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BRAC Growth: Dodging a Bullet or Embracing Opportunity

From Elizabeth Bobo:, Maryland State Delegate



BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) represents the largest influx of residents and jobs since WWII. We will not have another chance like this in our lifetime. We can take this opportunity to shore up Baltimore City, thus helping the entire state of Mary-

land and avoid overburdening the counties.

The counties are already struggling to keep up with demands on local infrastructure; water/sewer, transit, roads, schools. Baltimore has been losing population to the counties over the years. It has more of the required infrastructure in place to accommodate the coming influx.

Howard County has virtually no unemployment. In Baltimore City that is not the case, so it would clearly benefit from BRAC jobs. BRAC jobs going to the counties would most likely require more homebuilding and the infrastructure that goes with it. These same counties are already under pressure from demand for roads and schools for pre-BRAC growth.

I realize that competition among counties is a longstanding practice. On balance, it makes sense to me for the counties not to compete so strongly for these new jobs. If the economic development offices were asked not to go after these jobs and residents so aggressively, and instead direct some of them to Baltimore City, the entire state would benefit. At times, not enough attention is paid to regionalism, what is best for the whole region.

Study after study has shown that new housing in the counties does not pay for itself. The cost of building more roads, schools, and water and sewer facilities outweighs the increase in revenue. In Howard County it now costs \$10,000 in operating funds to send one child

From Rick Silber, HC Chamber of Commerce, Howard
County Business Owner



The only thing constant is change. Therefore, we should always be prepared for the inevitable. If change is going to occur it is in our interest to manage it to the best of our collective abilities.

The Base Realignment And Closure (BRAC) puts Howard and the surrounding counties on the receiving end of a build-up of high paying government jobs. The resulting business accociated with BRAC will definitely be a benefit for the region. Many new jobs will come to our area and this is a good problem to have.

People who currently commute from Howard County to The District of Columbia or Northern Virginia no longer need to commute and may be able to

find jobs right here at home after the BRAC realignment occurs. Some of the high tech positions that will become available here should be well suited for telecommuting.

Due to our proximity to the Federal Government our region has been very resilient to the economic ups and downs that effect other areas of the country. The BRAC realignment should solidify our economic stability for now and on into the future.

Yes, the opportunity is certainly available. We can build infrastructure, provide funding for our first class schools and do many things that will create a region that is robust and vibrant, mainly due to economic growth.

However, there are some concerns: traffic, housing, schools, the environment and others.

The Howard County Chamber of Commerce has for years presented our position, in the form of a White Paper, on many of these and other issues. The Chamber is represented on several Task Forces that specifically address BRAC issues.

From Kent Menser

Executive Director of the Howard County Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Office Office of the County Executive

Howard County's BRAC Task Force includes 130 residents, business women and men who staff 11 Committees. Their mission is to prepare the county for the impacts of Fort Meade growth and take advantage of its opportunities. The four components of this growth are projected to bring 22,000 new job positions to Fort Meade during the next 5-7 years. The four components are:

• NSA Growth: 4,000

• Enhanced Use Lease Growth Capacity: 10,000

• BRAC Growth: 6,000

• Additional Growth at Fort Meade: 2,000

Members of the Task Force are currently analyzing regional and county growth data so that it may be transformed into relevant information that can be used in decision-making by our residents, businesses and county government. We understand that projecting job and household locations and numbers will be critical to our study. We know that many factors will ultimately influence where families will want to live. The Task Force does not market Howard County, but with the other counties surrounding Fort Meade, educates those new employees and their families on the quality of life and the wide variety of resources available in our region. (Continued on Page 15)

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READER COMMENTARY

Handling Growth

from Byron MacFarlane

Having lived in Ellicott City, West Friendship, and Woodstock all my life, I, like all of us, understand the immense importance of open space, preserving Howard County's farming tradition, and balancing the interests of developers and the public at large. In both our county flag and our seal, a sheaf of wheat is prominently displayed, highlighting the agricultural heritage of Howard County, the legacy of the Ellicotts, the Carrolls, the Ridgelys, and shown in the background of our seal, rolling hills, conveying the image of a proudly rural county.

Howard County is at a crossroads with development and growth, and we all have one thing on our minds—how can we preserve the Howard County we know and love?

We all know the issues we face: where to build, how much to build, how quickly to build, how much to expect from developers, how growth will impact our infrastructure, and how we can ensure affordable living space. I think the best way to begin a conversation on growth is by keeping an open mind and looking for common ground we can start from. Allow me to offer some general thoughts:

First, development has serious repercussions for existing residents and developers should be required to contribute significantly to the community. New developments mean enormous up-front costs in terms of school capacity and roads, and growth is occurring so quickly that to saddle taxpayers with massive tax increases to pay for these up-front costs is simply unfair.

Second, to the fullest extent of the law and the ability of our county government to influence housing costs, we have to balance high-end home construction with affordable housing. The county can't create \$500 per month apartment rents simply as a matter of economics, but we can provide incentives to developers to build affordable rental housing and affordable owner-occupied housing along with larger, more expensive development. What is most important with this issue is that we shed our fears and stereotypes about affordable housing. As a resident of Waverly Woods, I was very disappointed

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From DWRD in Western Howard:

Howard County has recently tended toward an autocracy such that 20+ story buildings could be approved by political appointees (the Planning Board) and we're now seeing that the populace wants a vote in it's county's future. There are changes that can be made to the County Charter to prevent these backroom agreements between developers and county officials.

An excellent Code of Ethics has been written and is available from the National Association of Counties. All we need to do is change the county charter to use their Code of Ethics instead of our own, and make changes so that the Ethics Commission is more accountable for their decisions - right now their meeting minutes are never made public. Right now, the county charter only allows punishment for county employees, not for the political appointees who can really do the most damage by backroom deals. The charter must be changed.

One of the developer's tools (that is fully supported by a government whose main campaign funding comes from the developers) is the use of retroactive zoning changes so that when someone wants to build a structure, be it a shed or a skyscraper, they just change the regulations to allow it. A number of states have provisions in their state constitutions that prevent counties from using retroactive zoning changes - except to protect public safety.

Finally, the county has no Office of the Inspector General to conduct independent evaluations of whether the various departments are acting within their guidelines effectively. Every department of the Federal Government has one and they have been incredibility effective at making Federal departments accountable. No organization is able to effectively police itself, be it a church, a government department, a professional organization or even a charitable organization. Howard County needs an OIG to perform governance over itself.

Visit the National Association of Counties at: www.naco.org

19 readers responded to our first issue identifying areas of interest. Below, in order of number of mentions, are the most frequently mentioned issues:

Land Use and Development issues
Political Representative Vote Tracking
Environment
Budget & Spending
Campaign Finance

And the following each received one mention:

Senior Tax

Housing Market

BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure)

Columbia Assn President

Education & Library

Advertiser Issues

Support Local Issues

Public Safety

County Office of Inspector General

Investigative writing

Role of deception in govt

Entertainment

From LW in Columbia:

I would like to know how the people who represent our county in the General Assembly and the County Council vote on different bills. I have had trouble finding out this information.

From Ken in Ellicott City:

The absence of clear budget controls and management. We are very supportive of government, but believe there is a responsibility to show attempts to manage effectively, and don't see that happening here in the County-either either with the current Administration or the previous one. Budget increases like those just approved at the state and county level may be understandable but it isn't obvious that they are supportable over the next several years. We need to think about what we are doing.

Listen to voters on the issues from across the country, including Howard County callers at 90.1 FM starting at 7am daily on C-Span's Washington Journal, or at www.c-span.org.

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Howard County Council Voting Dec 2006 - May 2007
http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_ArchivedBills_2007.htm

Bill#	ISSUE	Ball	Fox	Sigaty	Terrasa	Watson
CB4	An Act to require that pre-submission community meetings required for residential subdivision applications in the County be held in public or institutional buildings within a five mile radius of the subdivision site.	у	у	у	у	у
CB5	An Act to require that pre-submission community meetings required for residential subdivision applications in the County be held for minor sub-divisions outside the Planned Service Area for Public Water and Sewer.	у	у	у	у	у
CB6	An Act to require developers to send notice of pre-submission community meetings at least three weeks prior to the scheduled meeting and allow citizens to request a meeting with a staff member of the Department of Planning and Zoning	у	у	у	у	у
CB7	AN ACT amending certain definitions related to firearms control; adding certain definitions; adding that certain prohibitions shall not apply to a public safety officer acting within the scope of the officer's official duties or to certain transfers of electronic weapons; and generally related to firearms control.	У	у	у	n	у
CB8	AN ACT amending the Plumbing and Gasfitting Code for Howard County to adopt certain local amendments relating to certain plumbing facilities, fixtures, and fire protection systems; and generally relating to the Plumbing and Gasfitting Code for Howard County.	у	у	у	у	у
SAO5-FY07	AN ACT transferring \$44,100 from the Grant Fund Contingency to the Department of Police for a grant to combat gangs and gang violence.	у	у	у	у	у

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CB9-2007	AN ACT providing for a credit against the County property tax for certain devices that generate electricity under certain circumstances; providing for an application date for the credit and generally relating to property tax credits.	у	recused	у	у	у
ENRCB10-2007	AN ACT altering the qualifications for a property tax credit for certain senior citizens; providing for the rate of the credit; clarifying certain calculations; providing for publicity for the credit; and generally relating to property tax credits.	у	n	у	у	n
CB11-2007	AN ACT requiring applicants for a certain property tax credit to also apply for other credits; clarifying how certain property tax credits are to be applied; and generally relating to property tax credits.	n	у	n	n	у
CB12-2007	AN ACT altering the amount of the County supplement to the Homeowners' Property Tax Credit; repealing a certain property tax credit for certain senior citizens; and generally relating to property tax credits.	у	у	у	у	у
ENRCB13-2007	AN ACT amending the 2000 General Plan by adjusting the Planned Service Area boundary of the Master Plan for Water and Sewerage to include a religious facility located on approximately 12.47 acres with an address of 8300 Old Columbia Road, Fulton, Howard County, Maryland; and generally relating to the 2000 General Plan.	у	у	у	у	у
CB14-2007	AN ACT amending the 2000 General Plan by adjusting the Planned Service Area boundary of the Master Plan for Water and Sewerage to include a religious facility located on approximately 3.28 acres with an address of 11795 Scaggsville Road, Fulton, Howard County, Maryland; and generally relating to the 2000 General Plan.	у	у	у	У	У

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Howard County Planning Board Voting (As available Since Dec 2006)

www.co.ho.md.os/dpz/archives.htm

PB#	ISSUE	CitaraManis	Dombrowski	Grabowski	Rosenbaum
PB377	General Plan Amendment - St. Francis of Assisi Church	Y	Y	Y	Y
CSDP-07-01	Turf Valley Vistas, Lot 139; James Carothers, applicant	Y	Y	Y	Υ
	Site Development Plan for the construction of a Costco	Y	Y	Υ	Y
SDP-07-36	Gasoline Station	l t	T Y	Y	Y
	For approval of a Site Development Plan for the construction of				
	40 single family attached dwelling units and other related site	Y	Y	Y	Y
	improvements. The site is located on the southwest side of	Ĭ Ť	T	T T	r
SDP-06-113	Eternal Rings Road and Iron Leaf Trail.				
	Village of Long Reach revisions would affect Lot 581 of the				
	Village of Long Reach, consisting of 10 acres along Tamar	Y	Y	Y	Y
FDP-77A-II	Drive				
	AN ACT amending the 2000 General Plan by adjusting the				
	Planned Service Area boundary of the Master Plan for Water				
	and Sewerage to include a religious facility located on	Y	Y	Y	Y
CB2007	approximately 3.28 acres				
	For Planning Board approval to exceed the FDP Phase 2-A-VIII				
	maximum lot coverage of 30% to allow 36.9% coverage for a	Y	Y	Y	Y
ASDP-04-158	house under construction and two decks				
	For Planning Board approval of 33 residential lots and 3 open				
	space lots in a Residential-Environmental Development Zoning	Y	Y	Y	Y
	District, a Residential-Environmental Development Zoning	Ţ	T	T T	r
PB 377 – SDP-	District, on land belonging to Jericho LLC and Harry F.				
06-15	Geelhaar, Jr. located in the First Election District				
	For approval of a site development plan for the construction of				
	two additional industrial Buildings located on the east side of	Y	A	Y	Y
SDP-05-105	Oakland Mills Road				
	Maple Lawn Farms project approval for a red-line revision of a				
	site development plan (SDP) for the	Y	Α	Y	Y
SDP-05-47	construction of a new one-story warehouse				
PB 378	Maple Lawn Amended Comprehensive Sketch Plan	Y	Α	Y	Y
	Mt. Gregory United Methodist Church – Request for Planning	Y	A	Y	Y
1	Board approval of a Cemetery Boundary Documentation and	'	^	1	l i
SDP-07-06	Accommodation Plan for an existing cemetery				

In Memorium: County Residents and Associations Honor Fallen Howard County Officer

On June 18 the Howard County Police Department lost PFC Scott Wheeler as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty. PFC Wheeler was assigned to the Police Department's Southern District Station which provides services to the Village of River Hill.

In recognition of PFC Wheeler's service to Howard County, the River Hill Community Association has draped the entrance to Claret Hall and placed black ribbons on trees adjacent to the building. The community is grateful for the dedication and professionalism exhibited by PFC Wheeler and the Howard County Police Department. Larry Blickman, the Village Board Vice Chair commented, "Howard County has experienced the untimely and tragic loss of PFC Wheeler. His loss not only affects the police community, but more importantly his wife, family and friends. His dedication and commitment to serve and protect must always be remembered by the citizens of this county. The River Hill Community Association extends our deepest sympathy to Officer Wheeler's wife, family, friends, and the Howard County Police Department."

A fund has been established for donations to the Wheeler family. Donations can be mailed to The Scott Wheeler Memorial Fund, c/o the Howard County Police Foundation, 3410 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043. Donations may also be made to the Fallen Officer Association at the same address.

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Maryland Senate and House Votes (Howard Delegation) Spring 2007 SENATORS **DELEGATES** Malone, DeBoy, Bill# Robey Kittleman Kasemeyer Turner **Pendergrass** Miller Jr. Guzzone Sr. Bobo **Bates** SB1 Early Voting, or Statewide Voting with no ID Ν Ν Ν Prohibiting a person from leaving a dog outside and SB696 Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Ν Υ Ν Υ Υ Ν unattended by use of a specified restraint Relocatable Classrooms - Indoor Air Quality SB552/HB164 Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Standards Establishing a system of public financing of campaigns for candidates for the General SB546/HB731 Υ Υ Ν Assembly; establishing an Election Financing (failed) Commission; creating the Public Election Fund **HB36** Clarifying the availability of books and records kept Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ by or on behalf of a common ownership community Prohibiting a person from providing false animal **HB1433** health or other false identifying information, reports Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Α Υ Υ Υ Υ or documents Providing for a process for handling a complaint filed with the State Open Meetings Compliance HB1242 Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Board when the public body that is the subject of the complaint no longer exists HB590 State Taxes - Solar Energy Grants and Devices Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Requiring, instead of authorizing, an insurer to provide specified notice to specified third party SB156 Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ claimants if payment, in the amount of \$2,000 or more Prohibiting a person from knowingly soliciting specified persons for prostitution; prohibiting a **HB876** Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Not votina Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ person from obtaining or attempting to obtain labor or services by specified means Labor and Employment - Maryland Workforce SB461 Investment Act - Transit Service for Low-Income Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Α Ν Individuals Requiring a specified invoice and specified authorization of repairs form to include a specified SB640/HB747 Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ notice about motor vehicle manufacturer warranty adjustment programs Requiring vehicular traffic approaching a highway from an exit ramp from an expressway and facing a SB935 Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ nonfunctioning traffic control signal to stop (SEE BILL) Prohibiting using, selling, manufacturing, or distributing household dishwashing machine Υ Υ SB766/HB1131 Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Ν Υ detergent that contains more than 0.5 percent of phosphorus Repealing specified restrictions on holding live SB817 Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ thoroughbred racing at night and on Sundays Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$11,126,000, the proceeds to be used as **SB986** Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ a grant to the Interagency Committee on School Construction Tax Credits for Individuals Facing Employment SB1033 Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Barriers Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ HB440 Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Vehicle Laws - Engine Brakes - Restrictions Landlord and Tenant - Expiration of Warrant -HB922 Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Α Υ Υ Υ Υ Striking Judgment for Possession authorizing the approval of a motor vehicle or HB1356 bicycle racing event only if the specified conditions Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration to reimburse for specified services; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional HB281 Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Services to provide access to a 30-day supply of medication to specified individuals; establishing a specified immunity from civil liability Repealing the authority of the State Board for Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ **HB413** Professional Engineers to issue limited licenses to Υ Α Υ Υ Υ Υ practice engineering on a specified job Establishing a Statewide Steering Committee on Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ **HB793** Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease make specified findings concerning specified barriers to licensing or certifying individuals who HR949 Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Υ Α have training and experience in providing health care through military service Prohibiting health occupation boards from action as Υ

For a complete legislative listing, please visit www.howardcountyissues.org

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HB988

reprisal against specified licensees or certificate

holders under specified circumstances

Bill #	ISSUE	Robey	Kittleman	Kasemeyer	Turner	Pendergrass	Miller	Malone, Jr.	Guzzone	DeBoy, Sr.	Bobo	Bates
	Public Health - Self-Mutilation - Awareness.							_				
HB1046	Training, and Distribution of Materials	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Α	Y	Y	Υ	Y
HB1321	allowing licensed cosmetologists, estheticians, and nail technicians to practice and provide services in specified medical services facilities	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1424	Establishing a Maryland Military Department Center for Military History	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Α	Not voting	Y	Υ	Y
HB18	Election Law - Voting Systems - Voter-Verifiable Paper Records	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
HB269	Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
HB773	Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development - Membership and Charge	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
HB784/SB710	Affordable Housing - Enabling Authority for Counties and Municipalities	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
HB957	establish guidelines for providing emergency medical care to students with special health needs	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
HB1123	Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grants	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
HB1155	Altering a specified term to conform it to a comparable federal term	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Α	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1199	Authorizing the General Assembly to consider expanding the Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Not voting	Υ	Y
HB1224	Authorizing the use of Program Open Space acquisition funds for additional specified activities	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1309	Higher Education - Foster Care Recipients - Waiver of Tuition and Fees	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Α	Y	Y	Υ	Y
HB1372	Student Health - Inhalant Abuse - Awareness , Training, and Distribution of Materials	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1389	Altering the Maryland Crop Insurance Premium Program to include a cost share element in order to increase participation by farmers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1429	Altering the purpose of the Restoration Fund in the Department of Natural Resources to include planting trees on private property to replace trees that were destroyed by a treatment to control plant pests	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB691	Requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to establish a mandatory minority business utilization program	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
HB711	Open Space Dedication - Fee	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y
HB710	Providing that before the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission may solicit a specified service contract	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Υ
HB16	Altering the deadline for absentee ballot applications	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB889	Requiring government to study specified issues relating to commercial vehicle warranty enforcement Authorizing funds remaining from the Senior	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1004	Prescription Drug Program to be transferred and appropriated to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1017	Baltimore City and Prince George's County - Parent- Teacher Association Matching Fund Pilot Program	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N
HB1016	Increasing a specified limit used to determine the availability of net energy metering to eligible customer-generators	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1194	Prohibiting a person from knowingly possessing contraband in a place of confinement	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB255	Authorizing specified regulatory boards to investigate specified claims; continuing the State Board of Physicians	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
SB268	Higher Education - Blind and Print Disabled Students - Instructional Materials	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB91/HB359	Prohibiting a person from smoking tobacco products in indoor areas open to the public and indoor places of employment	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Υ	N
HB672	Authorizing a petition for guardianship of a disabled person to include signed and verified certificates of competency	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Bill #	ISSUE	Robey	Kittleman	Kasemeyer	Turner	Pendergrass	Miller	Jr.	Guzzone	Sr.	Bobo	Bates
HB282	Authorizing specified regulatory boards to investigate claims; continuing the State Board of Physicians	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB519/HB571	Truancy - Prohibition Against Issuance of Learner's Instructional Permit	Υ	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y
HB1116	Approving specified projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of specified academic facilities for the University System of Maryland	Υ	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1150	Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to evaluate the Department's Telework Partnership	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB486/HB755	Authorizing a tax credit against county or municipal corporation property taxes for a replacement dwelling purchased by a displaced owner of a dwelling acquired for public use by eminent domain	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1175	Counties - Purchase of Development Rights	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1223	Authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt regulations to restrict, permit, or prohibit the catching, possessing, purchasing, transporting, or exporting of snapping turtles	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
SB945/HB1257	Requiring that the dividends paid deduction be added back to federal taxable income to determine Maryland modified income of specified real estate investment trusts	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1320	Creating the Joint Committee on Base Realignment and Closure	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1326	Altering the definition of the term "supervising appraiser" so that it means a certified residential real estate appraiser or a certified general real estate appraiser	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1409	Insurance - Fraud - Intentional Motor Vehicle Accidents, Creation of Documentation of Motor Vehicle Accidents, and Reports	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1418	Authorizing the Community Development Administration to undertake commitments for residential mortgage loans to families of limited income	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1439	Altering the number of years of commissioned field grade service in the National Guard required for an individual to be eligible to serve as Adjutant General and Assistant Adjutant General	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1442	Establishing the Task Force on the Availability and Affordability of Property Insurance in Coastal Areas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB408	Requiring that a prosecution for an offense that occurs in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area that relates to environmental protection or natural resource conservation be instituted within 3 years after the commission of the offense	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB970	Environment - Water Appropriation Permits - Penalties	Υ	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
HB1042	Authorizing a campaign finance entity to file a specified affidavit instead of filing a campaign finance report covering a specified period	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1186	Vehicle Laws - Engine Brakes - Restrictions	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB742	Requiring the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to study whether automated external defibrillators should be provided	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB938	on-site at swimming pools in the State Public Health - Injury Reports - Workgroup	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1057	Requiring insurance policies or contracts to provide that the same health insurance benefits and eligibility guidelines that apply to covered dependents are available	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
SB532/HB760	Repealing the requirement that the Department of Natural Resources prepare a fishery management plan for the diamondback terrapin; prohibiting the take or possession of diamondback terrapin for commercial purposes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB511/HB465	Establishing that a purchaser has the right to rescind a contract for the sale of property encumbered by a conservation easement if the seller fails to give the purchaser a copy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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SB693/HB216		Robey Y	Kittleman Y	Kasemeyer Y	Turner Y	Pendergrass Y	Miller Y	Jr. Y	Guzzone Y	Sr. Y	Bobo Y	Bates
	HIV Testing - Exposure - Forensic Scientist			-		•			Y			Y
SB702 SB774/HB1049	Yellow Perch Conservation and Sustainability Act Establishing the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine subcommittee in the Cervical Cancer Committee	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB873/HB1181	Altering the process for the appointment of specified members of the Task Force to Study State Assistance to Veterans	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y
SB915/HB1412	Adding a member of the Colonial Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America to the Maryland Veterans Commission	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y
SB937/HB1177	Repealing the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Administrators Fund	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
SB973	Authorizing the Department of the Environment to serve complaints, corrective orders, notices, or other instruments	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB1022	Authorizing insurers that issue policies of group life insurance to extend coverage to the domestic partner of the employee or member	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Υ	Y	Y	Y	N
SB83	Sexual Offenders - Evaluation Before Sentencing	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Not voting	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y
SB332/HB942	Establishing the Maryland Green Building Council	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB632/HB713	Prohibiting a person from participating in a specified criminal gang knowing that the members of the gang engage in a specified pattern of criminal gang activity	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB920/HB1359	Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Respite Care - Sunset Extension	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB1018/HB627	Task Force to Study Rent Stabilization for the Elderly in Prince George's County	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y
SB1030	Critical Areas - Applications for Variances - Local Jurisdictions	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	N
SB237/HB102	Natural Resources - Open Air Burning Limitations - Application	Υ	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y
SB148/HB133	Establishing the Oyster Advisory Commission in the Department of Natural Resources	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB204	study and compile information regarding specified costs associated with textbooks for higher education	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Not voting
SB784/HB786	Stormwater Management Act of 2007	Y	Y	Y	Α	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y
НВ772	Authorizing the Howard County Council to provide by ordinance for an administrative proceeding to enforce specified zoning violations; and providing that a specified ordinance may include authority to impose specified civil fines and penalties and create	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB883/HB1284	Ground Leases - Redemption - Preferred Interest Rate Loans	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Y
HB390	Sexual Offenders - Evaluation Before Sentencing	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
HB423	Workforce Housing Grant Program - Fund Establishment - Administrative Clarifications	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB576/HB689	Defining the term "emergency responder" for purposes of the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y
HB745	Requiring the State to ensure that at least 50% of the heating equipment using specified heating oil in State buildings and 50% of the heavy equipment owned by the State using diesel fuel use, subject to availability, a blend of fuel containing at least 5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB759/HB1030	Requiring a wholesale distributor to hold a permit issued by the State Board of Pharmacy before the wholesale distributor engages in the wholesale distribution of prescription drugs or devices in the State	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Y
HB1288	Requiring individuals who sell any real estate as sales agents for home builders to be licensed by the State Real Estate Commission	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB624/HB992	a person convicted of a specified drug-related offense is not eligible for parole during a specified mandatory minimum sentence if the person has been convicted of a violation of a specified crime of violence arising out of the incident	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Α	Y	N	Y	Z

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HB1310	Altering the definition of "eligible organization" to make it applicable for at least 50 years before the organization applies for a license to own or operate	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1427	Authorizing the Child Support Enforcement Administration to deduct an annual collection fee for cases in which the family never received temporary cash assistance and has received at least \$500 in	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1143	child support payments during the federal fiscal year Repealing a requirement for withholding of 3% of the contract price under specified contracts with nonresident contractors	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1347	Requiring a public service company franchise tax; penalties for the willful failure to file a public service company franchise tax return; authorizing the penalty of perjury for the willful filing of a false public service company franchise tax return; e	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB339	Health Insurance - Small Group Market - Health Benefit Plans - Rates	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ
HB979	Health Information Exchange Pilot Project	Υ	Y	Y	Α	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ
HB1082	Managed Care Organizations - Retroactive Denial of Claims and Applicability of State Laws	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1189	Repealing specified caps on the annual and total number of grants that a participant in the Maryland Senior Rides Program may receive Authorizing the Board of Directors of the Maryland	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1283	Health Insurance Plan to charge different premiums based on cost-sharing arrangement; offer optional endorsement to remove a preexisting condition limitation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB117	Authorizing a consumer to elect to place a security freeze on the consumer's consumer report	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
НВ277	Altering from \$750 to \$1,000 the earnings level above which a domestic worker in a private home is a covered employee under the workers' compensation law	Y	Y	Y	А	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1180	Altering the schedule of benefits of weekly unemployment insurance benefits so as to increase the amount of the weekly benefit up to a specified maximum, based on high quarter wages	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	A	Y	Y	Y	N
HB1324	establishing specified qualifications for a collection agency license	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Α	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1379	Providing that the Public Service Commission does not have jurisdiction over specified voice over Internet protocol services	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
HB208	when destroying a customer's records that contain personal information of the customer, take specified steps to protect against unauthorized access to or use	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB263/HB519	Requiring a health insurance carrier to establish and implement a specified procedure for referral to a nonphysician specialist who is not part of a carrier's provider panel	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB619	Requiring a county superintendent to notify the county board of education in writing of specified criminal charges	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB430	Requiring specified contractors and subcontractors to pay specified employees specified minimum wage rates	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
SB3	Real Property - Condemnation - Procedures and Compensation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB360	Expanding the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit of the Office of the Attorney General	Y	Y	Not voting	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
SB674/HB909	Requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations on the purchase of equipment by specified electric companies; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to adopt regulations to establish minimum energy efficiency standards	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB214	Prohibiting a person from knowingly possessing specified contraband in a place of confinement	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB2/HB162	Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to designate specified positions in State government as special appointment positions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Bill #	ISSUE	Robey	Kittleman	Kasemeyer	Turner	Pendergrass	Miller	Jr.	Guzzone	Sr.	Bobo	Bates
SB634/HB148	Presidential Elections - Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote	Y	N	Not voting	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N
HB383	Requiring that the information contained in a specified form relating to harassment or intimidation in schools be kept confidential with specified exceptions	Y	Y	Not voting	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB558	Authorizing a person who owns or operates a farm that is subject to the regulatory authority of the Department of Agriculture to be employed by the Department	Y	Y	Not voting	138 Yeas, 2 Not voting, 1 absent. House votes not available on website							
HB893	Wastewater Treatment Facilities Upgrades -	Υ	Y	Not voting	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y
HB1291	Reporting Requirements Solid Waste Regulation - Criminal Penalties	Y	Y	Not voting	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1101201	Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation; removing	<u> </u>	· ·	140t Voting	<u> </u>				'	•	<u> </u>	 '
HB1331	the requirement for the establishment of agricultural districts on a specified date requiring a priority preservation area to be large	Y	Y	Not voting	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1354	enough to support normal agricultural and forestry activities under specified circumstances	Y	Y	Not voting	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB538	to establish and administer a grant program for dually enrolled students Prohibiting the Governor's Appointments Office from	Y	N	Not voting	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
SB50/HB161	directing or overruling specified decisions of specified appointing authorities in the Executive Branch of State government	Υ	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
SB58/HB274	Study Commission to Explore the Expanded Application of State Stipends for National Certification of Teachers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB175	Requiring the Secretary of Juvenile Services to establish a statewide Program of volunteer mentors for children	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB286	Repealing the limitation of allowing only up to five participants per year in the Maryland Dent-Care Program	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB339	Requiring the Maryland State Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council to include a specified review of the State's approach to drug treatment in the two-year strategic review	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB604	Increasing the maximum amount of a senatorial	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y
SB711	scholarship award Education - "Share the State Fair " Program	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB746/HB781	Requiring the AIDS Administration to convene a workgroup including specified stakeholders to review and make recommendations regarding specified Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y
SB936/HB487	Nonprofit Health Service Plans - Boards of Directors - Term Limits and Compensation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB962/HB1386	Altering definitions under the Homestead Property Tax Credit law to include shareholders in a family corporation, as defined, and partners in general partnerships within the definition of "homeowner"	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Not Voting	Y	Y	Y
SB975	Oil Pollution and Tank Management;Amending the definition of "oil" to include ethanol and biodiesel fuel; requiring an underground storage facility to be in substantial compliance with State law and regulations before oil may be sold to or received by the	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y
SB1017	Prohibiting the distribution of tobacco paraphernalia to a minor	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB1027	Extending the termination date for reporting of specified information relating to traffic stops; extending the period of time during which law enforcement officers must record and report to the Maryland Justice Analysis Center	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Not voting
SB431	Requiring the State Citizens Review Board for Children to assist State and local agencies in determining whether the agencies' child protection responsibilities are being effectively carried out	Α	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y
SB456/HB1440	Interest Rate for Overdue Property Tax - Mardela Springs	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y

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DIII #	Requiring that specified court records relating to a	Robey	Kittleman	Rasellieyel	Turrier	rendergrass	Wille	J1.	Guzzone	JI.	Воро	Dates
SB472	petition for emergency evaluation be confidential; prohibiting specified court records from being divulged	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB491	options for expanding the electrical universal service program to include assistance to specified low-income residential tenants of apartments and low-income residential condominium owners who are not actual customers of an electric company	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB522	Requiring homeowners to file applications to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to qualify for the homestead property tax credit	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB1025/HB1434	Altering the date of the statewide primary election in the year in which the President of the United States is elected from the first Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in February	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB52	Authorizing a consumer to elect to place a security freeze on the consumer's consumer report	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB29/HB81	requiring the Commission to determine that unnecessary duplication of programs is unjustified Increasing from 5 to 30 days the period during which	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
SB368/HB387	a release of a claim for tort damages signed by an injured individual is voidable	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB56/HB51	Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$826,799,000 Exempting broadcasters and their agents, after	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y
SB382/HB491	receiving an AMBER alert notification from civil liability	Α	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB678/HB314	Maryland Human Relations Commission; requiring specified cases to be heard by an administrative law judge, rather than a hearing examiner	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB152	Waiving specified costs and fees for specified volunteers at specified facilities and local departments of social services who are required to obtain a criminal history records check	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB170/HB213	Adding the crime of sexual abuse of a minor to the list of crimes of violence for which enhanced penalties are applied to specified offenders	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB497	Public Safety - Disposal of Handguns Owned by a Law Enforcement Agency	Y	Y	Y	Α	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB566/HB1072	Exempting a specified person from having to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a generating station that produces electricity from wind; requiring a person to obtain approval from the Public Service Commission prior to any constr	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
SB69	Task Force to Study Prison Violence in Maryland	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB513	Providing for a student member on the Howard County Board of Education Increasing a specified limit used to determine the	Y	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1016	availability of net energy metering to eligible customer-generators	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1317	Allowing a person who is serving a mandatory minimum sentence imposed before October 1, 1994, where burglary or daytime housebreaking was a predicate offense, to apply for and receive a review; authorizing a review panel to strike the restriction against	Y	N	Y	A	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N
SB392	Election Law - Voting Systems - Voter-Verifiable Paper Records	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB240/HB101	Requiring the Governor to proclaim the month of February to be "Black History Month" Broadening the scope of the wine tasting license in	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1089	Howard County to allow beer tasting	Y	Y	Y	Α	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB177/HB53	adopt regulations to require staff members of residential child care programs to meet specified qualifications	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB118/HB315	requiring the State Board of Nursing to begin a process of requiring criminal history records checks as a condition of licensure reinstatement	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB568/HB751	Altering the requirements for specified dental facilities that employ dental hygienists	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB19	Altering the membership of the Task Force to Implement Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance Education	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB140	Expanding the duties of the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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HB279	Requiring a recipient of a Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grant to earn a specified number of credit hours in an academic year	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB119	Adding specified invasive diseases to the list of invasive diseases that a medical laboratory director must report to a county health officer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB236	Authorizing registered nurses or licensed practical nurses working in a methadone clinic licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to dispense methadone	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1215	Altering the deadlines for paying the fees associated with submitting to the Department of the Environment reports required under the federal Community Right-to-Know Act	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB378/HB445	Requiring that the State Board of Nursing consist of one member certified in an advanced practice nursing specialty	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB670	Prohibiting the use of Alcohol Without Liquid (AWOL) machines to inhale alcohol vapor or otherwise introduce alcohol in any form into the human body	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1225	Establishing that if the growth of weeds, accumulation of refuse, or other specified nuisance continues in Carroll County, the nuisance shall be considered an ongoing violation	Υ	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB188	Establishing that the common-law rule against perpetuities as recognized in the State does not apply to specified options, rights to acquire land, rights or privileges to acquire interests in business entities, or nondonative property interests	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB505	Expanding specified provisions concerning individuals with disabilities to include service animals	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB536	Family Law - Paternity - Dependent Disabled Child	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB413/HB930	Providing that mandatory minimum sentences for specified sexual crimes are nonparolable	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB227	Maryland Transportation Authority - Public-Private Partnerships	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
HB776	Defining the term "annuity, sick pay, or retirement distribution" for the purposes of specified income tax withholding provisions	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1197	Providing for the continuation of the Maryland research and development tax credit if the federal research and development tax credit is repealed or terminates	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1348	may not open to the public assessment worksheets; providing that residential assessment worksheets listing the property description with assigned cost rates and depreciation factors shall be available for inspection	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1422	Property Tax - Exemptions - Bus Passenger Shelters	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Α	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB1037 (first reading only)	Prohibiting the county attorney or an assistant county attorney of a county from knowingly representing a person that does business with the county											
HB271	Altering the definition of an unpaid work-based learning experience for the purpose of requiring workers' compensation coverage for students placed by specified private noncollegiate institutions	Υ	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB700/HB599	Establishing a Baby Boomer Initiative Council Altering the requirement that individuals in specified	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB646/HB640	facilities be free from specified restraints and seclusions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB881	Authorizing the Howard County Board of Education to negotiate with specified employee organizations a reasonable service fee to be charged to nonmember certificated employees for representing the employees in specified matters	Υ	N	Y	Y	Y	N	А	Y	Y	Y	N
HB285	Criminal Law - Possession of Child Pornography - Altering a provision of law to make the offense of knowingly possessing a film, videotape, photograph, or other visual representation showing an individual under a the age of 16 apply only to an actual chil	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Bill # HB687	ISSUE Expanding the application of a provision of law to	Robey	Kittleman	Kasemeyer	Turner	Pendergrass	Miller	Malone, Jr.	0	DeBoy, Sr.	Daha	
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	provide that computer printouts of driver and vehicle registration records are admissible in a judicial proceeding in the same manner as the original records	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1036	Identity Fraud - Prohibiting a person from claiming to be another person without the consent of that person	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1207	Criminal Law - Sexual Contact with Inmates in Correctional and Juvenile Facilities, Prohibiting specified individuals from engaging in specified sexual contact with inmates	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1370	Prohibiting the subsidy required under the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program from exceeding a specified amount in specified fiscal years	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1423	Department of Aging - Continuing Care Fund	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Α	Υ	Υ	Y	Y
HB1425	Insurance Producers - Use of Trade Name	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1432	Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to conduct a specified analysis and examine the financial condition of specified entities whenever the Commissioner considers it advisable	Y	Y	Y	Not voting	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB206/HB473	Natural Resources - Soft Crabs - Bycatch	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y
SB198/HB758	Establishing the Task Force to Combat Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol Prohibiting a person from knowingly soliciting	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB606	specified persons for prostitution; prohibiting a person from obtaining or attempting to obtain labor or services by specified means	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB754	Prohibiting a driver of a motor vehicle from attempting to elude a police officer if the officer is attempting to apprehend the driver for the commission of a crime of violence for which the driver is subsequently convicted	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB110/HB136	Establishing the Base Realignment and Closure Subcabinet in State government	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y
SB103/HB131	Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Motor Vehicle Administration, to adopt regulations by December 31, 2007, to establish a low emissions vehicle program	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
SB128	Acknowledging federal law that establishes Constitution Day and Citizenship Day and to celebrate that day in the public schools	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB543/HB1336	2007 Darfur Protection Act - Divestiture from the Republic of Sudan	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y
SB579/HB1226	Children with Disabilities - Voluntary Placement Agreements	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y
SB699	Requiring the State Highway Administration to develop specified procedures to enhance the safety of highway construction and maintenance workers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y
HB167	authorizing the governing body of Howard County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on owner-occupied residential real property that is jointly owned by an individual and the Howard County Housing Commission	Y	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB183	Providing that violation of any provision of the Maryland Homeowners Association Act is within the scope of the enforcement duties and powers of the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB335/HB1160	Qualified State Long-Term Care Insurance Partnership - Revisions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1216	Altering the definition of "abandoned land" to include land within or contiguous to land owned and managed by the Department of Natural Resources	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB879/HB1137	Requiring hospitals to establish a safe patient lifting committee	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y
SB718/HB800	Repealing the requirement that the Maryland Health Care Commission may not act on any matter unless a specified number of voting members in attendance concur	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y
HB850	Requiring the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration to conduct every 3 years an assessment of the needs of the State	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations that set standards and	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y

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Maryland Senate and House Votes (Howard Delegation)

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Bill#	ISSUE	Robey	Kittleman	Kasemeyer	Turner	Pendergrass	Miller	Malone, Jr.	Guzzone	DeBoy, Sr.	Bobo	Bates
SB351/HB879	Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations that set standards and requirements for forensic laboratories	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
HB971	Requiring the University System of Maryland system institutions, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College to provide specified information	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	A	Y	Y	Y	N
НВ792	Altering the definition of "licensing authority" to specifically include the Court of Appeals in provisions authorizing the Child Support Enforcement Administration to require a licensing authority to suspend specified professional licenses for failure to	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1206	Correctional Services - Inmates and Detainees Who Are Pregnant or Have Newborn Child	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1253	Including a forensic scientist who works under the direction of a law enforcement agency within the list of possible victims of prohibited exposure to HIV	Υ	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
SB35	Altering the definition of "highway" for the purposes of the application of State laws to include a specified part of any way or thoroughfare owned, leased, or controlled by the United States government and located in the State	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB299/HB278	Providing for expungement of court, police, and other governmental records concerning specified civil offenses or infractions under specified circumstances	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB349/HB769	authorizing specified health care providers to dispense or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to the sexual partners of patients diagnosed with specified sexually transmitted diseases	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB987/HB1270	Maryland HIV/AIDS Reporting Act	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
SB269	Health Insurance - Collection of Racial and Ethnic Data - Nondiscrimination	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB427/HB579	Health Insurance - Authorization of Additional Products and Small Group Administrative Discounts and Study	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB348/HB1071	Child Fatality Review Teams - Access and Disclosure of Information	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB433/HB789	Banking Institutions - Deceptive Use of Names, Trade Names, Trademarks, Service Marks, Logos, or Taglines - Penalties	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB635/HB95	Condominiums - Conversion of Rental Facilities - Notice Requirements	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB93/HB1001	Requiring the Comptroller to distribute unclaimed money from judgments of restitution to the State Victims of Crime Fund	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB361/HB785	Cigarette Fire Safety Performance Standard and Firefighter Protection Act	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB502/HB449	Commercial Law - Consumer Protection - Vehicle Protection Products Act	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB876/HB1332	Authorizing the disclosure of specified reports and records concerning child abuse or neglect to specified nonpublic school officials	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB23/HB28	Continuing until September 30, 2010, the provisions of the State Procurement Law relating to the Small Business Reserve Program	Y	N	Y	Α	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y
HB1292	Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to determine the time period for specified inspections of honey bee colonies or used bee equipment shipped into the State	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB1352	Altering specified definitions to authorize the Maryland Horse Industry Board to license, impose fees, and inspect any person that operates a rescue stable	Y	Y	Y	А	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB425	Authorizing the recovery of actual damages, expenses, litigation costs, and interest in first-party claims against property and casualty insurers under specified circumstances	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB872/HB740	Increasing specified fees for specified service of process by a sheriff	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB968	Family Law - Post Adoption Support Services Pilot Program	Υ	Y	Y	Α	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB154/HB263	Child Support Enforcement - Child Support Payment Incentive Program	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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to school for a year. A new high school now costs nearly \$100 million. The new sewer line being constructed along Route 29 to Savage is budgeted at \$50 million. Clearly our expenditures would rise faster than the revenues from the BRAC pressure.

Baltimore City would not have to build as much new infrastructure since most of it is already in place. City revenues would likely outweigh costs as enhancements were made to existing infrastructure, such as schools. When the City improves, the entire state improves. Baltimore is like any other big city in terms of struggles, and this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to positively impact its economic outlook in a major way.

The effect on property value is hard to predict because of recent ups and downs in the housing market including sub-prime loans leading to defaults on mortgages. We have about 100,000 residences in Howard County, and while 5,000 new residences would be a lot, the effect on property values would be minimal, if even visible.

Affordable housing is an area where we could do much better. We've d one an inadequate job for a long time in this area, and this is a topic that needs serious attention. BRAC would have little to no effect on affordable housing in Howard County. What is needed is strong county and state programs.

During this past legislative session when representatives from Ft. Meade first appeared before the Environmental Matters committee on which I serve, they presented a map with targeted areas for the influx of BRAC residents. Baltimore City was not even on the map. The Governor and the Maryland Legislature have since prepared their own map on which Baltimore is prominently featured.

It is inevitable that Howard County will continue to grow. Year in and year out during the legislative session in Annapolis we hear the same message from the counties: "Our schools are bursting at the seams and our roads are severely over-burdened." If we can just reign in our competitive nature, here is an opportunity to help rather than aggravate that situation.

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with the bitterly negative reaction to a plan to build an affordable, green, housing complex in our development for moderate-income seniors. We need more of this kind of reasonable, balanced growth.

Third, we must preserve northern and western Howard County from unlimited development. Some may go so far as to say we should bring growth to a halt entirely and some say the sky is the limit, but we know a balanced approach is what is most fair to those looking to move here, our landowners who want to develop, and our residents who will be impacted by growth. We can restrict growth through the zoning process, prevent the expansion of public water further west, set aside additional park and green space, encourage the state to increase funding for agricultural preservation programs, and limit road expansion. None of us enjoys sitting through traffic so expanding and improving roads is necessary.

We have some significant challenges ahead, but I've offered some brief thoughts on general approaches and philosophies we should use in the years to come, and I hope we can direct our energies toward compromise and common ground rather than division.

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The seven areas where we are evaluating Fort Meade growth requirements vs. current capacity in Howard County are:

- 1. Education
- 2. Health and Human Services
- 3. Infrastructure (roads, utilities, land use)
- 4. Housing (affordable)
- 5. Transportation
- 6. Workforce Development
- 7. Public Safety

The growth of Fort Meade over the next 5-7 years will have an effect on Howard County whether we want it to happen or not. The good news is that this growth is being assessed prior to its arrival. We have not always had the opportunity to analyze specific growth in the county before it arrives. The fact that we can do that today will assist us in our preparatory planning.

All of our meetings are open to the public and on the 4th Wednesday of each month we hold a BRAC/Fort Meade growth update in the Howard Building from 7-9 PM. Please call Kent Menser at 410-313-6521 if you have any questions.

Getting off the Rate Hike Bus, By Michael Cornell, Columbia Association, Board of Directors

When you open your utility bill this month, be sure to be sitting down. Welcome to D-Day for BGE consumers in Maryland. Chances are your utility bills may increase by as much as 50% or more this month. If you are a senior citizen living on a fixed income, you now have harder choices to make - heat, food or medicine.

As an environmentalist, you would think I would welcome the BGE rate hike. Higher energy prices mean greater demand and acceptance of green alternatives and energy efficient vehicles devices and methods.

Here is where I get off the rate hike bus (hopefully one that runs on natural gas!).

Corporate highway robbery and energy efficiency are two different issues. There is a stark difference between the need to conserve, protect our environment and stop global warming versus the ability of a corporation to reap huge profits at the expense of the Maryland Citizenry because of well-meaning but shortsighted elected officials in the last decade.



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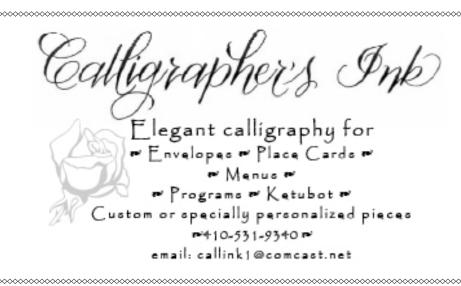
Many politicians respond to questions about BGE rate hikes by deflecting the conversation towards energy efficiency and conservation. Sounds like something the CEO of Constellation/BGE would say. But then again, his company benefits from the rate hike - as do all the politicians whose campaign war chests are filled each election cycle by his company.

Just a few short years ago, legislators in Annapolis protected Columbians from a huge rate hike of association fees. Now, it is time for the Maryland Assembly to go back into special session and do the same for residents across the state with regard to soaring energy fees.

Del. Jill Carter has called for a Special Session to deal with this. Many groups, including the NAACP and the Maryland Green Party, have endorsed a proposal to put rate caps back on and have the state takeover the utility through eminent domain. So far, the Governor, the Senate President Mike Miller and House Speaker Mike Busch have been tone deaf to calls for a special session.

At the very least, you can write or call your elected officials to call for a special session.

Or, you can keep your seat on the rate hike bus.



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