



2022 General Assembly Session

Bills of Interest

REPORT

as of March 4, 2022

HOUSE BILLS

HB 500

Delegate Grammer

DREDGING ON MAN-O-WAR SHOALS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from dredging buried oyster shells on Man-O-War Shoals as part of carrying out certain duties calculated to increase the productivity or utility of oyster resources in the State.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022

NR, §§ 4-1103(a) - amended

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Bill Hearing: Wednesday, 2/16 at 1:00 pm (view committee hearing [here](#))

Position: **Oppose**

HB 546 / SB 981

Delegate Arentz, et al

PEDESTRIANS – KENT ISLAND DRAWBRIDGE – FISHING PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a pedestrian from catching or attempting to catch fish by any means on or under the Maryland Route 18 Kent Island Drawbridge over the Kent Narrows in Queen Anne's County.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

TR, § 21-507(k) - added

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Bill Hearing: Wednesday, 2/17 at 1:00 pm (view committee hearing [here](#))

Position: **No Position**



[HB 593](#)

Delegate Jacobs, et al

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER SHELL DREDGING – PERMIT APPLICATION

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to apply, on or before July 1, 2022, to the Department of the Environment and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for permits to dredge buried oyster shells on certain oyster bars; and requiring that any shell removed from the oyster bars be relocated to public oyster bottom identified by the county oyster committees and the Oyster Recovery Partnership's Board of Directors.

EMERGENCY BILL

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Bill Hearing: Wednesday, 2/16 at 1:00 pm (view committee hearing [here](#))

Position: **Oppose** (sponsor did not communicate with all shell committees prior to bill introduction)

[HB 596](#) / SB 783

Delegate W. Fisher, et al

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland to establish that every person has the fundamental and inalienable right to a healthful and sustainable environment; and requiring the State to serve as the trustee of the State's natural resources, including the air, land, water, wildlife, and ecosystems of the State, and to conserve, protect, and enhance the State's natural resources for the benefit of every person, including present and future generations.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 48 - added

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Bill Hearing: Wednesday, 2/23 at 1:00 pm

Position: **Oppose**

[HB 601](#) / SB 455

Delegate Jacobs, et al

CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE AND RECREATIONAL FISHING – PILOT PROGRAM AND TASK FORCE

Establishing the Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Sport Fishing License Pilot Program to collect certain recreational fishing information and improve compliance with a certain registration requirement; requiring a certain annual report on the program by December 1, 2023; establishing the Task Force on Recreational Fishing Data Collection and Licensing to study and develop multiyear plans for improving the collection and quality of certain recreational fishing data; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings by December 1, 2022.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022

NR, § 4-745.1 - added

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Bill Hearing: Wednesday, 2/16 at 1:00 pm (view committee hearing [here](#))

Position: **No Position**



[HB 644](#) / SB 900

Cecil County Delegation

CECIL COUNTY – FISHING – RESTRICTIONS

Adding Cecil County to a list of counties to which certain riparian laws do not apply; prohibiting a person from placing nets or establishing a haul seine fishery to catch fish for commercial use in the waters of the Susquehanna River in Cecil County; and repealing certain fishing restrictions that apply in Cecil County.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

NR, §§ 4-712 and 4-717 - amended

Committee: Environment and Transportation
Bill Hearing: Wednesday, 3/9 at 1:00 pm
Position: **SUPPORT**

[HB 654](#)

Delegate Long

BACK RIVER AND PATAPSCO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS – WATER QUALITY TESTING AND OVERFLOW AND PIPELINE BREAKAGE NOTIFICATION (ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2022)

Requiring an independent third party to oversee all water quality testing conducted at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Patapsco Wastewater Treatment Plant; requiring the Department of the Environment to select the independent third party; specifying the duties of the independent third party; and establishing certain notification requirements for sewage overflows and breaks in certain sewage pipelines at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Patapsco Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022

EN, §§ 9-255.1 and 9-331.2 - added

Committee: Environment and Transportation
Bill Hearing:
Position: **No Position**

[HB 716](#) / SB 367

Delegate Lehman, et al

PATUXENT RIVER COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP

Adding the Patuxent Riverkeeper as a voting member of the Patuxent River Commission.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022

SF, § 5-814 - amended

Committee: Environment and Transportation
Bill Hearing: Wednesday, 2/23 at 1:00 pm (view committee hearing here)
Position: **No Position**



HB 1133

Delegate Otto, et al (Adams, Clark, Hartman, Jacobs, Mautz and Szeliga)

OYSTERS – TRIBUTARY–SCALE SANCTUARIES

Repealing provisions of law that include the Manokin River Oyster Sanctuary in the network of tributary–scale oyster sanctuaries in the Chesapeake Bay and including the Severn River Oyster Sanctuary in the network.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022

NR, § 4-1014 - amended

Committee: Environment and Transportation
Bill Hearing: Wednesday, 3/2 at 1:00 pm
Position: **SUPPORT**

HB 1149 / SB 537

Delegate Jacobs, et al (Boteler, Buckel, Griffith, Hartman, Mautz, McKay and Otto)

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – SHRIMP FISHERY REGULATIONS – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying the authority of the Department of Natural Resources to, notwithstanding certain provisions of law, adopt regulations governing any aspect of the shrimp fishery and establishing and implementing a pilot program related to fishing for shrimp.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

NR, § 4-904 - amended

Committee: Environment and Transportation
Bill Hearing: Wednesday, 3/2 at 1:00 pm
Position: **SUPPORT**

HB 1201 / SB 876

Delegate Jacobs, et al

WATER POLLUTION – CIVIL PENALTY SURCHARGE – OYSTER REPLETION FUND

Establishing a surcharge on civil penalties imposed for certain violations that result in the discharge of pollutants into the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries; establishing the Oyster Repletion Fund as in the Department of Natural Resources to finance the repletion of natural oyster bars in waters impacted by water pollution violations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EN, § 9-342 - amended and NR, § 4-209.1 - added

Committee: Environment and Transportation
Bill Hearing: Friday, 3/4 at 1:00 pm
Position: **SUPPORT**



[HB 1217](#)

Delegates Mautz and Adams

NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER INSPECTION AND SEVERANCE TAXES – INCREASE

Increasing the amount of the inspection tax levied on marketable oysters shipped in the shell to any place outside the State from 30 cents to \$1; increasing the amount of the severance tax levied on oysters caught within certain natural oyster bars from \$1 to \$2 per bushel; and requiring that \$1 of the severance tax levied be distributed to certain county oyster committees for the repletion of natural oyster bars within the waters of the counties.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

NR, § 4-1020(a) through (c) - amended

Committee: Environment and Transportation
Bill Hearing: Friday, 3/4 at 1:00 pm
Position: **SUPPORT with amendment to include Baltimore County Oyster Committee in Sec. 4-1020 (c)(3) (oral and written testimony)**

[HB 1218](#)

Delegate Howard

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING WITH A HAUL SEINE

Altering certain provisions of law that restrict the setting and use of haul seines in certain waters of Anne Arundel County.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

NR, § 4-714 - amended

Committee: Environment and Transportation
Bill Hearing:
Position: **No Position**



[HB 1228](#) / SB 830

Delegates Crosby, Clark, Boyce, Barve and Stein

NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTERS – SPAT, SHELLS, AND SUBSTRATE

Establishing various programs, goals, research requirements, planning requirements, and funding requirements related to oyster spat, oyster shells, and oyster substrate; requiring the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans and grants up to a certain amount to finance the eligible costs of certain eligible seafood processing projects; replacing the oyster shell recycling tax credit with an annual grant program administered by the Department of Natural Resources; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

EC, § 10-519.1 - added, TG, § 10-724.1 - repealed, and NR, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Bill Hearing: Friday, 3/4 at 1:00 pm

Position: **OPPOSE with recommendation to refer to the Oyster Advisory Commission (oral and written testimony)**

Final proposed amendments not available as of HB 1228 hearing.

[HB 1242](#) / SB 826

Delegate Mautz, et al (Adams, Arentz, Hornberger, Jacobs and McComas)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND WATERMEN’S MICROLOAN PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Watermen’s Microloan Program in the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans to qualified commercial fishermen to continue commercial operations in the State; providing, beginning July 1, 2025, that generational watermen, beginner watermen, and seafood processing businesses are eligible to receive loans under the Program; requiring a loan made under the Program to be at least \$7,000 and not more than \$15,000; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

Effective Date: October 1, 2022

EC, § 10-526 - added

Committee: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

Bill Hearing in ET: Wednesday, 3/9 at 1:00 pm

Position: **SUPPORT**



HB 1298 / SB 960

Delegates Ghrist, Carey, Mautz and Otto

NATURAL RESOURCES – HUNTING AND FISHING OFFENSES – EXPUNGEMENT

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of certain criminal records based on a conviction for certain hunting or fishing offenses; and authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of certain administrative records for a conviction based on certain hunting offenses.

Effective Date: October 1, 2022

CP, § 10-110(a) and (c) - amended and NR, § 10-1109 - added

Committee: Judiciary

Bill Hearing: Tuesday, 3/8 at 1:00 pm

Position: **SUPPORT**

HB 1310

Delegate Mautz, et al (Adams, Arentz, Buckel, Hornberger, Jacobs and McComas)

TIDAL FISH LICENSES – OYSTER AUTHORIZATIONS – REVOCATION

Authorizing, rather than requiring, the Department of Natural Resources to revoke a person's authorization to catch oysters if the Department finds or concludes that the person has knowingly committed one of certain offenses; and authorizing a person whose authorization to catch oysters is revoked under certain provisions of law to apply for reinstatement of the authorization after 5 years.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

NR, § 4-1210 - amended

Committee: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

Bill Hearing in ET: Wednesday, 3/9 at 1:00 pm

Position: **SUPPORT (written and oral testimony)**

HB 1311

Delegate Mautz, et al

CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES (CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION FUND LOCKBOX ACT OF 2022)

Restricting the use of the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund to certain purposes directly related to addressing pollution from wastewater treatment facilities, on-site sewage disposal systems, sewer systems, and stormwater management systems; repealing provisions of law requiring certain amounts to be transferred from the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund to the Clean Water Commerce Account, the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund, and the Department of Agriculture; etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

AG, § 8-706, EN, §§ 9-1605.2(a) and (i) and 9-1605.4(a) through (e), (f)(1), (g), (h), (q)(2), and (r), and NR, § 8-1911(e) - amended

Committee: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

Bill Hearing in Appropriations: Thursday, 3/10 at 1:00 pm

Position: **SUPPORT**



SENATE BILLS

SB 190

Chair (By Request – Department of Natural Resources)

TIDAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP TERM – ALTERATION

Altering the term of the members of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission from 2 years to 4 years.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

NR, § 4-204(a) - amended

Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Bill Hearing: Wednesday, 1/18 at 2:30 pm (view committee hearing [here](#))

Position: **No Position**

SB 366 / HB 921

Senator Simonaire

CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND – USE OF FUNDS (CHESAPEAKE BAY LOCKBOX PROTECTION ACT OF 2022)

Establishing a Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund to provide financial resources for certain nonpoint source pollution control projects in the State; and prohibiting the transfer of funds in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund to the General Fund or a special fund of the State except under certain circumstances.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53A - added

Committees: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

Bill Hearings: Wednesday, 2/24 at 1:00 pm (view committee hearing [here](#))

Position: **SUPPORT**

SB 367 / HB 716

Senator Pinsky (Dist. 22) and Senators Patterson (Dist. 26) and Jackson (Dist. 27)

PATUXENT RIVER COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP

Adding the Patuxent Riverkeeper as a voting member of the Patuxent River Commission.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022

SF, § 5-814 - amended

Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Bill Hearing: Wednesday, 2/24 at 1:00 pm

Position: **No Position**



[SB 455](#) / HB 601

Senator Bailey

CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE AND RECREATIONAL FISHING – PILOT PROGRAM AND TASK FORCE

Establishing the Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Sport Fishing License Pilot Program to collect certain recreational fishing information and improve compliance with a certain registration requirement; and establishing the Task Force on Recreational Fishing Data Collection and Licensing to study and develop multiyear plans for improving the collection and quality of certain recreational fishing data.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022

NR, § 4-745.1 - added

Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Bill Hearing: Tuesday, 3/1 at 1:00 pm

Position: **No Position**

[SB 537](#) / HB 1149

Senators Carozza (Dist. 38) and Hershey (Dist. 36), Simonaire (Dist. 31), Bailey (Dist. 29)

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – SHRIMP FISHERY REGULATIONS – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying the authority of the Department of Natural Resources to, notwithstanding certain provisions of law, adopt regulations governing any aspect of the shrimp fishery and establishing and implementing a pilot program related to fishing for shrimp.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

NR, § 4-904 - amended

Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Bill Hearing: Tuesday, 3/1 at 1:00 pm

Position: **SUPPORT (written testimony submitted)**

[SB 580](#)

Senator Bailey

SEWER SYSTEMS AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS – WATER POLLUTION – SHELLFISH HARVESTER RESTITUTION

Requiring a person responsible for a sewer overflow, treatment plant bypass, or unlawful discharge from a wastewater treatment plant that results in an area being closed to shellfish harvesting to pay restitution to certain shellfish harvesters.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EN, § 9-342.3 - added

Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Bill Hearing: Tuesday, 3/1 at 1:00 pm

Position: **SUPPORT**



[SB 713](#) / HB 1215

Senator Reilly

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING GEAR

Establishing that certain fishing gear restrictions applicable in certain Anne Arundel County waters apply only to commercial finfish harvesters; and authorizing a person to use archery equipment to commercially harvest finfish in certain Anne Arundel County waters.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022

NR, § 4-714 - amended

Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Bill Hearing: Tuesday, 3/1 at 1:00 pm

Position: **No Position**

[SB 783](#) / HB 596

Senator Smith, et al

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 48 - added

Committees: Judicial Proceedings and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Bill Hearing in JPR: Wednesday, 3/9 at 1:00 pm

Position: **OPPOSE**

[SB 826](#) / HB 1242

Senator Klausmeier, et al

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND WATERMEN’S MICROLOAN PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Watermen’s Microloan Program in the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans to qualified commercial fishermen to continue commercial operations in the State; providing, beginning July 1, 2025, that generational watermen, beginner watermen, and seafood processing businesses are eligible to receive loans under the Program; requiring a loan made under the Program to be at least \$7,000 and not more than \$15,000.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

Effective Date: October 1, 2022

EC, § 10-526 - added

Committee: Finance

Bill Hearing: Tuesday, 3/1 at 1:00 pm

Position: **SUPPORT**



SB 830 / HB 1228

Senator Elfreth, and Senators Baily, Echardt, Guzzone and Hershey

NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTERS – SPAT, SHELLS, AND SUBSTRATE

Establishing various programs, goals, research requirements, planning requirements, and funding requirements related to oyster spat, oyster shells, and oyster substrate; requiring the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans and grants up to a certain amount to finance the eligible costs of certain eligible seafood processing projects; replacing the oyster shell recycling tax credit with an annual grant program administered by the Department of Natural Resources; etc.

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EC, § 10-519.1 - added, TG, § 10-724.1 - repealed, and NR, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs, and Budget and Taxation
Bill Hearing in EHEA: Tuesday, 3/1 at 1:00 pm (view committee hearing [here](#))
Position: **OPPOSE with recommendation to refer to the Oyster Advisory Commission (written and oral testimony submitted)**

SB 876 / HB 1201

Senator Bailey

WATER POLLUTION – CIVIL PENALTY SURCHARGE – OYSTER REPLETION FUND

Establishing a surcharge on civil penalties imposed for certain violations that result in the discharge of pollutants into the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries; establishing the Oyster Repletion Fund in the Department of Natural Resources to finance the repletion of natural oyster bars in waters impacted by water pollution violations; etc.

Effective Date: October 1, 2022

EN, § 9-342 - amended and NR, § 4-209.1 - added

Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Bill Hearing: Tuesday, 3/1 at 1:00 pm (view committee hearing [here](#))
Position: **SUPPORT**

SB 900 / HB 644

Cecil County Senators

CECIL COUNTY – FISHING – RESTRICTIONS

Adding Cecil County to a list of counties to which certain riparian laws do not apply; prohibiting a person from placing nets or establishing a haul seine fishery to catch fish for commercial use in the waters of the Susquehanna River in Cecil County; and repealing certain fishing restrictions that apply in Cecil County.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

NR, §§ 4-712 and 4-717 - amended

Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Bill Hearing: Tuesday, 3/1 at 1:00 pm
Position: **SUPPORT**



SB 902

Senator Hershey

DAMS WITH HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANTS – ANNUAL COMPENSATION FEE

Requiring the owner of a dam associated with a certain hydroelectric power plant to pay an annual compensation fee to the Department of the Environment for the use of State land and waterways beginning January 1, 2023; requiring the Public Service Commission to determine the average price of a Tier 2 renewable energy credit for certain renewable energy portfolio standard compliance years; etc.

Effective Date: October 1, 2022

PU, § 7-217 - added

Committee: Finance

Bill Hearing: Tuesday, 3/1 at 1:00 pm (view committee hearing [here](#))

Position: **SUPPORT**

SB 960 / HB 1298

Senator Baily

NATURAL RESOURCES – HUNTING AND FISHING OFFENSES – EXPUNGEMENT

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of certain criminal records based on a conviction for certain hunting or fishing offenses; and authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of certain administrative records for a conviction based on certain hunting offenses.

Effective Date: October 1, 2022

CP, § 10-110(a) and (c) - amended and NR, § 10-1109 - added

Committee: Assigned to Senate Rules

Bill Hearing:

Position: **SUPPORT**

SB 979

Senators Salling, Klausmeier, Jennings, West, Lam, Hettleman, Sydnor and Kelley

PROHIBITION OF DREDGING ON MAN-O-WAR SHOALS

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from including the dredging of buried oyster shells on Man-O-War Shoals as part of a fishery management plan; and prohibiting the Department from dredging buried oyster shells on Man-O-War Shoals.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022

NR, § 4-215(e)(6) - added and § 4-1103(a) - amended

Committee: Assigned to Senate Rules

Bill Hearing:

Position: **OPPOSE**



[SB 981](#) / HB546

Senator Hershey

PEDESTRIANS – KENT ISLAND DRAWBRIDGE – FISHING PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a pedestrian from catching or attempting to catch fish by any means on or under the Maryland Route 18 Kent Island Drawbridge over the Kent Narrows in Queen Anne’s County.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

TR, § 21-507(k) - added

Committee: Assigned to Senate Rules

Bill Hearing:

Position: **No Position**

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

[SJ 6](#) (Senate Joint Resolution)

Senator Bailey (Dist. 29)

**ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION – ATLANTIC MENHADEN
– PROHIBITION ON COMMERCIAL REDUCTION FISHING**

Requesting the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to consider prohibiting the commercial reduction fishing of Atlantic menhaden, including the use of purse seines and spotter planes, in the Chesapeake

Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Bill Hearing: Wednesday, 3/1 at 1:00 pm (view bill hearing [here](#))

Position: recommend **OPPOSE**



2022 MGA Session Dates of Interest

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| January | <p>12 GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES (<i>noon, Wednesday</i>)</p> <p>18 7th Day – SENATE AND HOUSE BILL REQUEST GUARANTEE DATE</p> <p>19 Final date for the Governor to introduce budget bill</p> <p>19 Final Date for the Governor to introduce capital budget bill</p> <p>21 10th Day – Final date for submission of Executive Orders reorganizing the Executive Branch of State Government; either Chamber may disapprove by resolution within 50 days</p> <p>24 13th Day – Administration bills introduced in the Senate after this date referred to Senate Rules Committee</p> <p>26 15th Day — Final date for introduction of Governor’s Salary Commission, General Assembly Compensation Commission, and Judicial Compensation Commission recommendations. Legislative action must be taken within 50 days after introduction of the joint resolutions of the Governor’s Salary Commission and the Judicial Compensation Commission.</p> |
| February | <p>2 Governor delivers the State of the State Address (noon)</p> <p>7 27th Day – SENATE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE Senate bills introduced after this date referred to the Senate Rules Committee</p> <p>11 31st Day – HOUSE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE “Hopper” will close at 5 P.M. on February 10 Senate bills introduced after this date referred to the Senate Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.</p> <p>20 40th Day – “Green Bag” appointments submitted by Governor (<i>Delivered on Friday, February 18</i>)</p> |
| March | <p>7 55th Day – Final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules</p> <p>15 63rd Day – Committee Reporting Courtesy Date Each Chamber’s committees to report their own bills by this date</p> <p>21 69th Day – Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date Each Chamber to send to other Chamber those bills it intends to pass favorably Opposite Chamber bills received after this date subject to referral to Rules Committees (Senate Rule 32(c), House Courtesy Date)</p> |
| April | <p>4 83rd Day – Budget bill to be passed by both Chambers</p> <p>11 90th Day – ADJOURNMENT “SINE DIE” (<i>Monday</i>)</p> |
| May | <p>11 Final date for an extended session (<i>Wednesday</i>)</p> |



POST-SESSION

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| April 30 | 20th Day after adjournment — Final date for presentment of bills to Governor |
| May 30 | 30th Day after presentment — Governor to sign/veto bills by this date |
| June 1 | Other than emergency bills and as otherwise provided, earliest date for bills to take effect |
| July 1 | Budgetary, tax, and revenue bills to take effect |
| October 1 | Usual effective date for bills |