HB 748/09 - ENV](#)

*Crossfiled with:* [SENATE BILL 288](#)

**Bill Hearing:** **Wednes, Feb 10, 1 PM, ENV**

## **HB 344 - Maryland Open Government Act**

Sponsored By: Delegates Mizeur, Lafferty, Anderson, Aumann, Barkley, Barnes, Barve, Benson, Bobo, Bohanan, Bromwell, Bronrott, Carr, G. Clagett, Costa, DeBoy, Donoghue, Doory, Dumais, Feldman, Frick, Frush, Gaines, Glenn, Griffith, Gutierrez, Guzzone, Hammen, Haynes, Healey, Hecht, Heller, Hixson, Howard, Hubbard, Hucker, Impallaria, Ivey, Kach, Kaiser, Kipke, Krebs, Kullen, Lee, Levi, Love, Manno, Mathias, McDonough, McHale, Minnick, Montgomery, Morhaim, Murphy, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Olszewski, Pena-Melnyk, Pendergrass, Ramirez, Reznik, Rice, Riley, Robinson, Rosenberg, Ross, Schuler, Smigiel, Stein, Stukes, Tarrant, Taylor, F. Turner, V. Turner, Valderrama, and Waldstreicher

Requiring that individuals be allowed to sign up on the General Assembly website during a specified time period to present testimony on a bill; requiring specified information about bills to be posted on the General Assembly website; requiring bill hearings to be broadcast on the General Assembly website under specified circumstances; requiring a meeting of the Board of Public Works to be broadcast on the Board's website under specified circumstances; requiring specified broadcasts of Board meetings to be archived; etc.

**Bill Hearing:**

1/27 - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 356 – Forest Product Operators - Standards, Procedures, and Enforcement**

Sponsored By: Delegates Cane, Elmore, Howard, Malone, Morhaim, and Stull

Establishing an application process for a forest product operator's license; providing for the term of a forest product operator's license; establishing standards and requirements for a forest product operator license holder; repealing obsolete provisions of law governing inspections of woodlands and leases on woodlands for timber harvesting; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to suspend or revoke the license of a forest product operator under specified circumstances; etc.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 17, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 357 - Natural Resources - Land Acquisition - Notification and Approval**

Sponsored By: Dorchester County Delegation

Requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to provide information about proposed land purchases by the Department of Natural Resources to the county or counties in which the land is located under specified circumstances; and prohibiting the State from acquiring land for open space purposes in Dorchester County unless the County Council of Dorchester County approves the purchase.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 24, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 398 – Environment - Oil and Gas Drilling - Wells**

Sponsored By: Allegany County Delegation and Garrett County Delegation

Reducing, from 1,000 feet to 500 feet, the distance from the boundary of a property from which gas or oil wells may be drilled for the production or underground storage of gas or oil; and adding a definition of "well".

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 24, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 400 – Garrett County - Wine Festival License - Qualifications - Hearing and Notice**

Sponsored By: Delegate Beitzel

Altering the requirements for a wine festival license in Garrett County to allow specified additional applicants to be issued the license; requiring that the Board of License Commissioners hold a hearing before a license is issued; and requiring that the Board publish a specified notice before a specified time.

**Bill Hearing: Mon, Feb 22, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 420 – Secretary of Agriculture - Mosquito Control - Enforcement Authority**

Sponsored By: Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –  
Departmental - Agriculture)

Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture under specified circumstances to issue and serve a mosquito abatement order on a specified person; authorizing the Secretary under specified circumstances to enter on and inspect any private property to determine whether mosquitoes are breeding or developing; authorizing the Secretary to bring an action for injunction against a specified person; etc.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 17, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 421 – Department of Agriculture - Advertising Agricultural Products as Locally Grown – Regulatory Authority**

Sponsored By: Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –  
Departmental - Agriculture)

Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to adopt standards to regulate the use of the terms "locally grown" and "local" to advertise or identify an agricultural product; and prohibiting a person from advertising or identifying an agricultural product in violation of the standards.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 17, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 437 – State Government - General Assembly - Posting of Bill and Revised Fiscal Note on Website**

Sponsored By: Delegates Kach and Olszewski

Requiring, in the case of a bill that will have a fiscal impact on the State or on local government and for which a revised fiscal note has been prepared, that the third reading version of a bill and the revised fiscal note be posted on the General Assembly website for 72 hours before a vote on final passage of the bill may be taken in the bill's house of origin; excluding Sunday from being included in the calculation of the 72-hour time period; and providing for an exception.

**Bill Hearing:**

1/29 - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 459 - State Licensing Agencies - Justification Statements Required for Fee Increases Proposed by Regulations**

Sponsored By: Delegates Healey, Bronrott, Eckardt, Feldman, Morhaim, Smigiel

Requiring units of State government, when adopting by regulation increases or decreases in fees for licenses to practice any business activity, business or health occupation, or business or health profession licensed or otherwise regulated under State law, to submit to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review specified information explaining or justifying the reasons for the proposed fee increase or decrease.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 17, 1 PM, HGO**

**HB 464 – Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act of 2010**

Sponsored By: The Speaker (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Frick, Doory, Bartlett, Beidle, Bobo, Bronrott, Cardin, Carr, Elmore, Haddaway, Hecht, Levy, Love, Manno, Mathias, Niemann, Reznik, Ross, Shewell, and Stein

Extending until December 31, 2015, a specified credit against the State income tax for electricity produced by qualified Maryland facilities from qualified energy resources; and extending until December 31, 2015, the time period in which the Maryland Energy Administration may issue specified credit certificates. *Crossfiled with:* [SENATE BILL 287](#)

***Bill Hearing:***

1/29 - First Reading Ways and Means & Economic Matters

**HB 471 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Solar Energy**

Sponsored By: The Speaker (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Hecht, Manno, Beidle, Bobo, Bronrott, Cardin, Carr, DeBoy, Doory, Love, Morhaim, Niemann, Reznik, Ross, Shewell, and Stein

Altering the renewable portfolio standard for electricity derived from solar energy in specified years; and altering the compliance fees for a shortfall in the requirement to satisfy the standard with electricity derived from solar energy. *Crossfiled with:* [SENATE BILL 277](#)

***Bill Hearing:*** Tues, Feb 16, 1 PM, ECO

**HB 474 – Smart, Green, and Growing - Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission**

Sponsored By: The Speaker (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Bartlett, Cane, Carr, V. Clagett, Davis, Donoghue, Doory, Frush, Gaines, Hammen, Healey, Jones, Kullen, Lafferty, McIntosh, Morhaim, Nathan-Pulliam, Proctor, Ramirez, Rice, and Stein

Repealing the Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland; establishing the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission; establishing the membership and the charge of the Commission; authorizing the Commission to adopt rules of procedure; etc. *Crossfiled with:* [SENATE BILL 278](#)

***Bill Hearing:*** Wednes, Feb 17, 1 PM, ENV

## **HB 475 – Smart, Green, and Growing - The Sustainable Communities Act of 2010**

Sponsored By: The Speaker (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Bartlett, Bobo, Bronrott, Cane, Carr, V. Clagett, Davis, Donoghue, Doory, Eckardt, Elmore, Frush, Gaines, Haddaway, Hammen, Healey, Jones, Kullen, Lafferty, McIntosh, Morhaim, Nathan-Pulliam, Proctor, Ramirez, Rice, and Stein

Stating findings and intent of the General Assembly concerning sustainable communities; providing for the designation of specified areas as sustainable communities eligible for specified programs; reestablishing and altering the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program to be the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program; authorizing the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust to issue up to \$50,000,000 in the aggregate in initial credit certificates for the tax credit; etc. *Crossfiled with: [SENATE BILL 285](#)*

### ***Bill Hearing:***

1/29 - First Reading Ways and Means & Environmental Matters

## **HB 493 – Land Use - Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreements**

Sponsored By: Delegates G. Clagett, Dwyer, Elmore, Howard, Kullen, and Robinson

Increasing from to 10 years the time period after which a specified development rights and responsibilities agreement will be void under specified circumstances; and providing that a specified local jurisdiction may not enforce specified laws, rules, regulations, or policies governing the use, density, or intensity of specified real property that is subject to development rights and responsibilities agreements unless specified circumstances exist.

*Prior Year Introduction As: [HB 194/09 - ENV](#)*

***Bill Hearing:*** Thurs, Feb 11, 1 PM, ENV

## **HB 494 – Infant Formula and Baby Food - Auction Sales - Prohibition – Exception**

Sponsored By: Delegates Hubbard, Costa, King, Kirk, Kullen, Levy, Love, Minnick, Montgomery, Oaks, and Stein

Prohibiting a person from selling specified infant formula and baby food at an auction sale unless the person notifies in writing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene of the proposed auction; authorizing the Secretary to make specified inspections; etc.

### ***Bill Hearing:***

2/1 - First Reading Health and Government Operations

**HB 502 – Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties - Deer Hunting**

Sponsored By: Delegates Bohanan, Jameson, Kullen, O'Donnell, and Wood

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a program in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties to train rifle shooters to hunt deer during daylight hours for the purpose of controlling the deer population in those counties; requiring the Department to give applicants who hold a Deer Damage Permit priority in acceptance to the program; requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations; etc. *Crossfiled with: [SENATE BILL 259](#)*

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 17, 1 PM, ENV**

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**HB 524 – Maryland Organic Transition Investment Pilot Program - Funding and Extension of Sunset**

Sponsored By: Delegate Manno

Authorizing the Governor, in specified fiscal years, to include an appropriation in the State budget for the Organic Agriculture Development Fund for specified purposes; extending the termination date for the Maryland Organic Transition Investment Pilot Program from July 1, 2012, to July 1, 2015; etc.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 17, 1 PM, ENV**

**HB 559 – Prince George's County - Winery Special Event Permits - Farmers' Markets PG 304-10**

Sponsored By: Prince George's County Delegation

Authorizing the issuance of not more than 12 additional winery special event permits to Class 4 Maryland limited wineries for use in specified farmers' markets in Prince George's County; prohibiting a holder of a permit from selling wine by the glass; and requiring that a specified individual who is certified by a specified alcohol awareness program be present during the hours when wine may be sold.

**Bill Hearing: Mon, Feb 22, 1 PM, ECO**

**HB 577 – Prince George's County - Task Force to Study the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Prince George's County PG/MC 108-10**

Sponsored By: Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

Establishing a Task Force to Study the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Prince George's County; providing for the membership, appointment, responsibilities, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit specified reports to specified persons by specified dates; and providing for the termination of the Act.

**Bill Hearing:**

2/3 - First Reading Environmental Matters

**HB596 – Horse Racing - Citizenship and Residency Requirement for Employees of Licensee - Repeal**

Sponsored By: Delegate Ross

Repealing the requirement that at least 85% of a horse racing licensee's employees be United States citizens who have maintained a permanent place of residence in the State for at least 2 years immediately before being employed.

***Bill Hearing:***

2/3 - First Reading Ways and Means

**HB 598 – Horse Racing - Foaled Stakes Programs Races - Registration Requirements**

Sponsored By: Delegate Ross

Altering a method by which a horse may be registered with the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund Advisory Committee to enable the horse to start in a race of the Foaled Stakes Program.

***Bill Hearing:***

2/3 - First Reading Ways and Means

**HB 604 – Environment - Greywater - Residential Use**

Sponsored By: Delegate V. Clagett

Authorizing a person to use up to 400 gallons of greywater per day for household gardening, composting, lawn watering, or landscape irrigation under specified circumstances; defining the term "greywater" to mean used, untreated water generated by the use of and collected from a clothes washing machine, shower, bathtub, or lavatory sink; etc.

***Bill Hearing:***

2/3 - First Reading Environmental Matters

**HB 606 – Natural Resources - Local Forest Conservation Funds - Use of Money**

Sponsored By: Delegates Love, Beidle, Costa, George, King, Kipke, McConkey, Schuh, and Sophocleus

Repealing the requirement that, at the end of 2 years or 3 growing seasons, unused money in a local forest conservation fund be returned to the person who provided the money for specified tree planting purposes. *Crossfiled with: [SENATE BILL 361](#)*

***Bill Hearing:***

2/3 - First Reading Environmental Matters

**HB 607 – Public Health - Sale of Baked Goods - Private Home Kitchens**

Sponsored By: Delegates Love, Costa, Dwyer, King, Kipke, and Schuh

Authorizing a person to sell baked goods that are not potentially hazardous without a specified license under specified circumstances; requiring a person to register with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene before the person may sell specified baked goods; requiring specified baked goods to have a specified label; requiring applicants for registration to submit an application; establishing qualifications for registration; authorizing the Department to make inspections under specified circumstances; etc.

**Bill Hearing:** Tues, Feb 16, 1 PM, HGO

**HB 611 – State Highways - Mobile Produce Vendors - Required State Lease**

Sponsored By: Delegates Frick, Bronrott, Lee, Barkley, Carr, Dumais, Gutierrez, Hucker, Manno, Mizeur, Rice, and Waldstreicher

Expanding the application of a provision of law that prohibits mobile seafood vendors from operating on a State highway right-of-way without a State lease to include mobile produce vendors; prohibiting a mobile produce vendor lessee from operating at specified locations; providing that the Act does not diminish the authority of a county to license and regulate mobile produce vendors; establishing criminal penalties for a violation of the Act; providing for the enforcement of the Act; etc. *Crossfiled with:* [SENATE BILL 477](#)

**Bill Hearing:**

2/3 - First Reading Environmental Matters

**HB 621 – Agriculture - Commercial Fertilizer - Surcharge**

Sponsored By: Delegates Frush, Barnes, and Hubbard

Imposing a surcharge rate of \$5 on each ton of commercial fertilizer distributed in the State; exempting low phosphorous fertilizer from the surcharge; requiring distributors to pay the surcharge before distributing commercial fertilizer in the State; and requiring the Department of Agriculture to distribute the revenue from the surcharge to the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund.

**Bill Hearing:**

2/3 - First Reading Environmental Matters

**HB 634 – State Personnel - Fees Charged by State Employees - Prohibition**

Sponsored By: Delegates Robinson, Conaway, Glenn, Heller, Shewell, Stocksdale, and Vaughn

Prohibiting State employees from charging a fee payable to the employee to assist an individual to complete an application, form, or other document required by the unit of State government for which the employee works, whether or not the assistance is provided during the employee's regular workday; and applying the Act to all employees of all units in all branches of State government, including units with independent personnel systems.

**Bill Hearing:**

2/3 - First Reading Appropriations

**HB 636 – Natural Resources - Suspension of Hunting Licenses and Privileges**

Sponsored By: Delegates Frush and Beitzel

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to suspend for up to 5 years the hunting license or privileges of a person who is convicted of a State or federal hunting violation; requiring the Department to suspend for between 1 and 5 years the hunting license or privileges of a person who receives in any 12-month period a second conviction for a hunting violation; repealing the authority of the Department to impose a specified fine and specified hunting license suspensions for a conviction for hunting violations; etc.

*Crossfiled with: [SENATE BILL 362](#)*

**Bill Hearing:**

2/3 - First Reading Environmental Matters

**HB 647 – Department of Natural Resources - Conservation Service Opportunities - Procurement Exemption**

Sponsored By: Delegates Reznik and Hammen

Exempting from specified provisions of the State Procurement law specified grants, agreements, or partnerships related to conservation service opportunities negotiated or entered into by the Department of Natural Resources and nonprofit entities.

**Bill Hearing:**

2/3 - First Reading Health and Government Operations & Environmental Matters

**HB 688 – Sales and Use Tax - Exemption - Rain Barrels**

Sponsored By: Delegates Kipke, Olszewski, and Sossi

Exempting from the sales and use tax the sale of rain barrels used to manage rainwater runoff; making the Act effective January 1, 2011; and terminating the Act at the end of December 31, 2011.

**Bill Hearing:**

2/4 - First Reading Ways and Means

**HB 696 – Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund - Allocation of Proceeds**

Sponsored By: Delegates Hecht, Beidle, Bronrott, Carr, Doory, Feldman, Frick, Glenn, Holmes, Jameson, Krysiak, Love, Manno, Mathias, McHale, & Niemann

Altering the allocation to specified accounts of specified proceeds received by the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund from the sale of specified allowances under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

**Bill Hearing:**

2/4 - First Reading Economic Matters

**HB 701 - Energy Companies - Net Energy Metering - Payment for Accrued Generation Credit**

Sponsored By: Delegates Hecht, Barkley, Bartlett, Beidle, Bobo, Bronrott, Carr, G. Clagett, Doory, Feldman, Frick, George, Glenn, Holmes, Krysiak, Lee, Love, Manno, Mathias, McHale, Mizeur, Montgomery, Niemann, Pena-Melnyk, and Riley

Requiring that a specified net metering contract or tariff credit electricity generated by specified eligible customer-generators at specified rates under specified circumstances; repealing a limitation on the period of time that an eligible customer-generator may accrue specified generation credit; repealing a limitation on the time that a specified electric company is required to carry forward a generation credit; requiring a specified electric company to carry forward a specified generation credit until specified events occur; etc.

*Crossfiled with: [SENATE BILL 355](#)*

**Bill Hearing:**

2/4 - First Reading Economic Matters

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**SB 3 – Environment - Wetlands and Waterways Program Fees - Aquaculture**

Sponsored By: Senators Klausmeier, Middleton, and Robey

Exempting aquacultural activities for which the Department of Natural Resources has issued a specified permit from a requirement to pay application fees under the Wetlands and Waterways Program. *Crossfiled with: [HOUSE BILL 89](#)*

**Bill Hearing: Thurs, Jan 28, 1:45 PM, EHEA**

**SB 20 – Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Authorized Uses**

Sponsored By: Senator Colburn

Authorizing that specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund may be used, under specified circumstances, to pay the cost of connecting properties served by onsite sewage disposal systems to existing municipal wastewater facilities that achieve enhanced nutrient removal; and terminating the Act at the end of September 30, 2015.

**Bill Hearing: Thurs, Jan 28 at 1:45 p.m., EHEA**

**SB 33 – Natural Resources - Right to Hunt, Fish, and Harvest Wild Game**

Sponsored By: Senator Haines

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution that establishes the right of every person to hunt, fish, or harvest wild game, subject to State law; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

**Bill Hearing: Tues, Feb 2, 3 PM, EHEA**

**SB 59 - Agricultural Land Transfer Tax - Distribution and Use of Revenue**

Sponsored by: Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –  
Departmental – Agriculture)

Altering the distribution of revenues attributable to the agricultural land transfer tax; repealing a provision altering the distribution of State transfer tax revenues under specified circumstances; altering the authorized uses of specified revenues from the agricultural land transfer tax; etc.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Jan 27, 2 PM, B&T**

**SB 62 - Maryland Horse Industry Fund - Fees**

Sponsored by: Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
Committee (By Request - Departmental - Agriculture)

Requiring that all funds collected by the Maryland Horse Industry Board be paid into the Maryland Horse Industry Fund; establishing a fee for a license; and altering specified fees relating to licensure renewal and inspection of horse riding stables.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Jan 27 at 2:00 PM, EHEA**

**SB 81 - State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners - License Suspensions and Revocations – Maximum Penalties**

Sponsored by: Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request - Departmental – Agriculture)

Increasing the maximum penalty that may be imposed by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from \$5,000 to \$10,000 under specified circumstances.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Jan 27 at 2:00 PM, EHEA**

**SB 82 - Maryland Commercial Feed Law - Definitions - Prohibition on Sale**

Sponsored by: Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
Committee (By Request - Departmental - Agriculture)

Prohibiting a person from adulterating or misbranding a commercial feed, or from distributing, removing, or disposing of commercial feed in violation of a specified stop sale order, or from detaching, altering, defacing, or destroying a specified label; and altering definitions.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Jan 27 at 2:00 PM, EHEA**

**SB 90 - Secretary of Agriculture - Farm Quarantine**

Sponsored by: Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
(By Request - Departmental - Agriculture)

Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a farm quarantine and to issue appropriate orders necessary to control or restrict the use of specified farmland, crops, livestock, or farm products; requiring the Secretary to consult with the Governor, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Secretary of the Environment before establishing a quarantine; requiring the Secretary to give specified notice of a quarantine; requiring the Secretary to provide procedures to alter or remove a quarantine; etc.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Jan 27 at 2:00 PM, EHEA**

**SB 93 - Agriculture - Pest Control - Fees and Registration**

Sponsored by: Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
Committee (By Request - Departmental - Agriculture)

Clarifying the authority of the Department of Agriculture to charge a fee for a pest control examination retaken after the initial examination; requiring a person who operates a pest control business to register annually specified employees with the Department of Agriculture; establishing specified employee registration and renewal fees; and requiring the payment of a specified late fee under specified circumstances.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Jan 27 at 2:00 PM, EHEA**

**SB 94 – Department of Agriculture – Weights and Measures – Registration Fees**

Sponsored by: Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

Altering the cap on specified fees for registering specified weights and measures used for commercial purposes.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Jan 27 at 2:00 PM, EHEA**

**SB 95 - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Farmland Preservation Partnership Program**

Sponsored by: Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
Committee (By Request - Departmental - Agriculture)

Authorizing the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to establish a Farmland Preservation Partnership Program to preserve productive agricultural and forested lands; authorizing the Foundation to form partnerships to purchase easements on specified qualifying properties; requiring the Foundation's partners to cover specified costs associated with the purchase of easements; requiring properties that qualify for the Partnership Program to meet specified criteria developed by the Foundation; etc.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Jan 27 at 2:00 PM, EHEA**

**SB 133 - Commission to Study Streamlining and Increasing the Efficiency of the Procurement Process**                      CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Sponsored by: Senators Pugh, Currie, Harrington, Jones, King, Lenett, Madaleno, Muse, and Raskin

Establishing a Commission to Study Streamlining and Increasing the Efficiency of the Procurement Process; providing for the membership, purposes, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to study specified matters; requiring the Commission to report to specified persons by a specified date; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

**Bill Hearing:**    **Tues, Feb 2, 3 PM, EHEA**

**SB 155 - Maryland Estate Tax - Exclusion for Family Farm Subject to Agricultural Preservation Easements**

Sponsored by: Senators Glassman, Brinkley, Colburn, Edwards, Garagiola, Harris, Kittleman, Middleton, Mooney, and Munson

Altering the determination of the Maryland estate tax to exclude from the value of the gross estate the value of specified real property that is subject to a perpetual agricultural preservation easement that has been granted to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and passes from the decedent to or for the use of specified relatives of the decedent; and applying the Act to decedents dying after December 31, 2009.

*Prior Year Introduction As:* [SB 175/08 - B&T](#)

**Bill Hearing:**    **Tues, Feb 2, 1:30 PM, B&T**

**SB 187 – Maryland False Claims Act**

Sponsored by: Senator Lenett

Prohibiting specified actions constituting false claims against a governmental entity; providing specified penalties for making false claims against a governmental entity; requiring specified counsel to investigate specified violations; authorizing a person other than the governmental entity to file a civil action on behalf of the governmental entity against a person who makes a false claim against the governmental entity; providing for the procedures to be followed in a civil action; etc.    *Prior Year Introduction As:* [SB 830/09 - JPR](#)

**Bill Hearing:**    **Tues, Feb 23, 1 PM, JUD & FIN**

**SB 198 - Farmer's Markets - Raw Agricultural Product Sales - Producer Mobile Farmer's Market License**

Sponsored by: Senators Glassman, Garagiola, Gladden, Harris, Jacobs, Kasemeyer, Klausmeier, Kramer, Middleton, Mooney, Raskin, Rosapepe, Stoltzfus, and Stone

Altering the definition of "food service facility" to exclude the sale of specified raw agricultural products at a farmer's market from regulation as a food service facility; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from requiring a license for the sale of raw agricultural products at a farmer's market; clarifying that a license is not required to deliver prepackaged food products; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a producer mobile farmer's market license; etc.    *Crossfiled with:* [HOUSE BILL 166](#)

**Bill Hearing:**    **Thurs, Feb 4, 1 PM, FIN**

**SB 199 – Seasonal Farmer's Market Producer Sampling License**

Sponsored by: Senators Glassman, Garagiola, Kasemeyer, Klausmeier, Kramer, Mooney, Raskin, Rosapepe, Stoltzfus, and Stone

Authorizing a county to establish a seasonal farmer's market producer sampling license to allow a producer of a farm product to prepare and offer samples of the product at a farmer's market; requiring the license to be valid at all farmer's markets in the county for a specified time period, for a single fee; limiting a licensee to offering samples only of a farm product produced by the licensee; and requiring a county issuing the license to adopt specified ordinances. *Crossfiled with: [HOUSE BILL 167](#)*

**Bill Hearing: Thurs, Feb 4, 1 PM, FIN**

**SB 205 – State Treasury - Permissible Investments of State Money**

Sponsored by: Senator Jones (Chair, Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds) and Senators Currie, Forehand, Haines, and Pugh

Altering specified permissible investments of State money by the Treasurer of the State; establishing specified purposes for cash portfolio management by the Treasurer; and authorizing the Treasurer to sell, redeem, lend, exchange, and enter into repurchase and reverse-repurchase agreements for specified investments. *Prior Year Introduction As: [SB 610/09 - B&T](#)*

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 10, 1 PM, B&T**

**SB 210 – General Assembly - Fiscal Notes - Analysis of Long-Term Savings**

Sponsored by: Senators Kelley, Astle, Brochin, Della, Exum, Forehand, Frosh, King, Lenett, Pinsky, Pugh, Raskin, Robey, and Rosapepe

Requiring a fiscal note for a bill to include an analysis of any potential long-term reduction in the expenditures of State government and of local governments and other long-term savings that could result from the bill; and requiring the analysis to project the potential long-term savings for a 5-year period beginning 1 year after the effective date of the bill.

**Bill Hearing: Tues, Feb 16, 1:15 PM, B&T**

**SB 218 - State Government - Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area - Membership**

Sponsored by: Senator Simonaire

Increasing the number of members of the Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area from 10 to 14 members.

**Bill Hearing: Tues, Feb 9, 1 PM, EHEA**

**SB 222 - Oyster Sanctuaries - Authority to Designate**

Sponsored by: Senator Colburn

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to designate the location of oyster sanctuaries in State waters by statute; prohibiting the Department from designating the location of oyster sanctuaries in State waters by regulation; and making the Act an emergency measure.

***Bill Hearing:***

1/21 - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs

**SB 233 - Program Open Space - Local Agricultural Exposition Centers - Authorization**

Sponsored by: Senators Glassman, Harris, and Jacobs

Authorizing each subdivision to construct and operate an agricultural exposition center on land that was acquired by the subdivision with Program Open Space funding; and authorizing the sale of specified agricultural products at each agricultural exposition center.

*Crossfiled with: [HOUSE BILL 220](#)*

***Bill Hearing:*** Tues, Feb 9, 1 PM, EHEA

**SB 259 – Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties - Deer Hunting**

Sponsored by: Senators Dyson, Colburn, and Middleton

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a program in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties to train rifle shooters to hunt deer during daylight hours for the purpose of controlling the deer population in those counties; requiring the Department to give applicants who hold a Deer Damage Permit priority in acceptance to the program; requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations; etc.

*Prior Year Introduction As: [SB 944/09 - EHE](#)*

***Bill Hearing:*** Tues, Feb 23, 1 PM, EHEA

**SB 277 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Solar Energy**

Sponsored by: The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Garagiola, Forehand, Frosh, Harrington, King, Lenett, Madaleno, McFadden, and Pinsky

Altering the renewable portfolio standard for electricity derived from solar energy in specified years; and altering the compliance fees for a shortfall in the requirement to satisfy the standard with electricity derived from solar energy.

***Bill Hearing:*** Tues, Feb 16, 1 PM, FIN

**SB 278 – Smart, Green, and Growing - Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission**

Sponsored by: The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Astle, Della, Exum, Forehand, Gladden, Harrington, King, Klausmeier, Kramer, Lenett, Madaleno, Middleton, Miller, Peters, Pinsky, Pugh, and Stone

Repealing the Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland; establishing the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission; establishing the membership and the charge of the Commission; authorizing the Commission to adopt rules of procedure; etc.

***Bill Hearing:***

1/22 - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs

**SB 282 - Off-Shore Wind Generation - Qualified Submerged Renewable Energy Lines**

Sponsored by: The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Klausmeier, Forehand, Harrington, King, Madaleno, McFadden, and Pinsky

Exempting specified qualified submerged renewable energy lines from a specified prohibition in a Beach Erosion Control District under specified circumstances; requiring specified energy lines to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity under specified circumstances; requiring the Public Service Commission to conduct specified proceedings and consider specified factors in connection with a certificate for specified energy lines; and defining a term.

***Bill Hearing:* Tues, Feb 16, 1 PM, FIN & EHEA**

**SB 285 – Smart, Green, and Growing - The Sustainable Communities Act of 2010**

Sponsored by: The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Della, Exum, Forehand, Gladden, Harrington, Jones, King, Klausmeier, Lenett, Madaleno, Middleton, Peters, Pinsky, Pugh, and Stone

Stating findings and intent of the General Assembly concerning sustainable communities; providing for the designation of specified areas as sustainable communities eligible for specified programs; reestablishing and altering the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program to be the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program; authorizing the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust to issue up to \$50,000,000 in the aggregate in initial credit certificates for the tax credit; etc.

***Bill Hearing:* Wednes, Feb 17, 1 PM, B&T**

**SB 287 – Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act of 2010**

Sponsored by: The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators King, Madaleno, McFadden, Munson, Forehand, Garagiola, Harrington, Klausmeier, Lenett, and Pinsky

Extending until December 31, 2015, a specified credit against the State income tax for electricity produced by qualified Maryland facilities from qualified energy resources; and extending until December 31, 2015, the time period in which the Maryland Energy Administration may issue specified credit certificates.

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 17, 1 PM, B&T**

**SB 288 – Maryland Dormant Mineral Interests Act**

Sponsored by: Senator Edwards

Authorizing a specified owner of real property to maintain an action to terminate a specified mineral interest under specified circumstances; establishing actions that constitute use of a mineral interest; requiring a specified owner to bring a specified action in the circuit court of a specified jurisdiction; authorizing an owner of a mineral interest to record a specified notice of a mineral interest; requiring a court to permit a specified owner to record a late notice under specified circumstances; etc. *Prior Year Introduction As: [HB](#)*

*[748/09 - ENV](#)*

*Crossfiled with: [HOUSE BILL 320](#)*

**Bill Hearing: Tues, Feb 16, 2 PM, EHEA & JUD**

**SB 289 – Allegany County and Garrett County - Turkey Hunting - Sundays**

Sponsored by: Senator Edwards

Authorizing, a person to hunt turkey in Allegany County and Garrett County on the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in May, except Easter Sunday. *Crossfiled with: [HOUSE BILL 245](#)*

**Bill Hearing:**

1/27 - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs

**SB 291 – Health Occupations Boards - Revisions**

Sponsored by: Senator Conway

Requiring health occupations boards to provide notification to licensees or certificate holders of board vacancies; requiring health occupations boards to collect specified racial and ethnic information; requiring that, to the extent practicable, members of health occupations boards reasonably reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State; requiring specified health occupations boards to develop a specified training process and materials for board members; etc. *Prior Year Introduction As: [SB 956/09 - EHE](#)*

*Crossfiled with: [HOUSE BILL 114](#)*

**Bill Hearing: Thurs, Feb 18, 1 PM, EHEA**

**SB 301 – Garrett County - County Commissioners - Commercial Grade Wind Turbines**

Sponsored by: Senator Edwards

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Garrett County to enact ordinances regulating the setback of commercial wind turbine structures in Garrett County; and setting a fee for decommissioning a specified commercial wind turbine structure in Garrett County.

*Prior Year Introduction As: [SB 584/09 - FIN](#)*

**Bill Hearing: Tues, Feb 9, 2 PM, FIN**

**SB 311 - Chesapeake Conservation Corps**

Sponsored by: Senators Miller, Klausmeier, Astle, Brochin, DeGrange, Della, Dyson, Exum, Forehand, Frosh, Garagiola, Gladden, Harrington, Jones, Kasemeyer, Kelley, King, Kramer, Lenett, Madaleno, McFadden, Middleton, Peters, Pinsky, Pugh, Raskin, and Robey

Establishing the Chesapeake Conservation Corps as a body politic and corporate; providing for the purposes of the Corps; establishing a Board of Directors of the Corps, with specified membership, officers, duties, and terms; providing for an Executive Director of the Corps, with specified duties and powers; establishing the powers of the Corps; requiring the Corps to undertake specified projects for specified purposes; requiring the Corps to develop and implement specified volunteer service programs; etc.

**Bill Hearing: Tues, Feb 16, 2 PM, EHEA**

**SB 342 – Natural Resources - Oyster Poaching – Hearing**

Sponsored by: Senators Frosh, Conway, Forehand, Harrington, Lenett, Pinsky, Raskin, and Rosapepe

Providing that a person who is cited for unlawfully catching oysters may have a specified license revoked under specified circumstances; establishing specified grounds for license revocation; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to hold a hearing under specified circumstances in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; requiring the Department to revoke a person's license to catch oysters under specified circumstances; authorizing aggrieved persons to obtain judicial review of a specified decision; etc.

**Bill Hearing:**

1/28 - First Reading Education Health and Environmental

**SB 355 – Energy Companies - Net Energy Metering - Payment for Accrued Generation Credit**

Sponsored by: Senators Pinsky, Della, Frosh, Harrington, Pipkin, Raskin, and Rosapepe

Requiring that a specified net metering contract or tariff credit electricity generated by specified eligible customer-generators at specified rates under specified circumstances; repealing a limitation on the period of time that an eligible customer-generator may accrue specified generation credit; repealing a limitation on the time that a specified electric company is required to carry forward a generation credit; requiring a specified electric company to carry forward a specified generation credit until specified events occur; etc.

**Bill Hearing: Tues, Feb 9, 2 PM, FIN**

**SB 359 - Agriculture - Fertilizers and Pesticides - Release Reporting**

Sponsored by: Senators Lenett, Exum, Harrington, King, McFadden, Pinsky, Pugh, Raskin, Robey, and Rosapepe

Requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt specified regulations regarding reporting on the release of fertilizers and pesticides; declaring specified findings of the General Assembly; requiring a person that releases fertilizers and pesticides to submit a specified report to the Department; requiring the report to contain specified information; requiring the report to cover the preceding calendar year and be submitted annually beginning on March 1, 2012; requiring the Department to establish the format of the report; etc.

*Prior Year Introduction As:* [SB 917/09 - EHE](#)

***Bill Hearing:***

1/28 - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs

**SB 361 – Natural Resources - Local Forest Conservation Funds - Use of Money**

Sponsored by: Senator Astle

Repealing the requirement that, at the end of 2 years or 3 growing seasons, unused money in a local forest conservation fund be returned to the person who provided the money for specified tree planting purposes.

***Bill Hearing:***

1/28 - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs

**SB 362 - Natural Resources - Suspension of Hunting Licenses and Privileges**

Sponsored by: Senator Astle

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to suspend for up to 5 years the hunting license or privileges of a person who is convicted of a State or federal hunting violation; requiring the Department to suspend for between 1 and 5 years the hunting license or privileges of a person who receives in any 12-month period a second conviction for a hunting violation; repealing the authority of the Department to impose a specified fine and specified hunting license suspensions for a conviction for hunting violations; etc.

***Bill Hearing:***

1/28 - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs

**SB 396 – Maryland Estate Tax - Payment Deferral for Qualified Agricultural Property**

Sponsored by: Senator Middleton

Providing for a 5-year payment deferral under specified circumstances for Maryland estate tax imposed on qualified agricultural property passing from a decedent to or for the use of an individual who enters into an agreement to use the property for farming purposes after the decedent's death; providing that Maryland estate tax subject to a payment deferral shall become due immediately if the qualified recipient ceases to use the property for farming purposes before the tax is paid; applying the Act to decedents dying after 2010; etc.

*Prior Year Introduction As:* [SB 691/09 - B&T](#)

***Bill Hearing:*** Wednes, Feb 10, 1 PM, B&T

**SB 414 – Vehicle Laws - Equine Riding - Helmet Requirement for Minors**

Sponsored by: Senators Pugh, Lenett, Madaleno, Muse, Peters, and Raskin

Prohibiting a person under the age of 18 from riding an equine on a highway, an equine-riding path, or a specified other property unless the person is wearing a properly secured helmet that meets specified standards; establishing a fine schedule for subsequent violations of the helmet requirement; requiring a court to order the parent or guardian of a minor under 14 years of age who is convicted of a violation of the Act to pay the fine imposed for the violation under specified circumstances; etc. *Crossfiled with: [HOUSE BILL 248](#)*

**Bill Hearing: Tues, Feb 16, 1 PM, JUD**

**SB 420 – Environment - Stormwater Management - New Development and Redevelopment Projects**

Sponsored by: Senators Colburn, Haines, Jacobs, and Mooney

Making specified stormwater management regulations adopted by the Department of the Environment applicable to all new development and redevelopment projects that do not have final approval for erosion and sediment control and stormwater management plans by May 4, 2020; and making the Act an emergency measure.

**Bill Hearing:**

1/29 - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs

**SB 422 - Dorchester County - Choptank River - Soft-Shell Clam Harvesting**

Sponsored by: Senator Colburn

Altering the time periods during which and the locations in which soft-shell clam harvesting using specified types of gear is prohibited under specified circumstances in the Dorchester County portion of the Choptank River.

**Bill Hearing:**

1/29 - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs

**SB 431 – Infant Formula and Baby Food - Auction Sales - Prohibition - Exception**

Sponsored by: Senators Conway, Exum, Klausmeier, and Pugh

Prohibiting a person from selling specified infant formula and baby food at auction sales unless the person makes a specified notification; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to make specified inspections; prohibiting a person from selling specified infant formula and baby food at auction sales under specified circumstances; etc.

**Bill Hearing: Thurs, Feb 18, 1 PM, FIN**

**SB 436 – Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Living Farm Heritage Museum**

Sponsored by: Senators Robey, Kasemeyer, and Kittleman

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$35,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, and reconstruction of the Living Farm Heritage Museum, located in West Friendship; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

*Crossfiled with: [HOUSE BILL 228](#)*

**Bill Hearing:**

2/1 - First Reading Budget and Taxation

**SB 448 – Environment - Oil and Gas Drilling – Wells**

Sponsored by: Senator Edwards

Reducing, from 1,000 feet to 500 feet, the distance from the boundary of a property from which gas or oil wells may be drilled for the production or underground storage of gas or oil; and adding a definition of "well".

*Crossfiled with: [HOUSE BILL 398](#)*

**Bill Hearing:**

2/1 - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs

**SB 454 – State Licensing Agencies - Justification Statements Required for Fee Increases Proposed by Regulations**

Sponsored by: Senator Pinsky

Requiring units of State government, when adopting by regulation increases or decreases in fees for licenses to practice any business activity, business or health occupation, or business or health profession licensed or otherwise regulated under State law, to submit to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review specified information explaining or justifying the reasons for the proposed fee increase or decrease.

*Crossfiled with: [HOUSE BILL 459](#)*

**Bill Hearing:     Wednes, Feb 24, 1 PM, B&T**

**SB 462 – Chesapeake Bay Restoration Consumer Retail Choice Act of 2010**

Sponsored by: Senators Raskin, Conway, Forehand, Frosh, Harrington, Lenett, Madaleno, Muse, Peters, and Pinsky

Prohibiting a store from providing disposable carryout bags unless the bags meet specified requirements; requiring a store to charge and collect a fee for each disposable carryout bag the store provides to a customer; requiring the operator of a store to remit a specified amount of money to the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund; requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct public information and outreach campaigns; authorizing the use of specified funds; providing for a delayed effective date; etc.

*Crossfiled with: [HOUSE BILL 351](#)*

**Bill Hearing:     Thurs, Feb 18, 1 PM, FIN & EHEA**

**SB 469 – Annual Curative Bill**

Sponsored by: The President (By Request - Department of Legislative Services)

Curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects.

**Bill Hearing:**

2/1 - First Reading Senate Rules

**SB 470 – Annual Corrective Bill**

Sponsored by: The President (By Request - Department of Legislative Services)

Correcting errors and omissions in the Annotated Code and in specified uncodified laws; clarifying language; correcting obsolete references; reorganizing specified provisions of the Annotated Code; ratifying specified corrections made by the publishers of the Annotated Code; providing that the Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; providing for the correction of specified errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code; etc.

**Bill Hearing:**

2/1 - First Reading Senate Rules

**SB 477 – State Highways - Mobile Produce Vendors - Required State Lease**

Sponsored by: Senators Frosh, Forehand, Garagiola, King, Kramer, Madaleno, Middleton, and Raskin

Expanding the application of a provision of law that prohibits mobile seafood vendors from operating on a State highway right-of-way without a State lease to include mobile produce vendors; prohibiting a mobile produce vendor lessee from operating at specified locations; providing that the Act does not diminish the authority of a county to license and regulate mobile produce vendors; establishing criminal penalties for a violation of the Act; providing for the enforcement of the Act; etc. *Crossfiled with: [HOUSE BILL 611](#)*

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 17, 1 PM, JUD**

**SB 479 – State Capital Projects - High Performance Buildings - Green Globes Rating**

Sponsored by: Senator Stoltzfus

Altering the definition of "high performance building" to include a building that achieves a rating of at least two Green Globes according to the Green Globes Program as adopted by the Green Building Initiative. *Prior Year Introduction As: [SB 243/09 - B&T](#)*

**Bill Hearing: Wednes, Feb 24, 1 PM, B&T**

**SB 505 – Pet Stores - Sale of Dogs Less than 9 Months of Age Prohibited**

Sponsored by: Senators Gladden, Della, Madaleno, and Pugh

Prohibiting a retail pet store from selling or taking specified other actions with a dog less than 9 months of age; exempting specified establishments from the requirements of the Act; establishing a specified civil penalty for a violation of the Act; and providing a specified exception to the requirements of the Act.

**Bill Hearing: Thurs, Feb 18, 1 PM, FIN**

**SB 509 – Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties - Vehicle Laws - Exceptional Hauling Permits**

Sponsored by: Senator Stoltzfus

Including Somerset County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County as counties in which an exceptional hauling permit issued by the State Highway Administration is valid for a combination of vehicles that transports specified forestry products, subject to specified axle configuration requirements, increased maximum load limits, weight tolerances, inspection requirements, operation restrictions and requirements, penalties, record keeping and reporting requirements, and fees.

**Bill Hearing:**

2/3 - First Reading Judicial Proceedings

**SB 513 – Natural Resources - Vessels - No-Discharge Designation for Maryland Waters**

Sponsored by: Senators Conway, Currie, Forehand, Frosh, Harrington, Jones, King, Klausmeier, Kramer, Lenett, Madaleno, Middleton, Miller, Muse, Peters, Pinsky, Pugh, Raskin, and Zirkin

Clarifying provisions relating to the duties of operators of vessels with respect to the overboard discharge of treated and untreated sewage into the waters of the State; increasing the maximum amount of the penalty for violations of specified provisions to \$10,000; authorizing specified officers to enforce specified provisions of law and to inspect specified vessels; and requiring the State to initiate a process with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to designate Maryland waters as a no-discharge zone.

**Bill Hearing:**

2/3 - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs

**SB 515 - The Renewables First Act**

Sponsored by: Senators Lenett and Rosapepe

Declaring specified findings and policies of the General Assembly; stating specified energy policy goals for the State; declaring that it is the policy of the State that specified policy goals should be prioritized in a specified manner; requiring a specified person to submit a specified statement when applying for a certificate of public convenience and necessity; requiring a specified person to submit a specified statement when applying for permission to construct a specified generating station under specified circumstances; etc.

**Prior Year Introduction As: [SB 867/09 - FIN](#)**

**Bill Hearing: Tues, Feb 16, 1 PM, FIN**

**SB 529 – Net Energy Metering - Fuel Cell**

Sponsored by: Senators Garagiola, Astle, Exum, and Pugh

Including, among the list of eligible customer-generators that are eligible for net energy metering, a customer that uses a specified fuel cell electric generating facility that meets specified conditions; and defining "fuel cell".

***Bill Hearing:***

2/4 - First Reading Finance

**SB 537 – Energy Companies - Net Energy Metering - Credit Transfers**

Sponsored by: Senator Mooney

Authorizing specified not-for-profit customers to transfer specified generation credits accrued from electricity produced from specified renewable sources to specified properties.

***Bill Hearing:***

2/4 - First Reading Finance

**SB 542 – Health - National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline - Posting of Information**

Sponsored by: Senators Harrington and Colburn

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations requiring the posting of a notice informing individuals of the phone number for and other information about the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline; and requiring the regulations to establish the buildings and commercial establishments where the notice is required to be posted, standards for the size and format of the notice, the information required to be included in the notice, and the languages in which the notice shall be displayed.

***Bill Hearing:***

2/4 - First Reading Finance

**SB 566 – Alcoholic Beverages - Direct Wine Shipper's License**

Sponsored by: Senators Raskin, Pugh, Astle, Brinkley, Colburn, Dyson, Forehand, Frosh, Garagiola, Gladden, Glassman, Harrington, Harris, Jacobs, Jones, Kelley, King, Kittleman, Kramer, Lenett, Madaleno, Mooney, Muse, Pinsky, Robey, and Zirkin

Repealing provisions that provide for a direct wine seller's permit; establishing a direct wine shipper's license to be issued by the Office of the Comptroller; requiring a person to be licensed before the person or the person's agent may engage in shipping wine directly to a personal consumer in the State; requiring an applicant to meet specified qualifications for a license; requiring a direct wine shipper to perform specified actions; etc.

***Bill Hearing:***

2/4 - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs

**SB 569 - Biomass and Biofuels - In-State Production Incentives**

Sponsored by: Senators Middleton, Colburn, DeGrange, Garagiola, Kelley, Kramer, Lenett, and Madaleno

Altering provisions relating to net energy metering to allow eligible customer-generators generating electricity from cellulosic feedstock to recover accrued generation credit for electricity fed back to the grid; requiring, on or after specified dates and after a specified certification, that specified percentages of the total diesel sold by volume in the State be biodiesel produced from feedstock grown in the United States; requiring the Comptroller to adopt regulations; etc.

***Bill Hearing:***

2/4 - First Reading Finance & Education Health and Environmental Affairs