

SB 551 and HB 836 School Construction Local Bid Preferences (Against)

Allows a local governing body to give preferences to local businesses for any work not subject to prevailing wage rates. Senate: 3/10 – Hearing House: 3/2 - Hearing

SB 608 Workers Comp For Inmates (For)

An Employer is not liable for Workers Comp payments to covered employees while they are in jail, unless they are on Work Release. 2/23 - Hearing

SB 685 and HB 817 Personal Property Tax on Heavy Equipment (Against)

Allows a municipality to tax up to 2% of heavy equipment rentals and short term leases if your business is located in their county. Senate: 2/10 – 1<sup>st</sup> reading House: March 4 – Hearing

SB 775 and HB 903 Road Salt Reduction Management (Against)

Requires the State and municipalities to implement practices, record keeping, and training to reduce road salt by its workers and contractors. Senate: 3/2 – Hearing House: 3/10 - Hearing

SB 843 Prevailing Wage Moratorium for School Construction (For)

Suspends the prevailing on public elementary school construction until June 30, 2012. March 4 - Hearing

SB 849 MBE List of Contracts (Neutral)

Requires to State to maintain a list of all contracts awarded to an MBE firm, including description of the contracts and amounts. 3/11 - Hearing

SB 881 and HB 1290 Frederick County Water and Sewer Extensions (Against)

Requires all water and sewer extensions in Frederick County to be consistent with the County and Municipal Comprehensive Plan. Senate: 3/5 – Hearing; House: 2/18 – 1<sup>st</sup> reading

SB 911 Miss and HB 1290 Utility Bill (For)

Changes the Miss Utility law in a number of ways, including:

(1) Elimination of marking fees, (2) the inclusion of storm drains as an underground facility, (3) the formation of the Authority, (4) the inclusion of a Designer Ticket, (5) compliance to the 9 elements, (6) the standardization of the 18” tolerance zone throughout Maryland. Senate: 2/17 - 1<sup>st</sup> reading House: 2/18 – 1<sup>st</sup> reading

HB 62 Payment of Nitrogen Removal Technology (For)

Allows payments to be made from the General Fund for the added cost to install mandated nitrogen removal technology to septic systems due to a failing septic system. 2/23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading passed

HB 209 MBE Reports for Capital Projects (Against)

Requires all Capital Projects to report to Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs the extent of MBE participation to be required on each job and then that office must report to the Senate Affairs Committee. 2/19 – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading passed

HB 313 Bay Restoration Funds For Offsite Sewer (For)

Allows the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to pay for the cost of connecting to offsite sewer if it is more cost effective in achieving nitrogen removal and replacement of onsite septic is not feasible. 2/19 - Hearing

HB 367 Transportation Trust Funds (For)

Mandates that all fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees can be used only for highway purposes. 3/2 - Hearing

HB 372 Lead Free Plumbing Materials (Neutral)

Prohibits the sale of lead solder or flux for domestic water installation. 2/17 - Hearing

HB 383 Transportation Trust Fund Protection (For)

Prohibits the transferring of Transportation Trust Fund money to the State’s General Fund, except under extraordinary conditions. 2/16 - Hearing

HB 404 Order to Pay Wages (Against)

Allows the Commissioner to order employers to pay wages and interest to an employee immediately after a complaint is filed. 2/17 - Hearing

HB 430 Transparency and Integrity in Procurement Process (For)

Requires the procurement process to be transparent to instill public confidence and ensures employees are well trained and fair in the process. 2/17 – Hearing cancelled