

Bill Number	Crossfile	Lead Sponsors	Title	Summary
<b>Homelessness and Related-Entities</b>				
<b>HB 593</b>	<b>SB 22</b>	Delegate M. Washington Senator Benson	Human Services - Interagency Council on Homelessness - Membership	Altering the composition of the Interagency Council on Homelessness; increasing, from six to nine, the number of representatives from diverse geographical regions of the State engaged in homeless advocacy.
<b>HB 411</b>		Delegate M. Washington	General Assembly - Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness - Membership	Adding three Senate members and three House of Delegates members to the membership of the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness; and requiring that members of the Joint Committee appointed as a result of the Act reflect the geographic diversity of the State.
<b>HB 280</b>		Delegate Moon	Birth Certificates - Homeless Individuals - Prohibition on Collection of Fee	Prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from collecting a fee for a certified or abridged copy of a birth certificate issued to a homeless individual; and requiring the Department to accept a signed written statement from a homeless individual as proof of homelessness.
<b>HB 400</b>		Delegate M. Washington	Higher Education - Tuition Waivers for Foster Care Recipients and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth - Modifications	Altering the definition of "foster care recipient" for the purpose of a specified tuition waiver; altering a specified requirement that specified foster care recipients and specified unaccompanied homeless youth apply for specified financial aid by a specified time; and requiring specified public institutions of higher education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to make specified annual reports to the General Assembly on or before September 1 of each year.
<b>Low-Wage Workers</b>				
<b>SB 294</b>		Senator Madaleno	Earned Income Tax Credit - Expansion	Altering the percentage of the federal earned income credit used for determining the amount that specified individuals may claim as a refund under the Maryland earned income credit under specified circumstances; altering the calculation of the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow specified individuals without qualifying children to claim an increased credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.
<b>HB 580</b>	<b>SB 472</b>	Senator Pugh Delegate Clippinger	Labor and Employment - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act	Requiring employers with more than nine employees to provide employees with earned sick and safe leave that is paid at the same rate as the employee normally earns; requiring employers with nine or fewer employees to provide an employee with unpaid earned sick and safe leave; providing for the manner in which earned sick and safe leave is accrued by the employee and treated by the employer; requiring an employer to allow an employee to use earned sick and safe leave for specified purposes; etc.

Accessing and Improving Services				
<b>HB 445</b>		Delegate Lierman	Food Stamp Program - Minimum Benefit - State Supplement	Requiring the State to provide a specified supplement to a household that receives a federally funded benefit in an amount less than \$30 per month under the food stamp program.
<b>SB 497</b>	<b>HB 595</b>	Senator Guzzone Delegate Hayes	Behavioral Health Community Providers - Keep the Door Open Act	Requiring, except under specified circumstances, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adjust the rate of reimbursement for community providers each fiscal year by the rate adjustment included in the State budget; requiring, under specified circumstances, managed care organizations to pay the rate in effect during the immediately preceding fiscal year for the first fiscal year the managed care organizations provide the services and to adjust the reimbursement rate for community provider...
Bills MAP is Opposing				
<b>HB 356</b>		Delegate Pendergrass	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits - Exclusion of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages and Other Nonnutritious Foods	Requiring the Department of Human Resources to request permission from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to exclude sugar-sweetened beverages and, at the Department's discretion, other nonnutritious foods from the food items that may be purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; and requiring, on or before January 1, 2017, and every 6 months thereafter, the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the status of the request.
<b>SB 268</b>		Senator Salling	Election Law - Qualification of Voters - Proof of Identity	Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity and verify the voter's address if the voter seeks to vote a regular ballot; requiring an election judge to qualify a voter by requesting the voter to present a current government-issued photo identification; requiring an election judge to authorize an individual to vote a regular ballot; allowing a voter who is unable to present a specified form of identification to vote by provisional ballot under specified circumstances; etc.
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