



**2010 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY – LEGISLATIVE REPORT #3**  
 (new material is in *bold italics*)

Note: Hyperlinks will take you to the text of the bill, a biography of the prime sponsor, or the members of the Committee to which the bill is assigned. You are encouraged to contact your legislators and members of the committee to which a bill is assigned to express your point of view on the bill. We will be happy to provide you with talking points or assist you in doing so. If you aren't sure who represents you in Annapolis, you can find out at <http://mdelect.net>.

**MEMBER INPUT NEEDED:**

Several bills have been filed that would prohibit the use of individual credit histories or ratings in making personnel decisions, i.e., hiring, firing, etc. If your company currently follows this practice, please contact me.

**Annapolis Update**

Last week saw the usual flurry as legislators raced to have their bills filed before the “courtesy date”, which is the last day for bills to be filed and guaranteed a hearing. Bills filed after that date are heard at the discretion of the committee chairperson. Bills filed after that date (February 5 in the Senate and February 12 in the House) are referred to the respective Rules Committees, where the fate of the bill is, as a practical matter, up to the President or Speaker as the case may be.

Two bills of major significance were filed last week. The first pair of bills (SB 551 and HB 836) was filed by the Allegany County delegation to allow the counties to give a preference to contractors from that county for school construction where the prevailing wage does not apply, i.e., less than 50% funded by the State. Since most school construction is prevailing wage, with minor exception for renovations, this bill has limited impact. However, this type of legislation operates to exclude the most responsive bidders and invites retaliatory bills from every county. Maryland AGC believes in open competition and will oppose these bills.

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[Champe McCulloch](#)  
 President

**MARYLAND AGC PRIORITY LEGISLATION**

*(For the full description of the bill, see the write up under Senate Bills or House Bills, as appropriate)*

<p><b><u>SB 551 (HB 836) Senator Edwards PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL BUSINESS</u></b>  <b><i>OPPOSE</i></b>  <i>Authorizing a local governing body to adopt preference to local business entities for any construction that is not subject to prevailing wage rates</i>  <b><i>EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010</i></b>  <i>Assigned to: <a href="#">Budget and Taxation</a> and <a href="#">Finance</a></i></p>	<p><b><u>HB 836 (SB 551) Allegany County Delegation PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION - PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL BUSINESS</u></b>  <b><i>OPPOSE</i></b>  <i>Same as SB 551</i>  <b><i>EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010</i></b>  <i>Assigned to: <a href="#">Appropriations</a></i></p>
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## SENATE BILLS

### [SB 19](#) Senator [Lenett](#) PROHIBITION ON USING CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING UNLESS HANDS FREE WATCH

Prohibiting a driver of a motor vehicle that is in motion from using the driver's hands to use a wireless telephone.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Judicial Proceedings](#)

**Hearing, 2/18, 1:00 pm**

### [SB 71](#) Chair, [EHE Committee](#) (By Request – DGS) SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – SUNSET EXTENSION SUPPORT

Extending the termination date for the Small Business Reserve Program from 9/30/2010 to 9/30/2016 (10% set aside for small firms – in the case of construction fewer than 50 employees and less than \$7 million in gross sales on average over the last 3 years).

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010

**Assigned to: [Health and Government Operations](#)**

**Passed Senate (46-0); in House**

### [SB 106](#) (HB 92) [The President](#) (By Request – Administration), et al, JOB CREATION AND RECOVERY TAX CREDIT SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT TO SPEND \$20 MILLION ON INFRASTRUCTURE

Providing a MD income tax credit of up to \$3,000 per employee up to a maximum of \$250,000 for Maryland employers hiring new employees (MD residents who are receiving UI or have exhausted benefits) during calendar 2010 in qualified positions (full time, expected to last 12 months); providing for certification and regulation by DLLR; limiting the aggregate credit that may be approved by the Secretary to \$20,000,000, to be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Note that the credit is pro-ratable at \$250 per month if the job is vacated before 12 months.

EMERGENCY BILL (requires 60% vote in both Houses to pass; takes effect immediately upon signature by the Governor)

Assigned to: [Budget and Taxation](#)

Heard 2/2

### [SB 107](#) (HB 91) [The President](#) (By Request – Administration) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION AND TAX RELIEF ACT

OPPOSE

This bill would reduce the interest rate on certain late payments, and alter the imposition and calculation of tax rates. However, to allow MD to qualify for a one-time infusion of \$127 million of federal funds, it also alters provisions for UI benefit eligibility in the areas of alternate base period, part-time workers, and training:

1. Interest rate provisions would reduce the interest rate on late payments from 1.5%/month to 1.0%/month.
2. Changes in the imposition of UI taxes would apply the Schedule E table instead of the required Schedule F table, reducing UI taxes by about 4% for top rate payers (22% for bottom rate payers).
3. Alternate base period provisions would allow an individual to collect if he/she qualified based on his/her wages during the most recent four quarters rather than the first four of the five most recent quarters (intended to let more workers qualify). Effective 03/01/2011.
4. Part-time work provisions would allow a part-time worker to qualify if he/she worked 20 hours part-time for a majority of the base period rather than all of the base period.
5. Alternate base period provisions would allow an individual to collect if he/she qualified based on his/her wages during the most recent four quarters rather than the first four of the five most recent quarters (intended to let more workers qualify). Effective 03/01/2011.
6. Training provisions create a new eligibility for up to 26 weeks of additional benefits for training in a "demand occupation" for workers who were laid off in a "declining occupation" and have exhausted their UI benefits; the cost of these training benefits are not charged to the individual's base period employer. Effective 03/01/2011.

EMERGENCY BILL (requires 60% vote in both Houses to pass; takes effect immediately upon signature by the Governor)

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Assigned to: [Finance](#)

Heard 1/26

[SB 124](#) Senator [Brochin](#), et al REQUIRING WORKERS TO BE PRESENT FOR WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS WATCH

Providing that a work zone speed control system may be used only when a worker is present on the roadway, median divider, or shoulder within or adjacent to the work zone.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Judicial Proceedings](#)

[SB 130](#) Senator [Pugh](#), et al MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – RECIPROCAL CERTIFICATION WATCH

Requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations to recognize and accommodate, for purposes of the State minority business enterprise program, minority business enterprises that receive certification from a specified federal agency or from a county government in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs](#)

Heard 2/2

[SB 133](#) Senator [Pugh](#), et al COMMISSION TO STUDY STREAMLINING AND INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS SUPPORT

Establishing a Commission to Study Streamlining and Increasing the Efficiency of the Procurement Process; membership included one representative of the construction industry, purposes, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to study specified matters; requiring the Commission to report by December 31, 2010

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs](#)

Heard 2/2

[SB 140](#) (HB 150) [The President](#) (By Request – Administration) BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2011)

WATCH

(NOTE: The Senate moves the budget first this session.) Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. Appropriates \$225,000 as a deficiency appropriation for the Maryland Center for Construction Education and Innovation (GWIB initiative); \$10.7 million for the Aging Schools Program (capital improvements, repairs, and deferred maintenance of school buildings or building components that are 16 years old or older) vs. \$17.7 million for FY2010); SHA \$702.2 million for state & \$102.1 million for county facility construction & equipment, \$202.6 for state & facility maintenance (vs. \$723.6 million, \$208.3 million, and \$48.9 million for FY 2010, respectively);

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Budget and Taxation](#)

[SB 142](#) (HB 152) [The President](#) (By Request – Administration) STATE BOND BILL

WATCH

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,017,575,000. Projects over \$1 million are:

PROJECT	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT
Public School Construction Program	\$196,703,000	
Pocomoke River State Park – Shad Landing Sewer Upgrade	3,729,000	DNR
Fort Frederick State Park – Officers Quarters	1,800,000	DNR
Dan’s Mountain Wildlife Management Area – Access Road and Storage Building	1,561,000	DNR
Baltimore City – New Youth Detention Facility	17,520,000	Public Safety
UMCP Physical Sciences Complex (complete design & construct)	41,100,000	UMS
Bowie State – campus-wide site improvements (design)	200,000	UMS
Frostburg State New Center for Communications and Information Technology (design)	2,681,000	UMS
Coppin State New Center for Communications and Information Technology (site acquisition & design)	6,497,000	UMS
UMAB New Law School (construct)	37,300,000	UMS

UMBC New Performing Arts and Humanities Facility (design & construct)	37,400,000	UMS
BCCC Main Building Renovation – Administration Wing – Liberty Campus (renovation)	2,500,000	
MD School for the Deaf New Bus Loop and Parking Lot (construct)	1,600,000	
Morgan State Bancker Hall Renovation and Hub Relocation (supplemental construction funds)	3,265,000	
Enhanced Nutrient Removal at 67 largest treatment plants	125,000,000	MDE
Southern Maryland Regional Detention Center (acquisition & design)	4,650,000	DJS
MISCELLANEOUS GRANT PROGRAMS		
Baltimore Museum of Art (design, renovation, and reconfiguration of facilities)	2,500,000	
East Baltimore Biotechnology Park (acquisition, demolition, and site improvement)	5,000,000	Mayor & City Council of Balto. City
Forbush School (acquisition, design & construction)	2,500,000	Sheppard Pratt
Intercounty Connector	126,900,000	MTA
Cardiovascular and Critical Care Tower on the Johns Hopkins East Baltimore Campus (detailed plans, construct & equip)	2,500,000	Johns Hopkins Medicine
Pediatric Trauma Center at the Children’s Tower on the Johns Hopkins East Baltimore Campus (detailed plans, construct & equip)	5,000,000	Johns Hopkins Medicine
Inpatient Clinical Research Center (design, construct & equip)	2,000,000	Kennedy Krieger
Lyric Opera House – Stage House Expansion	1,500,000	Lyric Foundation
Maryland Zoo in Baltimore – Infrastructure Improvements (design & construct)	5,000,000	
National Aquarium in Baltimore – Capital Infrastructure Projects (design, construct & equip)	3,500,000	
New National Children’s Museum in Oxon Hill (design, construct & equip)	5,000,000	
Union Hospital of Cecil County - renovation and reconstruction of the surgical suite	2,000,000	

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Assigned to: [Budget and Taxation](#)

[SB 171](#) (HB 359) Senator [Peters](#), et al NEW PROCUREMENT SET ASIDE - SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE WATCH

Establishing a 0.5% participation goal for certified service-disabled veteran business enterprises for procurement contracts

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs](#)

**Hearing 2/17, 1:00 pm**

[SB 187](#) Senator [Lenett](#) MARYLAND FALSE CLAIMS ACT WATCH

Rewrites and expands existing false claim act (Finance and Procurement Article §§ 11-205 and 11-205.1) to provide for whistleblower (qui tam) lawsuits against a party suspected of defrauding the State and allows a portion of the recovery to go to the whistleblower under certain circumstances. This is parallel to federal law and would allow MD to receive a greater portion of recoveries when they are shared with the federal government. This incentive is provided for under the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. As SB 830 in 2009, this bill was killed in Judicial Proceedings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Judicial Proceedings](#) and [Finance](#)

**Hearing in Judicial Proceedings 2/23, 1:00 pm (change in hearing date)**

[SB 215](#) Senator [Frosh](#), et al HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS ACT – APPLICABILITY TO RECIPIENTS OF STATE AID

SUPPORT

Making the High Performance Buildings Act (LEED Silver) applicable to capital projects that are funded solely or partly by a grant of State aid to specified grantees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Budget and Taxation](#)

Heard 2/2

[SB 229](#) (HB 710) Senator [Garagiola](#), et al BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

SUPPORT

Establishing a 21-member Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding, including three representatives from the business community, including two representatives of statewide or regional organizations; two representatives of the transit community; and two representatives of the environmental community, including one representative with a background in smart growth. The Commission is to review, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning short and long-term highway and transit needs and funding requirements and submit its recommendations by January 1, 2012.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Budget and Taxation](#)

Hearing 2/10, 1:00 pm

[SB 234](#) Senator [Robey](#), et al HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS ACT – APPLICABLE TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAPITAL PROJECTS

SUPPORT

Making the High Performance Buildings Act (LEED Silver) applicable to community college capital projects that receive State funds; authorizing a community college to apply for a waiver from specified high performance building requirements under a waiver process established by DBM & DGS.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Budget and Taxation](#)

Hearing 2/10, 1:00 pm

[SB 300](#) Senator [Peters](#), et al UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – INSTALLMENT PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPORT

Gives all employers the option to pay 2010 UI contributions on a monthly or quarterly basis and directs DLLR to notify employers of this option.

EMERGENCY BILL (requires 60% vote in both Houses to pass; takes effect immediately upon signature by the Governor)

Assigned to: [Finance](#)

Heard 2/4

[SB 321](#) Senator [Stone](#) THE DELEGATE JOHN ARNICK ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC SAFETY ACT OF 2010

WATCH

Prohibits the use of cell phones while driving unless hands free. As SB 103 in 2009, this bill was killed in this committee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Judicial Proceedings](#)

Hearing 2/18, 1:00 pm

[SB 354](#) (see also HB 584) Senator [Pinsky](#), et al COMBINED REPORTING FOR CORPORATE INCOME TAX WATCH

Imposing combined reporting under the Maryland corporate income tax for members of combined groups; allows “water’s edge convention”. As SB 603 in 2009, this bill died in committee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Budget and Taxation](#)

[SB 382](#) Senator [Conway](#), et al MARINE CONTRACTORS – LICENSURE AND REGULATION – WETLAND PERMITS AND AUTHORIZATIONS WATCH

Establishes comprehensive regulation and licensing by the Maryland Department of Environment for “marine contractors”, defined as “construction, demolition, design, installation, repair, sale, or salvage of structures located in the state’s tidal and nontidal wetlands, including breakwaters, bulkheads, groins, jetties, and stone sills.”; requires 2 years experience, passing a test approved by MDE, \$500 fee, and 20 hours of continuing education; permit fees and time limits for issuance are all reduced for licensed marine contractors; any person who wants to have work performed that requires a wetlands permit must hire a licensed marine contractor to do the work, or (2) consult with a licensed marine contractor before doing the work. (As SB 1017 in 2009, this bill died in this committee without a vote.)

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs](#)

**Hearing 2/16, 2:00 pm**

[SB 384](#) Senator [Mooney](#) LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – JOB CREATION AND RECOVERY TAX CREDIT SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT TO SPEND \$30 MILLION ON INFRASTRUCTURE

Same as SB 106, except the credit is \$5,000 per new job; the cap per employer is \$400,000; and the total cap on allowed tax credits is \$30 million.

EMERGENCY BILL (requires 60% vote in both Houses to pass; takes effect immediately upon signature by the Governor)

Assigned to: [Budget and Taxation](#)

**Hearing 2/24, 1:00 pm**

[SB 418](#) Senator [Lenett](#) MARYLAND WAGE AND HOUR LAW – TREBLE DAMAGES WATCH

Allowing an employee to recover treble damages, measured by the difference between wages paid and wages that should have been paid, plus interest and attorney’s fees. (As SB 452 in 2009, this bill died in this committee without a vote; as HB 1392 of the 2008 Session, the bill passed the House but only dealt with counsel fees and interest.)

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Finance](#)

[SB 451](#) Senator [Conway](#), et al **PREVAILING WAGES – PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS – SUITS BY EMPLOYEES OPPOSE unless amended to limit the filing of complaints to the affected employee**

**Changes the current law allowing employee suits to substitute filing a complaint by the employee or by unions or other employee groups with the Commissioner of Labor and Industry; giving the Commissioner the power to mediate or file suit on behalf of the employee; prevailing party can recover counsel fees and costs; allows double or treble damages if the employer acted willfully and knowingly or with deliberate ignorance or reckless disregard; prohibits retaliation against a complaining employee, subject to treble damages; imposes a \$1000 per record penalty for each falsified payroll record.**

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Budget and Taxation](#)

[SB 479](#) Senator [Stoltzfus](#) STATE HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS – GREEN GLOBES RATING WATCH

**Altering the definition of “high performance building” to include a building that achieves a rating of at least two Green Globes according to the Green Globes Program as adopted by the Green Building Initiative.**

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Budget and Taxation](#)

**Hearing 2/24, 1:00 pm**

[SB 530](#) Senator [Stone](#), et al MECHANICS’ LIENS – EXTENT OF LIEN APPLIED TO LIFE TENANT’S INTEREST WATCH

**Reducing from 25% to 15% the percentage of value of a building erected, repaired, rebuilt, or improved by a tenant for life or years that allows a mechanic’s lien to attach.**

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Judicial Proceedings](#)

**SB 544 Senator Harrington, et al REGULATION OF DEMOLITION – DEMOLITION CONTRACTORS  
WATCH**

*Imposes comprehensive regulation of demolition contractors (generally consistent with accepted best practices in the industry). As SB 975 in 2009, this bill was withdrawn before a vote in this committee.*

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010**

Assigned to: [Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs](#)

**SB 551 (HB 836) Senator Edwards PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL BUSINESS  
OPPOSE**

*Authorizing a local governing body to adopt preference to local business entities for any construction that is not subject to prevailing wage rates; and requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations that specify elements to be included in such a preference-based arrangement.*

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010**

Assigned to: [Budget and Taxation](#) and [Finance](#)

**SB 601 Senators Raskin and Pinsky PROHIBITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES BY BUSINESS  
ENTITIES**

**OPPOSE**

*Prohibiting a corporation, a general or limited partnership, a limited liability corporation, or a real estate investment trust from making political contributions except on ballot questions.*

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011**

Assigned to: [Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs](#)

## **HOUSE BILLS**

**HB 91 (SB 107) The Speaker (By Request – Administration) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION AND  
TAX RELIEF ACT**

**OPPOSE**

Same as SB 107

EMERGENCY BILL (requires 60% vote in both Houses to pass; takes effect immediately upon signature by the Governor)

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Assigned to: [Economic Matters](#)

Heard 1/28

**HB 92 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al JOB CREATION AND RECOVERY TAX CREDIT**

**WATCH**

Providing a credit against the State income tax for qualified employers employing specified individuals in qualified positions; providing for certification by the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation of qualified employers eligible for the credit and the maximum credit for which a qualified employer is eligible; limiting the credit to \$250,000 for each qualified employer; limiting the aggregate credit that may be approved by the Secretary to \$20,000,000, to be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL (requires 60% vote in both Houses to pass; takes effect immediately upon signature by the Governor)

Assigned to: [Ways and Means](#)

Heard 2/4

**HB 143 Delegate Morhaim WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS – PRESENCE OF WORKERS REQUIRED**

**WATCH**

Altering the definition of “work zone” as it relates to work zone speed control systems; and providing that a work zone speed control system may be used only when a worker is present on the roadway, median divider, or shoulder within or adjacent to the work zone.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010**

Assigned to: [Environmental Matters](#)

Heard 2/2

[HB 150](#) (SB 140) [The Speaker](#) (By Request – Administration) BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2011)  
WATCH

(Note: the Senate moves the budget first this year.) Same as SB 140

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Appropriations](#)

[HB 152](#) (SB 142) [The Speaker](#) (By Request – Administration) STATE BOND BILL  
WATCH

Same as SB 142

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Assigned to: [Appropriations](#)

[HB 168](#) Delegate [Rosenberg](#), et al ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING SERVICES – CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY – INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS – VOID  
WATCH

Extending to architectural or engineering services prohibitions against indemnity provisions now applicable only to construction services that purport to insulate an individual from liability for personal injuries caused by his negligence. These are deemed to be against public policy and are void and unenforceable.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Judiciary](#)

Heard 1/28

[HB 244](#) Delegate [Hixson](#), et al TAX COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 2010  
WATCH

Bill to raise \$54 million by various administrative changes; those affecting contractors are (1) requiring electronic funds transfers for any tax payment of \$5,000 or more, including withholding tax; (2) imposing a requirement to file an annual use tax return, even if not a licensed sales tax vendor; and (3) eliminating any vendor credit for collecting the sales tax for the State. (NOTE: sponsor is the Committee Chairman. As HB 1209, she allowed this bill to die in this committee without a vote.)

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Ways and Means](#)

Hearing 2/11, 1:00 pm

[HB 359](#) Delegate [James](#), et al SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE SET-ASIDE  
WATCH

Same as SB 171

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Health and Government Operations](#)

Hearing 2/17, 1:00 pm

[HB 430](#) Delegate [Pena-Melnyk](#), et al STATE PROCUREMENT – PURPOSES AND POLICIES  
WATCH

Expanding the purposes and policies of the State procurement law to include (1) providing safeguards for maintaining transparency in the procurement process; and (2) ensuring that all persons involved with the administration of the state procurement process are “well-trained, of high integrity, and committed to administering the procurement process in a fair and impartial manner in accordance with the requirements and spirit of the law.”

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Assigned to: [Health and Government Operations](#)

[HB 463](#) Delegate [Kaiser](#), et al **PROHIBITING EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION BASED ON FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES**

**OPPOSE**

**Prohibiting employment discrimination based on family responsibilities.**

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010**

**Assigned to: [Health and Government Operations](#)**

**HB 479 Delegates Barkley and Bronrott MOTOR FUEL TAX – INCREASE  
SUPPORT**

*Increasing the motor fuel tax rates for motor fuels other than aviation gasoline or turbine fuel by 2 cents per gallon on July 1, 2010, and by 2 cents per gallon on July 1 of each year in 2011 through 2014.*

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010**

Assigned to: [Ways and Means](#)

**HB 489 Delegate G. Clagett, et al USE OF WIRELESS TELEPHONE WHILE DRIVING – PROHIBITIONS  
WATCH**

*Requires use of hands-free cell phones when driving.*

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010**

Assigned to: [Environmental Matters](#)

**Hearing 2/16, 1:00 pm**

**HB 584 (see also SB 354) Delegate Ross, et al CORPORATE INCOME TAX – COMBINED REPORTING  
WATCH**

*Imposing combined reporting under the Maryland corporate income tax for members of combined groups; allows “water’s edge convention”.*

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010**

Assigned to: [Ways and Means](#)

**Hearing 2/25, 1:00 pm**

**HB 591 Delegate George, et al UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – CHARGING AND TAXATION  
WATCH**

*Temporarily repeals Tables E and F (reducing the top employer tax rate from 13.5% to 11.8 %); terminating the Act if the balance of the Unemployment Fund reaches 4% of total taxable wages; terminating the Act after December 31, 2011, if the balance does not reach the required amount.*

**EMERGENCY BILL**

Assigned to: [Economic Matters](#)

**Hearing 2/17, 1:00 pm**

**HB 710 (SB 229) Delegate Howard, et al BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION  
FUNDING**

**SUPPORT**

*Same as SB 229*

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010**

Assigned to: [Ways and Means](#) and [Environmental Matters](#)

**HB 721 Delegate Miller, et al STATE PROCUREMENT – USE OF FEDERAL E-VERIFY PROGRAM  
SUPPORT**

*Declaring that it is the public policy of the State to restrict and deter the use of unauthorized alien workers in the performance of public contracts and grants in the State; specifying criteria for mandatory registration in a federal E-Verify program; prohibiting noncompliant persons or entities from performing specified contracts; imposing requirements on subcontractors, as specified; restricting eligibility for prequalification to contractors in compliance with specified provisions of law; etc.*

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010**

Assigned to: [Health and Government Operations](#)

**HB 759 Delegate Niemann, et al CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – DEMOLITION  
WATCH**

*This bill requires a period for salvage of materials before demolition can proceed, and requires local governments to regulate specific aspects of demolition projects and related salvage disposal and prohibits them from issuing a demolition permit until the provisions of regulation or law are met. As HB 1157 in 2004, a similar bill was killed in this committee.*

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010**

Assigned to: [Environmental Matters](#)

**HB 817 Delegate Frick, et al PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – HEAVY EQUIPMENT**

**(NOTE: bill not yet printed)**

**OPPOSE**

**Authorizing a county or municipality to impose a tax, not exceeding 2%, on the gross receipts from the short-term lease or rental of specified heavy equipment property; providing that specified heavy equipment property is not subject to the personal property tax under specified circumstances.**

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011**

**Assigned to: Ways and Means**

**HB 836 (SB 551) Allegany County Delegation PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION - PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL BUSINESS**

**OPPOSE**

**Same as SB 551**

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010**

**Assigned to: Appropriations**