

MARYLAND FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN – WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – February 3, 2020

BILL # BILL DESCRIPTION COMMITTEE/HEARING BILL STATUS/SPONSOR COMMENTS

FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON BILLS: http://mgaleg.maryland.gov - Click on Legislation – key in Bill # or sponsor at appropriate box				
	BUDGET & TAXATION			
SB 1	Built to Learn Act. Alternative methods of funding public school construction including: public-private partnerships, sale-leaseback, competitive negotiation vs competitive bidding and other financing, construction arrangements. MD Stadium Authority would administer alternative financing and bonds. Prince George’s would have special financing options; The Interagency Commission for School Construction must approve plans and develop regulations for state-local cost-sharing for counties with 20,000 or fewer full-time students. Requires Governor to include additional \$40 Million a year until 2027 and thereafter \$80 Million a year for school construction.	B&T – Str. Peters, Miller & Pres.	1 st Reader	
HB 1		APP – Speaker, McIntosh, M. Jackson & Dumais Hearing 1/23 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
SB 66	Income Tax Credit - Small Businesses (50 or less emp.) for years where Fed. Minimum wage is less than state. Credit equal to a product of employer withholding amt. (at highest rate) and total wages paid to each minimum wage employee attributable to difference between the State Minimum wage and \$10.10/hr.	B&T – Str. Ellis – Hearing 1/15 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
SB 190 HB 150	Operating Budget Bill 2021.	B&T – Pres. Administration APP – Speaker- Administration	1 st Reader	
SB 191 HB 151	MD Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2020 and consolidated loans of 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 & 2019 totaling \$1,104,114,000.	B&T – Pres – Administration APP – Speaker - Administration	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
SB 192 HB 152	Budget Reconciliation Financing Act of 2020.	B&T – Pres. – Administration APP – Speaker – Administration	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
SB 268	Retirement Income exemption for correctional and law enforcement and fire and rescue and EMS.	B&T – Pres. – Administration Hearing 2/06 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
SB 278	Retirement Tax Reduction Act of 2020.	B&T – Pres. -Administration Hearing 2/05 at 2 p.m.	1 st Reader	

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SB 279 HB 361	Extend tax subtraction for Military retirement from 15% of retirement income for those 55+ to exclude all Military retirement for years after 2020.	B&T Pres.– Administration et al Hearing 1/29 W&M – Hearing 2/14 – 1 p.m.	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
SB 325 HB 605	Constitutional Amendment to Expand Gaming in MD to other forms of gaming.	B&T – Str. King et al- 2/05 -2pm W&M – Del. R. Watson – Hearing 2/20 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
SB 486	Allowing an individual to itemize deductions to compute Maryland taxable income whether or not the individual itemizes deductions on the individual's federal income tax return; providing that, for an individual who does not itemize deductions on the individual's federal income tax return, Maryland itemized deductions shall be determined as if an individual itemized deductions on the federal income tax return; and applying the Act to taxable years after December 31, 2019.	B&T Str. Serafini et al Hearing 2/12 at 2 p.m.	1 st Reader	SUPPORT – MFRW Priority.
BUSINESS AND ECONOMY				
SB 530 HB 231	Expanding State housing policy to include providing fair housing to all citizens regardless of source of income. Act seeks to deconcentrate poverty by providing additional opportunities for tenants utilizing public subsidies to choose where to live; prohibits a person from refusing to sell or rent a dwelling to any person because of source of income. Penalties: Fine up to \$1,000 and/or 1- year imprisonment.	JPR – Strs. Smith, et al Hearing 2/04 at 1 p.m. ENT – Del. Lierman et al Hearing 2/04 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 136	Licensing and Regulation of Wastewater Services Professionals - See HB 136 under Environment header.	ENT – Del. Stein – Hearing 2/12 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 163	-Labor Organizations - Right to Work	ECM – Del. Miller et al Hearing – 2/04 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 209	Prohibiting a store from distributing plastic carryout bags at the point of sale; store to charge & collect at least 10 cents per durable carryout bag provided to customer; store to retain all money collected; & set penalties for violations.	ENT – Del. Lierman et al Hearing 2/11 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 436	Establish Task Force on Tax Policy, Reform & Fairness to study State's revenue structure & consider modifi-	W&M – Del. Buckel, et al		

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	cations to promote development, ensure fairness, & create a business-friendly environment. Report to GA by 12/1/2021.			
	EDUCATION			
SB78	Require County Bds of Education to implement regulations on remedial behavioral expectations for the well-being of the school community. Requiring an individual who has harmed another to: offer apology to individual who was harmed; provide restitution for injury to or loss from the one harmed; hold a conf. with parent or guardian of individual who violated the clear behavioral expectations of school community & applicable school faculty/staff; and, modify schedule of individual who violated behavioral expectations to minimize contact with the individual who was harmed.	EHE – Str. Hough Hearing 1/22 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
SB275	Require a county board of education to designate as an innovation school a school that receives one star under the star rating system for previous 2 consecutive school years; For each innovation school, establish Innovation Plan Committee that includes 2 parents, 2 teachers, member of Co. Bd of Ed. etc.; who will develop innovation plan; provide for review, adoption, modification, or rejection of a proposed innovation plan, including electronic posting, a public comment period, & a public hearing; etc. as specified. .	EHE – Pres. By Req. Admin., et al; hearing - 2/04 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 347		W&M – Speaker by Req. of Admin., Del. Adams et al	1 st Reader	
SB 307	Higher Education – MD. Community College Promise Scholarship – CHANGES: Removes requirement to enroll within 2 years of high school graduation.	EHE – Str. Pinsky et al Hearing – 2/04 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 415	Removes requirement to use a MD address on state income tax during scholarship; removes requirement to work fulltime in MD 1 yr. for each year of scholarship and appears to remove conversion into a loan if recipient does not complete program.	APP. Del. Barnes et al Hearing – 2/11 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 516	Public School Elementary School students to have a daily program of physical activity totaling 150 minutes	W&M – Del. Walker, et al	1 st Reader	

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	a week including recess with moderate-to-vigorous activity and at least 90 minutes each week of physical education. (local government mandate.			
	ELECTIONS - VOTING			
SB 10	General Assembly Special Election to Fill a Vacancy. Change MD Constitution from Gov. appointing an individual to fill the remainder of term of Delegate or Senator to limiting that appointment to the next statewide election, if vacancy occurs before the 21 st day before deadline for filing in the 2 nd year of a term. Special Election to be held at same time as statewide Primary and General Election in 2 nd year of a term.	EHE – Strs. Lam & Hough W&M	Passed 3R – 44-0	
HB 103	Special Election to be held at same time as statewide Primary and General Election in 2 nd year of a term.	W&M – Del. Moon et al Hearing 1/29 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
SB 22	Authorizing Continuing Care Communities (200 or more residents over 60) to request establishing an on-site polling place and requires the CCC to provide space, etc. for the polling place. Fiscal Note: State Gen. Fund expenditures increase by \$2,500 per added polling place in FY 2022 and by \$1,000 annually for each added polling place thereafter. Local government expenditures increase, in range of \$12,000-\$23,000 per added polling place in FY 2022 and \$4,000-\$11,000 per added polling place annually.	EHE – Str. West - Hearing 1/22 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
SB 87	Campaign Finance – Prohibit contributions, expenditures or donations by foreign influenced corporations (all-kinds of bs) or foreign principals. Includes independent expenditures.	EHE – Str. Lam – Hearing 1/28 at 2 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 34		W&M – Del. Palakovich-Carr Hearing – 1/28 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
SB 89	State Board of Elections must certify that all voting systems can accommodate multiple voting methods including Ranked Choice Voting.	EHE – Str. Kagan Hearing – 1/28 at 2 p.m.	1 st Reader	MFRW Priority - OPPOSE Ranked Choice Voting. See MFRW brochure on RCV.
SB 145	Election Law – Refer to Absentee Voting as Mail in Voting in communications with voters.	EHE – Str. Hester – Hearing 1/28 at 2 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 37		W&M – Del. Palakovich Carr Hearing 1/16 at 1:30 p.m.	Passed 3 rd Reader 99-37	

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SB 204 HB 182	Potomac Compact for Fair Representation. Compact between Virginia and Maryland to draw Congressional Districts. The Executive Director of MD Legislative Services would determine number of members of the Commission and appoint members. Compact would only be implemented if Virginia adopts a substantially similar plan. MD General Assembly would have a vote but could not change the plan.	EHE – Strs. Elfreth & Lam Hearing 2/06 at 1 p.m. House Rules & Ex. Nominations Del. Reznik et al	1 st Reader	Oppose. Maryland Redistricting process should not be contingent on other states.
SB 266 HB 341	Redistricting Reform Act of 2020 – Constitutional Amendment. Require single-member delegate districts. Est. Redistricting Commission as independent unit of state govt.; require drawing of congressional & legislative districts -compact, contiguous & equal population as practicable and provides for GA approval, Governor veto and Court to set plan if nec.	EHE – Pres. Administration et al Hearing 2/06 at 1 p.m. House Rules & Ex. Nominations – Speaker – Admin. et al	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	Support – Governor’s priority. MFRW priority
SB 284 HB 346	Establish the Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission as an independent unit of State government; require a Redistricting Commission to be selected on or before March 1, 2021, and each year ending in the number 1 thereafter; the Redistricting Commission consists of nine members who are registered voters for at least 3 years; 3 who are from the Majority Party; 3 from the Principal Minority Party and 3 w/o a Party affiliation. Members can only serve one term.	EHE – Pres. Admin et al Hearing 2/06 at 1 p.m. House Rules & Executive Nominations	1 st Reader	Support – Governor’s Priority MFRW Priority
SB 362 HB 555	Absentee Ballots – Timing of Canvass. EMERGENCY BILL. Changing the time that a local Bd. Of Elections may begin opening absentee ballot envelopes to before 9 a.m. on the Friday following election day instead of prior to 8 a.m. on the Wednesday following election day.	EHE – Str. Kagan Hearing 2/06 at 1 p.m. W&M – Del. Mosby & Cain	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
SB 396	Constitutional Amendment to require a Candidate for Governor to designate a candidate for Lt. Gov. w/in 21	EHE – Str. Pinsky, et al	1 st Reader	

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	days after the Primary Election rather than at filing certificate of candidacy for Primary Election.			
HB 51	Felons being released from prison to receive a voter registration form and told that the must register to be able to vote.	W&M – Del. Boteler Hearing 1/16 at 1:30 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB137	MC-19-20) Require a 12 th Early Voting Center; require location be in White Oak area of Montgomery County.	W&M – Montgomery Co. Del. Hearing 1/29 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	M.C. Bd. Of Elections denied 12 th EV Center at White Oak.
HB 197	Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity & verify voter's address for voter to vote a regular ballot; by requesting the voter to present a current government-issued photo identification	W&M – Del. Parrott et al Hearing 2/06 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	MFRW PRIORITY – SUPPORT.
HB 426	Require Dept. of Legislative Services in consultation with State Bd. of Elections & MD Assoc. of Election Officials to study requirements to implement voting by mail. Report to Gen. Assembly by December 1, 2020.	Rules & Exec. Nominations Del. Mosby	1 st Reader	
	ENVIRONMENT			
HB 136	Establishes a State Board of On-Site Wastewater Professionals in Dept. of Environment to regulate individuals who perform on-site wastewater services in MD. Set minimum standards for on-site waste water systems (septic systems). Set reasonable fees for licenses and renewals and establish an On-Site Wastewater Professionals Fund. Counties to adopt/enforce standards.	ENT – Del. Stein Hearing – 2/12 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
SB 265	Clean & Renewable Energy Standard (CARES). Reforming "renewable energy portfolio standard" to be the "clean and renewable energy standard"; adding natural gas, bio-mass generating station with recapture carbon system and nuclear power as clean sources of electric energy. Creation of credits under the clean and renewable energy standard; removing "black liquor" from eligible bio-mass sources of a Tier 1 renewable source; and altering minimum percentage	FIN – Pres. Admin- et al Hearing – 2/11 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 363		ECM – Speaker – Admin. et al	1 st Reader	

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	of energy derived from some energy sources by 2026. 67.5% clean energy with 14.5% from solar energy, etc.;			
HB 517	Constitutional Amendment -Environmental Rights. Establish that every person has right to clean & healthy environment and establishing that every person can intervene in an action brought by State or local subdivision to protect those rights & prohibit state of local subdivision from causing diminution of state's natural resources.	ENT – Del. Stewart	1 st Reader	
	HEALTH CARE			
SB 124	MD Health Benefits Exchange – to assist in stabilizing individual health insurance market by adding a State based health insurance subsidies program thru assessments on health ins. Providers.	FIN – Str. Feldman Hearing 2/05 at 2 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 196		HGO – Del. Pena-Melnyk	1 st Reader	
SB 135	Public Health – Access to Vaccines – Minors. Enables a minor, at least 16 year of age to receive vaccines without parent consent.	FIN – Str. Feldman Hearing – Cancelled	1 st Reader	
HB 87		HGO – Del. Korman	1 st Reader	
SB 228	Establish Commission on Universal Health Care; provide for composition, chair, & staffing. Develop a plan for State to establish, by January 1, 2023, a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system ; authorizing Commission, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, and the Maryland Dept. of Health to apply for Federal waivers; etc.	FIN – Str. Pinsky Hearing 2/19 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	OPPOSE – MFRW Priority.
HB 53	Prohibiting a health care provider from inserting or implanting a contraceptive device, including an intrauterine device or implantable rod, into the body of a minor unless the minor's parent or guardian provides written authorization for the minor to have the device inserted or implanted.	HGO – Del. Parrott, et al	1 st Reader	
HB 113	Add to the Patient's Bill of Rights that unless a provision of federal or state law allows a minor patient to consent to medical treatment, a parent or guardian	HGO – Del. Grammer	1 st Reader	

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	of a minor patient has full decision-making authority over the minor patient’s health care, including the choice to transfer minor patient to a different health care provider or facility.			
HB 409	Participation of School-Based Health Centers in MD Medical Assistance Program to include those with a written agreement with a sponsoring agency that meets certain requirements in the “Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards” report of 12/1/2019.	HGO – Del. Cullison	1 st Reader	
HB 498	Dept. of Aging – Mandates Gov. include \$1 Million a year in Budget Bill for grants to nonprofits and area agencies on aging to expand and start “aging in place” programs for seniors w/at least 10% of funds used to support “senior villages”.	APP – Del. Hill, et al	1 st Reader	
	IMMIGRATION RELATED			
SB 197	Requiring a State or local correctional facility notified by US Dept. of Homeland Security that an individual is subject to an immigration detainer to provide notice to US DHS at least 72 hours before the individual is released from the facility if the individual is charged with or convicted of a crime of violence or violation of Title 9, subsection 8 of the Criminal Law. If individual is subject of criminal warrant the state/local correctional facility may maintain custody for up to 48 hours beyond release time for US DHS to assume custody.	JPR – Strs. Hough, Bailey, et al Hearing 1/30 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	SUPPORT. MFRW Priority.
SB 332	Similar to SB 197 but does not require a criminal warrant to hold the individual up to 48 hours after release date	JPR – Strs. Ready, et al Hearing 1/30 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
	LIFE ISSUES			
SB 357	Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.	FIN – Str. Serafini, et al	1 st Reader	
SB 701	Assisted Suicide. Authorizing an individual, who a physician has diagnosed as probably having 6 months or less to live, to request aid in dying by making verbal & written requests; prohibiting an individual from	JPR - Str. Waldstreicher et al	1 st Reader	
HB 643		HGO & JUD – Del. Pendergrass et al	1 st Reader	

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	requesting aid in dying on behalf of another person; includes conditions/requirements for aid in dying and for witnesses to a written request for aid in dying and specifying form. Aid in dying” means the medical practice of a physician prescribing medication to a qualified (see above) individual that the qualified individual may self-administer to bring about that individual’s death.			
	MARIJUANA AND DRUG RELATED			
SB 356	Law cannot be construed to authorize possession of marijuana or cannabis on grounds of a local correctional facility or while an offender is in a home detention program and authorizing penalties.	JPR – Str. Serafini, et al	1 st Reader	
HB 193	Changing a criminal misdemeanor offense to a civil penalty for the possession of de minimis quantities of a controlled dangerous substance, i.e., 10 grams of marijuana; or 300 milligrams of cocaine; or 300 milligrams of heroin; 5 tablets of 3, 4 - methylenedioxymethamphetamine (mdma); 5 tablets of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD); 300 milligrams of methadone; or 200 milligrams of amphetamine. Civil fine 1 st offense - \$100; 2 nd offense \$250 and 3 rd offense \$500 and requires court to order offender to participate in a drug education program.	JUD – Cardin et al – Hearing 1/28 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 464	MD Dept. of Health to authorize up to 6 Community-based org. to provide a place for consumption of prohibited drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid & other services. Two programs in urban areas, 2 in suburban and 2 in rural areas.	HGO – Del. Hettleman, et al	1 st Reader	
	SECOND AMENDMENT RELATED			
SB 39	Altering the definition of "regulated firearm" to include the Anderson Manufacturing .223 caliber AM-15 and .300 caliber AM-15.	JPR – Str. Waldstreicher – Hearing 1/15 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	

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SB 55	Income Tax Checkoff – MD Assault Weapons Buyback Fund. Allows tax payer to contribute \$5.00 to fund and requires Gov. to include \$50,000/year in budget for fund. Bill provides long list of weapons eligible for voluntary buyback.	B&T – Str. Young – WITHDRAWN	1 st Reader	
SB 208	Public Safety – Rifles and shotguns secondary transfers. Require background check before loan or other temporary transfer of rifles and shotguns requiring background check including at gun shows.	JPR – Str. Lee et al Hearing 2/05 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 4	Military, police and family members exempt.	JUD – Del. Atterbeary Hearing 1/15 at 1 p.m.		