LEGISLATIVE BILLS 2015 - FAILED

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SB 10, SB 589 & HB 774 Motor Fuel Tax Rate Repeal (Opposed)

Seeks to repeal automatic cost indexing to the Consumer Price Index

Senate: 3/10 Hearing

House: Hearing Cancelled

SB 42, SB 588, HB 481 & HB 874 Repeals Stormwater Mgmt Restoration Program (Opposed)

Repeals the rain tax and the Stormwater Restoration Program

Senate: Unfavorable Report

House: Unfavorable Report

SB 279, SB 708 & HB 404 Contractors Occupational Safety/Health Requirements (Opposed)

Requires Contractors to submit a Safety and Health Plan that outlines safety, employee involvement, training, disputes and modifications to the plan. Allows Commissioner to enter sites and assess fines and to determine extent of safety measures. Employees can file violation complaints.

Senate: Unfavorable Report - Finance

House: Unfavorable Report – Economic Matters

SB 359 Calvert County Bid Threshold (Opposed)

Changes from $15,000 to $100,000 the maximum dollar threshold by which jobs must be publicly bid in Calvert County.

3/25 - Hearing

SB 396, HB0279 Procurement Requirements (Opposed)

Prohibits the State from placing unreasonable requirements on Bidders, requiring unnecessary experience, or requiring excessive bonding.

Senate: Unfavorable Report – Education, Health & Environmental Affairs – Withdrawn

House: Unfavorable Report

SB 434, HB0699 Insurance Rate Increase Notice (Neutral)

Allows insurance rate increase notices to be sent by email.

Senate: Unfavorable Report By Finance – Withdrawn

House: Unfavorable Report

SB 438 & HB 883 Well Driller Notifications (Favor)

Requires the Dept. of the Environment, not the Well Driller, to notify a municipality of an application for a permit to drill a well.

Senate: Unfavorable Report

House: Unfavorable Report by Environment & Transportation

SB 464 & HB 830 Workers Comp Frivolous Proceedings (Opposed)

Holds the Insurer to pay the full cost of the proceedings and attorney fees if an action was brought without proper backup or legal basis.

Senate: 2/24 Hearing

House: Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters - Withdrawn

SB 725, HB0967 Baltimore County Schools Construction (Favor)

Requires any job over $25,000 to be publicly bid and awarded to the Best Bid with consideration for schedule, competency and ability of bidder, and MBE utilization.

Senate: 3/12 - Hearing

House: 3/19 - Hearing

SB 910 & HB1253 Entry Level Commercial Truck Driver’s License Study (Favor)

Requires the Dept. of Labor to conduct a study of entry level CDL drivers with State agencies, colleges, trucking industries, etc. so as to encourage more truck driving training.

Senate: Returned Passed

House: 1st Reading House Rules & Executive Nominations

HB 119, SB0708 Construction Change Orders on State jobs (Favor)

Prohibits State from requiring Contractor to perform change order work, work without a signed change order and sufficient funds to pay, or be held to damages if an agreement could not be worked out.

House: 3rd reading passed w/amendments

Senate: 3rd reading passed

HB 155, SB0642 Video Lottery Terminal Funds to MBE’s (Opposed)

Allows video lottery funds allocated to Alleghany, Garrett, and Washington Counties to be used exclusively to fund small and MBE businesses in those counties.

House: 2/19 Hearing

Senate: Unfavorable Report - Withdrawn

HB 169 & SB 211 Adopting of International Plumbing Code Standards (Favor)

Adopts International Plumbing Code Standards into the State Plumbing Code

House: Unfavorable Report - Economic Matters

Senate: Unfavorable Report - Education Health & Env. Affairs - Withdrawn

HB 249, HB0435 Right to Work (Favor)

Prohibits an employer from making an employee join a Union, pay Union dues, or refusing to hire an employee because of non-union status.

Unfavorable Report – Economic Matters

HB 343 Repeal of Retention Proceeds Limitation (Opposed)

Would repeal current law that states retainage may not exceed 5% of contract amount for any bonded job.

Unfavorable Report – Economic Matters - Withdrawn

HB 370 & SB777 Apprenticeship Programs Payments (Opposed)

Requires prevailing wage jobs to make contractors pay the full cost of an Apprenticeship Program for each apprentice job with enforcement by the Commissioner of Labor.

House: Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters

Senate: Unfavorable Report by Finance

HB 455, SB 0387 Voiding of Indemnity Agreements (Favor)

Indemnity agreements that hold the Contractor liable for damages to property or bodily injury caused solely by the Owner or General Contractor are against public policy and are void.

House: Unfavorable Report Judicial Proceedings

Senate: Unfavorable Report

HB 545 Closing of Sidewalks within SHA Right of Way (Opposed)

Requires 72 hour notice to affected businesses and property owners stating when sidewalk will be closed, how long, and contact information of person who obtained permit.

Unfavorable Report Environment & Transportation

HB 698 Reorganization of State Procurement (Favor)

Establishes a Chief Procurement Officer to control and oversee all State procurement activity and oversight of bids under $1,000,000.

Unfavorable Report – Health & Government Operations – Withdrawn

HB 920 Payment for Relocation of Water & Sewer Lines in SHA (Favor)

Requiring State Highway Administration to pay to a public utility the cost of relocating water and sewer lines for new highway projects that are reimbursed with Federal funds.

Unfavorable Report by Environment & Transportation

HB 988 & SB 833 Wage Scale Liquidated Damages (Opposed)

Specifies damages of $750 or (3) times difference of underpayment of wage scale due an employee.

House: Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters - Withdrawn

Senate: Re-referred to Economic Matters

HB 1038 Repeals of Work Zone Speed Cameras (Opposed)

Repeals the use of work zone speed cameras.

Unfavorable Report By Environment & Transportation

HB 1043 Allowance of Septic Systems Without Nitrogen Removal (Favor)

Allows for septic systems outside the Chesapeake/Atlantic Coast Critical Bay Areas that to not utilize nitrogen removal technology.

Unfavorable Report By Environment & Transportation – Withdrawn

HB 1202 Recycled Material In Pavement Mixes (Favor)

Requires at least 10% recycled aggregate in all pavement mixes.

1st Reading House Rules & Executive Nominations

HB 1264 Fire Sprinkler Exemptions (Neutral)

Allows a County to exempt a single family home from fire sprinkler requirements if the house is not served by public water.

1st Reading House Rules & Executive Nominations