

MFA Bills to Watch ~ Listing 2010

SBill	HBill	Title	Comment	Position/Comments	S Status	H Status
SB 33		Right To Hunt, Fish, And Harvest Wild Game	Amends the Maryland Constitution and establishes the right of every person to hunt, fish, or harvest wild game	FYI	EHEA Hearing FEBRUARY 2 3:00 p.m.	
SB 59		Distribution Of Ag Land Transfer Tax	Altering the distribution of revenues of Ag Land Transfer Tax. Provides specified support for MARBIDCO	Monitor Favorable.	B&T Heard JANUARY 27 NO REPORT	
SB 69		Woodland Incentive Program Use Of Fed Funds	Repeals the prohibition of use of federal funds for WIP in conjunction with State funds	Monitor Favorable	EHEA Second Reading Passed	
SB 95		Ag Land Found. Preservation Partners Program	Authorizes Ag Land Preservation Foundation to establish a Preservation Partnership Program. Purchase ag & forest land easements.	FYI	EHEA Heard JANUARY 27 NO REPORT	
SB 140	HB 150	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2011)	Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.	FYI	assigned to B&T	assigned to APP
SB 141	HB 151	Budget Reconciliation And Financing Act Of 2010.		FYI		
SB 155	HB 160	Maryland Estate Tax – Exclusion For Family Farm Subject To Agricultural Preservation Easements	Altering the determination of the Maryland estate tax to exclude from the value of the gross estate the value of specified real property that is subject to a perpetual agricultural preservation easement that has been granted to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and passes from the decedent to or for the use of specified relatives of the decedent	under review	assigned to B&T Hearing FEBRUARY 2 1:30 p.m.	assigned to W&M Hearing FEBRUARY 2 2:00 p.m.
SB 215		High Performance Buildings Act – Applicability To Recipients Of State Aid	Making the High Performance Buildings Act applicable to capital projects that are funded solely or partly by a grant of State aid to specified grantees.	under review	assigned to B&T Hearing FEBRUARY 2 1:30 p.m.	
SB 234		High Performance Buildings Act – Applicable To Community College Capital Projects	Prior Year Introduction As: HB 541/09 - APP Making the High Performance Buildings Act 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 the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of General	under review	assigned to B&T Hearing FEBRUARY 10 1:00 p.m.	

			Services; making the Act applicable to specified capital projects that have not initiated a Request for Proposal on or before			
	HB 216	State Highway Administration – Unauthorized Signs On Highway Rights-Of-Way	Prior Year Introduction As: HB 130/09 - ENV Providing for original jurisdiction of the District Court for specified actions; prohibiting a person without authorization under review from the State Highway Administration from placing a sign within the right-of-way of a State highway; clarifying that such signs may be removed by the Administration or other designated agencies; authorizing the Administration or a specified county or municipal corporation government to collect civil penalties and to seek an injunction against violations; etc.	under review		assigned to ENV Hearing FEBRUARY 9 1:00 p.m.
SB 285		Smart, Green, And Growing – The Sustainable Communities Act Of 2010	Stating findings and intent of the General Assembly concerning sustainable communities; providing for the designation of specified areas as sustainable communities eligible for specified programs; reestablishing and altering the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program to be the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program; authorizing the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust to issue up to \$50,000,000 in the aggregate in initial credit certificates for the tax credit; etc.	under review	assigned to B&T Hearing FEBRUARY 17 1:00 p.m.	
SB 289	Crossfile d with: HOUSE BILL 245	Allegany County And Garrett County – Turkey Hunting – Sundays	Authorizing, a person to hunt turkey in Allegany County and Garrett County on the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in May, except Easter Sunday.	under review	assigned to EHEA No Hearing Scheduled	
SB 311		Chesapeake Conservation Corps	Establishing the Chesapeake Conservation Corps as a body politic and corporate; providing for the purposes of the Corps; establishing a Board of Directors of the Corps, with specified membership, officers, duties, and terms; providing for an Executive Director of the Corps, with specified duties and powers; establishing the powers of the Corps; requiring the Corps to undertake specified projects for specified purposes; requiring the Corps to develop and implement specified volunteer service programs; etc.	under review	assigned to EHEA No Hearing Scheduled	
SB 361		Natural Resources – Local Forest Conservation Funds – Use Of	Repealing the requirement that, at the end of 2 years or 3 growing seasons, unused money in a local forest conservation fund be returned to the person who provided the money for specified tree	under review	assigned to EHEA No Hearing Scheduled	

		Money	planting purposes.			
SB 362		Natural Resources – Suspension Of Hunting Licenses And Privileges	Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to suspend for up to 5 years the hunting license or privileges of a person who is convicted of a State or federal hunting violation; requiring the Department to suspend for between 1 and 5 years the hunting license or privileges of a person who receives in any 12-month period a second conviction for a hunting violation; repealing the authority of the Department to impose a specified fine and specified hunting license suspensions for a conviction for hunting violations; etc.	under review	assigned to EHEA No Hearing Scheduled	
	HB 295	Natural Resources – Incidental Taking Permit For Endangered Puritan Tiger Beetle – Requirements	Requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue a permit to an applicant that authorizes an incidental taking of the endangered Puritan Tiger Beetle under specified circumstances; and requiring the Secretary to adopt specified regulations relating to an incidental taking permit for the endangered Puritan Tiger Beetle.	under review		assigned to ENV Hearing FEBRUARY 10 1:00 p.m.
	HB 356	Forest Product Operators – Standards, Procedures, And Enforcement	Establishing an application process for a forest product operator's license; providing for the term of a forest product operator's license; establishing standards and requirements for a forest product operator license holder; repealing obsolete provisions of law governing inspections of woodlands and leases on woodlands for timber harvesting; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to suspend or revoke the license of a forest product operator under specified circumstances; etc.	under review		assigned to ENV No Hearing Scheduled
	HB 398 (text not available yet)	Environment – Oil And Gas Drilling – Wells	Reducing, from 1,000 feet to 500 feet, the distance from the boundary of a property from which gas or oil wells may be drilled for the production or underground storage of gas or oil; and adding a definition of "well".	under review		assigned to ENV No Hearing Scheduled
	HB 421 text not available yet	Department Of Agriculture – Advertising Agricultural Products As Locally Grown – Regulatory Authority	Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to adopt standards to regulate the use of the terms "locally grown" and "local" to advertise or identify an agricultural product; and prohibiting a person from advertising or identifying an agricultural product in violation of the standards.	under review		assigned to ENV No Hearing Scheduled