



## OUTLINE OF ISSUES FOR MARYLAND 2017 REGULAR SESSION

### OVERVIEW

- Divided Government
- Changes to General Assembly Membership & Committees
- Uncertainty over change in federal Administrations

### FY 2018 BUDGET

- Governor's proposed budget (operating + capital) \$43.5 billion – a 1.1% over FY 2017 budget
- Local Highway Funding – onetime award of \$53 million in capital grants to counties and municipals, split according to Highway User Revenue formula
- Flat funding for local health departments and police aid
- Education fully funded by State (\$ 6.4 billion for K-12, \$256 million for community colleges)
- Increases county funding requirement for State Department of Assessments and Taxation from 50 percent to 70 in FY 2018 and 90% for FY 2019 and after
- Environment and Program Open Space funding basically untouched
- Future Issues
  - State's structural deficit expected to climb back to \$1.2 billion by FY 2022
  - Capital budget at state's imposed spending affordability limits for next several years

### TRANSPORTATION

- MACo Initiative – Restoration of local highway user revenues to traditional 30% share (Local Infrastructure Fast Track for Maryland Act)
- Repeal of Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act of 2016 (Road Kill Bill Repeal) (HB 402/SB 307)

## LAND USE & ENVIRONMENT

- Governor Hogan Priorities
  - Clean Cars Act of 2017 (HB 406/SB 315)
  - Clean Water Commerce Act of 2017 (HB 417/SB 314)
  - Maryland Energy Innovation Institute (green energy) (HB 410/SB 313)
- MACo Legislative Initiative – Energy generation facility siting & local zoning
- Best Available Nitrogen Removal Technology (BAT) Septic Systems (HB 281/SB 266)
- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Phase II Permits (5 new counties + 8 municipalities proposed for Phase II MS4s)
- No Net Loss of Forests Mandate (SB 365)
- Other environmental community priorities
  - Banning natural gas hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”)
  - Reducing use of antibiotics on farms (Keep Antibiotics Effective Act)
  - Overriding Governor’s veto of last year’s Renewable Portfolio Standard legislation (Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act)

## OTHER ISSUES

- Ethics reform
- Paid leave
- Spending formula reform
- Procurement reform