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Bill Number	Title	Primary Sponsor	House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Senate Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Bill Summary
EMPLOYMENT					
HB0001 SB230	Labor and Employment - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act	Delegates Clippinger and Davis Senator Middleton	Hearing 2/10 in Economic Matters	Hearing in Finance 2/9 at 1 p.m.	Requiring employers that employ 15 or more employees to provide employees with earned sick and safe leave that is paid at the same wage rate as the employee normally earns; requiring employers with 14 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; authorizing an employee to work additional hours or trade shifts with another employee under specified circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
SB0305 HB382	Commonsense Paid Leave Act	President	Hearing 2/10 at 1 p.m. in Economic Matters	Hearing 2/9 at 1 p.m. in Finance	Requiring specified employers to provide employees with specified paid time off; providing that specified employers are eligible for a specified tax subtraction modification under specified circumstances; providing for the method of determining whether an employer is required to provide paid time off; providing for the manner in which paid time off is accrued by the employee and treated by the employer; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.
HB0317	Labor and Employment - Wages and Benefits - Preemption of Local Authority	Delegate Davis	Hearing 2/7 at 1 p.m. Economic Matters	No Cross-file	Limiting the authority of the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to enforce a local minimum wage law; prohibiting a county or municipality from enacting a law that regulates wages or benefits for employees other than employees of the county or municipality; and prohibiting a law enacted by a county or municipality that regulates wages or benefits for employees other than employees of the county or municipality from being enforced if the specified provision was enacted on or after January 1, 2017; etc.

SB962/ HB1416	Labor and Employment – Payment of Minimum Wage Required (Fight for Fifteen)	Senator Madaleno Delegate Waldstreicher	Hearing 3/7 at 1 p.m. in Economic Matters	Hearing 3/16 at 1 p.m. in Finance	Specifying the State minimum wage rate in effect for specified time periods based on employer size; increasing, except under specified circumstances, the State minimum wage rate based on the annual growth in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area; requiring the Board of Revenue Estimates during a specified time period to conduct a specified analysis; authorizing, under specified circumstances, the Governor to temporarily suspend a minimum wage rate increase; etc. \$15 per hour by 2023 for all employers and indexed thereafter. Tip wage rises to \$15 per hour by 2024 and eliminates tip credit.
HB1305	Labor and Employment – Payment of Wages – Minimum Wage	Delegate Fennell	Hearing 3/7 at 1 p.m. in Economic Matters		Requiring to be paid for the 6-month period beginning July 1, 2017, a minimum wage of \$9.25 per hour, for the 18-month period beginning January 1, 2018, a minimum wage of \$10.10 per hour, and beginning July 1, 2019, a minimum wage of \$12.50 per hour.
HB0048	Criminal Procedure - Shielding - Nolle Prosequi	Delegate Conaway	Hearing 1/31 at 1 p.m. in Judiciary		Requiring the District Court of Maryland to shield specified records from public access within 60 days following an entry of nolle prosequi by the State in a criminal court proceeding under specified circumstances; authorizing the State's Attorney to object to the shielding of specified records by filing an objection within a specified time period; requiring the court to schedule a hearing under specified circumstances; etc.
SB0055	Employers of Ex-Offenders - Liability for Negligent Hiring or Inadequate Supervision - Immunity	Senator Cassilly		Hearing 1/24 at 1 p.m. in Judicial Proceedings	Establishing that specified employers are not liable for negligently hiring or failing to adequately supervise an employee based on evidence that the employee has received probation before judgment for an offense or has been convicted of an offense under specified circumstances; providing that the Act does not limit or abrogate specified other immunities or defenses; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
HB0214	Discrimination in Employment - Conditions Related to Pregnancy or Childbirth	Delegate Morales	Hearing 2/14 at 1 p.m. in Economic Matters		Requiring employers to make reasonable accommodations for employees and applicants for employment who have known limitations due to conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth; establishing a rebuttable presumption that a specified accommodation is not an undue hardship if the employer would provide it to an employee with a disability; requiring the Commission on civil Rights to develop specified courses and public education programs regarding specified rights and responsibilities; etc.
HB0222 SB528	Courts - Concealment of Public Hazards (Sunshine in Litigation Act)	Delegate Morales	Hearing 2/8 at 1 p.m. in Judiciary	Hearing 2/14 at 1 p.m. in Judicial Proceedings	Prohibiting a court from entering an order or a judgment that conceals information related to a public hazard; providing that confidentiality provisions that conceal information related to a public hazard are unenforceable; providing that a substantially affected person, including news media, has standing to contest an

		Senator Kelley			order, a judgment, an agreement, or a contract that violates the Act; providing that a person with standing may bring an action for declaratory judgment to contest a violation of the Act; etc.
SB404 HB398	Labor and Employment - Equal Pay - Job Announcement and Salary History Information Disclosures	Senator Lee Delegate Young	Hearing 2/14 at 1 p.m. in Economic Matters	Hearing 2/16 at 1 p.m. in Finance	Requiring employers with 15 or more employees to include specified information in a job announcement to recruit an employee or independent contractor to fill a position within the employer's organization; prohibiting specified employers from paying less than the minimum rate of pay included in a specified job announcement to a specified employee; prohibiting specified employers from seeking salary history information for an employee by specified methods; etc.
HB324 SB580	State Personnel - Leap Day Pay Act	Delegate Korman Senator Mathias	Hearing 2/14 at 1 p.m. in Appropriations	Hearing 2/22 at 1 p.m. in Finance	Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to amend the Standard Pay Plan during a leap year to increase pay rates for classes of State employees to account for the extra day.
HB506 SB0468	Labor and Employment - Noncompete and Conflict of Interest Clauses	Delegate Carr Senator Astle	Hearing 2/14 at 1 p.m. in Economic Matters	Hearing 2/22 at 1 p.m. in Finance	Providing that specified non-compete and conflict of interest provisions that restrict the ability of an employee to enter into employment with a new employer or to become self-employed in the same or similar business or trade are null and void as being against the public policy of the State.
HB531	Labor and Employment - Labor Organizations - Right to Work	Delegate Miller, W.	Hearing 2/14 at 1 p.m. in Economic Matters		Prohibiting an employer from requiring, as a condition of employment or continued employment, an employee or a prospective employee to join or remain a member of a labor organization, pay charges to a labor organization, or pay a specified amount to a third party under specified circumstances; prohibiting an employer from threatening an employee or a prospective employee with specified action; providing that a specified violation of law is a misdemeanor and is subject to specified penalties; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
SB490 Similar to HB531	Labor and Employment - Labor Organizations - Right to Work Act	Senator Ready	e	Hearing 2/22 at 1 p.m. in Finance	Prohibiting an employer from requiring, as a condition of employment or continued employment, an employee or a prospective employee to join or remain a member of a labor organization, pay charges to a labor organization, or pay a specified amount to a third party under specified circumstances; prohibiting labor organizations and employers from taking specified action against an employee or a prospective employee, or specified other persons, for specified purposes; etc.

HB665	Labor and Employment - Exemptions From Overtime Pay - Administrative, Executive, or Professional Capacity	Delegate Tarlau	Hearing 2/21 at 1 p.m. in Economic Matters		Altering the conditions under which an individual who works in a specified administrative, executive, or professional capacity qualifies for an exemption from overtime pay; requiring that individuals be compensated on a salary basis at a specified rate or amount to qualify as an individual who is employed in an administrative, executive, or professional capacity; etc.
HB673	Business Regulation - Innkeepers - Records, Human Trafficking Awareness Training, and Hourly Accommodations	Delegate Chang	Hearing 2/21 at 1 p.m. in Economic Matters		Requiring an innkeeper to maintain a computerized record-keeping system of all guest transactions and receipts; requiring that specified records be kept for no less than 6 months from the date of the creation of the record; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to develop a specified training program for identification and reporting of suspected human trafficking; providing certain requirements for a certain training program; etc.
					TAXES
SB0111	Recordation and Transfer Taxes - Exemptions - Property Conveyed From Sole Proprietorship to Limited Liability Company	Senator McFadden		In the Senate – Second Reading – Passed with Amendments	Exempting a transfer of real property from a sole proprietorship to a limited liability company from recordation and transfer taxes if the sole member of the limited liability company is identical to the converting sole proprietor and specified other conditions are met; and providing that the transfer of a controlling interest in a limited liability company that is the product of an untaxed conversion from a sole proprietorship is subject to the recordation and transfer tax under specified circumstances.
SB0157	Sales and Use Tax - Alcoholic Beverages - Rate Reduction	Senator Brochin		Budget and Taxation	Altering the rate of the sales and use tax applied to specified sales of alcoholic beverages.
HB0112	Interest Rate on Tax Deficiencies and Refunds - Rounding	Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo	Hearing 2/1 at 2:30 p.m. in Ways and Means		Repealing a requirement that the Comptroller, when setting the annual interest rate for tax deficiencies and refunds, round the interest rate to the nearest whole number.
SB0260	Tax Overpayment - Interest on Refunds	Senator Bates		Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m. in Budget and Taxation	Altering the day on which interest begins to accrue on specified taxpayer refunds of specified tax payments; requiring a tax collector to pay interest on specified taxpayer refunds beginning on the date of the overpayment if the overpayment is attributable to an error or a mistake of the State or a unit of the State government; etc.

SB357 HB615	Business Relief and Tax Fairness Act of 2017	Senator Pinsky Delegate Healey	Hearing 2/22 at 1 p.m. in Ways and Means	Hearing 2/22 at 1 p.m. in Budget and Taxation	Prohibiting the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from imposing a fee for the filing of specified documents by corporations or business entities with 10 or fewer employees; requiring specified corporations to compute Maryland taxable income using a specified combined reporting method; requiring, subject to specified regulations, specified groups of corporations to file a combined income tax return reflecting the aggregate income tax liability of all the members of the group; etc. COMBINED REPORTING
HB0268	Personal Property Tax and Annual Report Filing Fee - Exemption	Delegate Carr	Hearing 2/16 at 1 p.m. in Ways and Means		Exempting from the personal property tax persons with personal property assessed at \$2,500 or less; exempting persons who qualify for the personal property tax exemption under the Act from a specified fee for filing a specified annual report; requiring a person to apply annually to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for the personal property tax exemption under the Act; applying the Act to the taxable year beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.
HB691	Corporations and Associations - Annual Reports - Filing Fees (Filing Fee Fairness Act of 2017)	Delegate Atterbeary	Hearing 2/22 at 1 p.m. in Economic Matters		Altering the fee that specified business entities must pay for filing an annual report with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; and applying the Act prospectively. Current flat fee of 300 would be amended based on taxable assets of the corporation as follows: NONE - \$150 \$1 TO \$10,000 - \$150 \$10,001 TO \$25,000 - \$200 \$25,001 TO \$50,000 - \$300 \$50,001 TO \$100,000 \$750 \$100,001 TO \$150,000 - \$1,500 \$150,001 TO \$200,000 - \$3,000 OVER \$200,000 - \$4,000
SB833	Corporate Income Tax – Throwback Rule	Senator Pinsky		Hearing 3/8 at 1 p.m. in Budget and Taxation	Requiring that specified sales of tangible personal property be attributed to the State for apportionment purposes under the corporate income tax if the corporation is not taxable in the state of the purchaser; and applying the Act to taxable years after 2016.
SB855/ HB1213	Main Street Fairness Act of 2017	Senator Madaleno Delegate Hixson	Ways and Means	Budget and Taxation	Altering the definition of "engage in the business of an out-of-state vendor", for purposes of establishing nexus under the sales and use tax law, to include vendors who sell or deliver, during the preceding four quarterly periods, tangible personal property or taxable services to customers in the State if the cumulative gross receipts are greater than \$10,000 or the sales or deliveries are made in at least 200 separate transactions.

SB605/ HB915	Income Tax – Carried Interest – Additional Tax	Senator Pinsky Delegate Tarlau	Ways and Means	Hearing 2/28 at 1 p.m. in Budget and Taxation	Imposing a tax of 19% on the Maryland taxable income, attributable to specified investment management services, of an individual or a corporation or the distributive share of a pass-through entity; providing that the tax does not apply to investment management services if at least 80% of the specified assets consists of real estate; etc. State Capital Gains Tax??????
HB1184	Corporations and Associations – Filing Fees - Reductions	Delegate Malone	Hearing 3/8 at 1 p.m. in Economic Matters		Reducing on a specified timetable specified filing fees paid by corporations and other business entities to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; etc. Reduces fees to \$150 by 2021
HB1190	Corporations and Associations - Annual Reports - Fees	Delegate Adams	Hearing 3/8 at 1 p.m. in Economic Matters		Altering the fee that specified business entities must pay for filing a required annual report with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; and applying the Act prospectively. Reduces fees for some types of businesses.
TRANSPORTATION					
SB0139	Maryland Transportation Authority - Video Tolls - Collection	Senator Manno		Hearing 2/01 at 2 p.m. in Finance	Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to orally notify the registered owner of a motor vehicle that has incurred a video toll of the toll due if the video toll exceeds 100% of the original toll or the registered owner has outstanding video tolls in excess of \$250; establishing the amount of a civil penalty imposed for failing to pay a video toll at 25% of the video toll; prohibiting the Authority from referring a video toll to the Central Collection Unit for collection; etc.
HB0285 /SB0265	Washington Metrorail Safety Commission Membership Act	Delegate Korman Senator Feldman	Hearing 2/16 at 1 p.m. Environment and Transportation	Favorable report by Senate Finance	Requiring that specified members of the board of directors of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; requiring one regular member of the board of directors of the Commission who is appointed by the Governor to be a resident of Montgomery County or Prince George's County; etc.
HB271/ SB484	Maryland Transit Administration - Farebox Recovery, Goals, and Performance Indicators	Delegate Lierman Senator Madaleno	Hearing 2/7 at 1 p.m. in Appropriations and Environment & Transportation	Hearing 2/22 at 1 p.m. in Budget and Taxation	Repealing the requirement that a specified percentage of operating costs for specified public transit services must be recovered by the Maryland Transit Administration from specified revenues; establishing specified goals for the Administration; altering requirements for specified annual reports submitted by the Administration to specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

HB713	Sales and Use Tax - Light Rail Vehicles - Exemption	Delegate Kaiser	Hearing 3/1 at 1 p.m. in Ways and Means		Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of light rail transit vehicles and related equipment if the vehicles will be used to provide service on the Purple Line in Montgomery County and Prince George's County.
					MISCELLANEOUS
SB0144	Civil Actions - Prelitigation Discovery of Insurance Coverage	Senator Zirkin		Hearing 1/26 at 1 p.m. in Judicial Proceedings .	Making specified provisions of law authorizing the prelitigation discovery of specified insurance coverage information relating to claims involving vehicle accidents applicable to claims involving any tort; making conforming changes; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.
SB0186/ HB229	Environment - Polystyrene Food Service Products and Polystyrene Loose Fill Packaging - Prohibition on Sale	Senator Kagan	Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m. in Environment and Transportation	Hearing 3/31 in Education, Health and Environment	Prohibiting a person from selling in the State specified expanded polystyrene food service products or expanded polystyrene loose fill packaging on or after January 1, 2018; prohibiting specified food service businesses from selling or providing food in specified expanded polystyrene food service products on or after January 1, 2018; authorizing a county health department to impose specified penalties for violations of the Act; requiring a county health department to notify the Department of specified violations; etc.
SB303/ HB420	Commonsense Spending Act of 2017	President	Appropriations	Hearing 3/1 at 1 p.m. in Budget and Taxation	Providing that, beginning in fiscal year 2019, any appropriation that is mandated by law is required to have its mandated level of spending increased by the lesser of the amount of the existing formula or 1% less than the amount of General Fund revenue growth in a specified report submitted by the Board of Revenue Estimates; providing that the General Assembly may not enact specified legislation that creates a specified mandated level of funding except under specified circumstances; etc.
SB306/ HB430	Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2017	President	Appropriations	Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m. in Budget and Taxation	Requiring the Bureau of Revenue Estimates to calculate a specified share of and a specified limit on specified nonwithholding income tax revenues and requiring the Bureau to report the information to the Board of Revenue Estimates; requiring the State Comptroller to make a specified distribution to the Revenue Stabilization Account under specified circumstances; establishing the Fiscal Responsibility Fund and requiring the State Comptroller to make a specified distribution to the Fund under specified circumstances; etc.

HB348	Montgomery County - Staggered Election Terms for Members of the County Council MC 4-17	Montgomery County Delegation	Hearing on 2/16 at 1 p.m. at Ways and Means		Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution authorizing the County Council of Montgomery County to enact legislation to stagger the terms of office for the members of the county council; providing that some members of the county council may be elected at the presidential general election and some members may be elected at the gubernatorial general election; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.
HB386	Montgomery County - Economic Development - Business Improvement Districts MC 12-17	Montgomery County Delegation	Favorable Report by Montgomery County House Delegation	Goes to MC Senate Delegation	Removing Montgomery County from the scope of law governing the establishment of business improvement districts; authorizing Montgomery County or a municipal corporation in Montgomery County to create specified business improvement districts; providing for the legislative purposes of a district; requiring the county or a municipal corporation in the county to adopt specified local laws to provide for the creation and organization of a district; providing for the governance of the business improvement district corporation; etc.
SB834/ HB1175	Human Relations - Discrimination by a Place of Public Accommodation - Enforcement and Remedies	Senator Lee		Hearing 2/28 at 1 p.m. in Judicial Proceedings	Authorizing specified persons to elect to have the claims asserted in a specified complaint alleging discrimination by a place of public accommodation determined in a civil action brought by the Commission on Civil Rights under specified circumstances; requiring a civil action brought by the Commission to be filed within a specified time period after an election; expanding the remedies available for discrimination by a place of public accommodation; etc.