LEGISLATION

DRAFTING STRUCTURE
Sample First Reading File Bill

Legislative Request Number
(I.R.) (Initial Numeral Indicates the Year)

Cross-Filed Bill Number
(If Applicable)

FILE CODE

Prior Introduction (If Applicable)

Bill Number

Sponsor

First Reading and Committee Assignment

TITLED OF BILL

Short Title

Purpose Paragraph

Function Paragraph

Line Numbers

BODY OF BILL

Enacting Clause

Article of Code Affected

Section of Article Treated

Existing Text Appears in Lower Case

Text Proposed for Deletion from the Law (Appears in [Brackets])

Explanation of Symbology

SENATE BILL 3

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Size, Weight, and Load - Exemptions

FOR the purpose of exempting certain buses from certain provisions of the Maryland
Vehicle Law governing the size, weight, and load of vehicles; authorizing
certain vehicles exempted from the size, weight, and load provisions to be
operated only on highways designated by the Secretary of Transportation;
determining exemptions; and generally relating to exemptions from size, weight,
and load provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law

BY repealing and amending, with amendments,
Articles - Transportation
Section 24-101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(20XX Replacement Volume and 20XX Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

24-101. (a) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of
this subsection, the provisions of this subtitle governing size, weight, and load
applicability do not apply to:

(i) Fire apparatus;

(ii) Farm equipment temporarily moved on a highway; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Underlined] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
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New Text Proposed to be Added to the Law
(Appears in Bold, SMALL CAPS)

Effective Date Clause

[Scribbled text:] 1
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(S) (C) A vehicle [driver] OPERATED under the terms of a special
3 permit issued under this subsection ON
4 (iv) BUSES OWNED OR OPERATED BY A PUBLIC BODY
5 ENGAGED IN MASS TRANSIT.
6
(C) EXCEPT FOR FIRE APPARATUS, A VEHICLE THAT IS NOT IN
7 COMPLIANCE WITH THE SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD PROVISIONS OF THIS
8 SUBTITLE BUT IS EXCEPTED FROM THESE PROVISIONS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
9 MAY BE OPERATED ONLY ON HIGHWAYS DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY.
10
SECTION 5, AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
11 effect October 1, 20XX.
SENATE BILL 26

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ENROLLED BILL
— Finance/Health and Government Operations —

Introduced by Senator Forehand

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

Proofreader:

Proofreader:

Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

______ day of __________ at ______________ o'clock, _______M.

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President.

CHAPTER ______

1 AN ACT concerning

Health — Maryland Health Care Commission — Membership

2 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of members on the Maryland Health Care
Commission; altering the qualifications for membership on the Maryland Health Care Commission; establishing additional requirements for the
appointment of members to the Maryland Health Care Commission; and

3 generally relating to the membership of the Maryland Health Care Commission.

4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments.

5 Article — Health — General

6 Section 19–104

7 Annotated Code of Maryland

8 (2009 Replacement Volume)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
Strikethrough indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by
amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.
SENATE BILL 26

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article of Code Affected ➣ Article - Health - General

19-104. ➣ Section of Article Treated

(a) (1) The Commission shall consist of 16 members appointed by the
Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(2) (i) Of the 16 members, seven shall be individuals who do not
have any connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payer.

(ii) Of the remaining six members, only two shall be physicians
and only two shall be payers, as defined in § 19-132 of this article.

(2) OF THE 16 MEMBERS: Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment.

(i) NINE SHALL BE INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT HAVE ANY
CONNECTION WITH THE MANAGEMENT OR POLICY OF A HEALTH CARE
PROVIDER OR PAYER; AND

(ii) OF THE REMAINING SIX MEMBERS:

1. TWO SHALL BE PHYSICIANS; AND

2. TWO SHALL BE PAYORS, AS DEFINED IN § 19-132

OF THIS ARTICLE:

(b) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

(2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms
provided for members of the Commission on October 1, 1999.

(3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor
is appointed and qualifies.

(4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for
the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(5) The Governor may remove a member for neglect of duty,
incompetence, or misconduct.

(6) A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

(c) WHEN APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION, THE
GOVERNOR SHALL: Capitals indicate matter added to existing law.
Exhibit 3.4 – Model Enrolled Bill (continued)

SENATE BILL 26

(1) ASSURE THAT EACH COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF OVER 250,000 IS REPRESENTED BY AT LEAST ONE OF ITS RESIDENTS AS A MEMBER ON THE COMMISSION

(i) AT LEAST FIVE MEMBERS ARE RESIDENTS OF DIFFERENT COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF 300,000 OR MORE; AND

(ii) AT LEAST THREE MEMBERS ARE RESIDENTS OF DIFFERENT COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 300,000, OF WHICH AT LEAST:

1. ONE SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THE EASTERN SHORE;

2. ONE SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, GARRETT COUNTY, OR WASHINGTON COUNTY, CARROLL COUNTY, OR FREDERICK COUNTY; AND

3. ONE SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND; AND

(2) To the extent practicable, when appointing members to the Commission, the Governor shall assure geographic balance and promote racial, ethnic, and gender diversity in the Commission's membership.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

Effective Date Clause

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.

Approved:

_____________________________
Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.
How to Interpret Legislation:

Below is a description of bill drafting procedures that will assist you in your review and interpretation of the legislation; however, should you need further clarifications, please contact the Towson office:

❖ lower case indicates existing law.
❖ UPPER CASE indicates new text added to existing law
❖ [Brackets] indicate text deleted from existing law
❖ Underlining indicates new text amendments to the Bill
❖ Strike-out indicates text stricken from the Bill by amendment
❖ Italics indicate opposite Legislative Chamber or Conference Committee amendments

NOTE: On legislation that has been considered by both Chambers, several Bill drafting procedures may appear in combination; review carefully.
TYPES OF BILLS

Administration Bill
A bill introduced by the Speaker of the House or President of the Senate at the request of the Governor.

Bobtail Bill
Prohibited action which, if allowed, would change the purpose of a bill by striking every word following the words “A Bill”.

Budget Bill
A bill that consists of the Governor’s proposed operating budget for the State for the next fiscal year. The Budget Bill becomes law on approval by both chambers. The Governor’s signature is not required. The bill must be passed by both chambers seven days before the end of a session or the Governor must extend the session. (Art. III, Sec. 52(10), MD Constitution)

Capital Budget Bill
A general construction loan or bond bill that finances construction of State-owned buildings (“bricks and mortar”). This bill states the amount of State debt to be incurred and the projects to be funded. The Capital Budget Bill may not be acted on until the Budget Bill has been passed by the General Assembly.

Constitutional Amendment
A bill that amends the Maryland Constitution. A Constitutional Amendment requires a 3/5 vote in each chamber and approval by the voters at the next General Election.

Cross-filed Bill
An identical bill that is introduced in both chambers.

Departmental Bill
A bill introduced by a committee chairman at the request of a department of the Executive Branch of State government.

Emergency Bill
A bill that takes effect immediately upon the Governor’s approval. A bill marked as “emergency bill” must pass third reading with a 3/5 vote in each chamber.

Reintroduction Bill
A bill that was unsuccessful in a previous session and is reintroduced in the present session. In the upper left corner the bill is identified as a reintroduction.

Snake
A bill or provision that has a hidden purpose.