

ACTION BILLS
Legislative Committee Meeting
February 2, 2011

NOTES: *The summaries of the bills listed below are taken directly from the synopsis provided by the Department of Legislative Services. When reporting on specific bills to the Legislative Committee, staff will make clarifications to the synopsis. MACo refines the list each week, consistent with the organization's by-laws, to bring before the Legislative Committee a list of Action Bills that represent opportunities for county input and effect. Visit www.mdcountries.org for daily updates about legislation impacting county government.*

FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT

[HB 72/ SB 87](#) BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2011 (The Speaker (By Request – Administration)) (Appropriations) (The President (By Request – Administration)) (Budget and Taxation)

Altering or repealing specified required appropriations; altering the distribution of specified revenues; altering or repealing specified funding requirements; altering the authorized use of specified funds; authorizing specified fees; establishing a reformed contributory pension benefit for the new members of the Employees' Pension System and the Teachers' Pension System on or before July 1, 2011; etc. VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EDUCATION

[HB 86/ SB 122](#) CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BOND (The Speaker (By Request – Administration)) (Appropriations) (By Request – Administration)) (Budget and Taxation)

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$15,902,000, the proceeds to be used as grants to the Interagency Committee on School Construction and the Maryland State Department of Education for specified development or improvement purposes; providing for the disbursement of the loan proceeds and the further grant of funds to eligible school systems for specified purposes, subject to a requirement that the grantees document the provision of a required federal matching fund; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

[HB 231/ SB 123](#) EDUCATION – PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITY REVOLVING LOAN FUND (Delegate Costa) (Appropriations) (Senator Astle, et al) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs)

Establishing the Public Charter School Facility Revolving Loan Fund; stating the purpose of the Fund; authorizing specified applicants to obtain loans from the Fund; requiring the State Board of Education to administer the Fund and to consider specified factors when evaluating loan applications; specifying loan amounts; requiring the State Board to report specified information to county boards of education each fiscal year; specifying provisions relating to loan repayment; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

[SB 189](#) PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STATE AID FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – PLANNING AND DESIGN COSTS (Senator Peters, et al) (Budget and Taxation)

Requiring the Board of Public Works to include the cost of planning and design as an approved public school construction or capital improvement cost; requiring the Board of Public Works, at the recommendation of the Interagency Committee on School Construction, to adopt specified regulations; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

HB 203 **JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS – STATE LICENSING LAWS – APPLICABILITY AND EXEMPTIONS (Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)) (Economic Matters)**
Repealing a provision exempting specified counties from specified State licensing laws on junk dealers and scrap metal processors; exempting specified licensed dealers and pawnbrokers from the scope of specified State licensing laws on junk dealers and scrap metal processors; repealing specified licensing provisions for Calvert County junk dealers and scrap metal processors; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 235 **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION – STATE BOARD OF MASTER ELECTRICIANS – SUNSET EXTENSION, REVISION, AND REPORT (Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee) (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs)**
Continuing the State Board of Master Electricians in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a specified date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the State Board; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations to establish continuing education requirements; conditioning the ability to renew a specified license on compliance with specified continuing education requirements; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

GOVERNMENT LIABILITY & COURTS

SB 212 **WORKERS' COMPENSATION – DEATH BENEFITS – DEPENDENCY (Senator Klausmeier, et al) (Finance)**
Altering the authority of the Workers' Compensation Commission to make specified determinations of dependency; altering the provisions relating to calculation of death benefits for individuals who are wholly or partly dependent; providing for the amount of death benefits to specified dependents who are neither a dependent spouse nor a dependent child; specifying that the Commission has continuing jurisdiction under specified circumstances; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

PLANNING & ZONING

HB 24 **AGRICULTURE – SLUDGE – TIMING OF WINTER APPLICATION (Delegate O'Donnell) (Environmental Matters)**
Requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt regulations establishing criteria for the timing of the winter application of sludge that are the same as or substantially similar to the criteria adopted for the timing of the winter application of animal manure. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011 (HELD)

HB 209 **MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION EASEMENTS – ALLOWABLE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)) (Environmental Matters)**
Authorizing the purchase of agricultural land preservation easements if the land meets specified requirements and is subject to specified regulations governing the use of the land; prohibiting land subject to agricultural easement from being used for specified purposes; allowing a

landowner to reserve up to three 1-acre lots to construct single-family residential dwellings, subject to specified conditions; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

HB 215

STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS (Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –) Departmental – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems) (Health and Government Operations)

Exempting specified law enforcement officers from the requirement to be licensed or certified by the State Emergency Medical Services Board before providing emergency medical services in the State; prohibiting the use of the term “emergency medical responder” unless the individual is authorized to provide emergency medical services; etc. VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES