



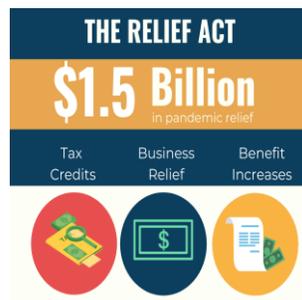
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A HUGE RELIEF, LEGISLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT UPDATES

Dear Friend,

As the Maryland General Assembly continues its 442nd Legislative Session, I want to provide you with some important updates in our efforts to support Marylanders.

Relief Act



What a relief! Many Marylanders continue to suffer financial hardships as a result of COVID-19. This week we took a historic step with the bipartisan passage of the Recovery for the Economy, Livelihoods, Industries, Entrepreneurs, and Families Act, AKA the RELIEF Act, which provides over \$1.5 billion in pandemic relief.

The RELIEF Act will infuse the State's economy with \$509 million in spending and provide over \$1 billion in tax relief and credits.

The Relief Act:

- prevents taxes on unemployment insurance payments;
- raises Maryland's earned income tax credit to the highest in the nation;

- provides up to \$9000 in sales tax savings for small businesses;
- provides \$100 million in grants for small businesses and non-profits;
- allocates \$85 million in utility relief;
- allocates \$22 million in disability assistance;
- allocates \$18 million in housing programs and legal assistance; and,
- provides immediate direct stimulus payments.

Protect Act - Veto Override - An important win in the fight against crime!



Reducing crime has been, and continues to be, my top priority. One thing I continuously say is that there is not just one solution to reducing crime. As a prosecutor in Baltimore City who has incarcerated many people, I believe more must be done.

Therefore, I sponsored the PROTECT Act - Public Resources Organizing to End Crime Together last session. This bill is established to maximize the use of State, local, and community resources to combat neighborhood decline in Baltimore City and throughout the State, support comprehensive strategies to reduce crime and fear in those communities, and ensure that Baltimore City Police Department sworn officers are utilized in direct public safety roles. This bill also allows State law enforcement agencies to have concurrent jurisdiction over I-83 and I-295.

The Governor vetoed this bill, and I am extremely proud to announce that we voted to override the Governor's veto, and the PROTECT Act will be law!

We must do more for victims of crimes committed by juveniles



Time and time again I hear from victims of violent crime committed by juveniles. These victims are kept in the dark and cannot get information about their case. We must no longer allow victims of violent crime, who are already suffering so much from being victimized, to be treated poorly and kept in the dark.

I therefore sponsored House Bill 672 – Juvenile Offense Database. This bill creates a database that provides a general description of any action, judicial or otherwise, taken in relation to a juvenile alleged to have committed an offense.

I had a hearing in the Judiciary committee on this bill last week and look forward to this bill passing and giving victims of crime much needed and warranted support.

Fixing the unemployment system



I continue to hear from my constituents daily for assistance with unemployment insurance. The system is broken and must be reformed! Thousands of Marylanders are still unable to get assistance because the State has been using an outdated, broken system that needs an overhaul.

We are working on an Unemployment Insurance Relief Package in the House of Delegates, which will help Marylanders who need it most, when they need it the most.

The package provides immediate and structural fixes that will help streamline the process and make the unemployment insurance system more efficient, including:

- modernizing the system to ensure that Marylanders can get the money they deserve;
- improving customer service;
- creating more accountability; and,
- planning for the next emergency.

**Ensuring rental properties are properly
registered & inspected**



In Baltimore City, all landlords are required to register their rental properties, and in order to get a registration, the landlords must inspect the properties, including lead paint inspection. The problem we see all too often in the city is landlords are not registering their properties and properly inspecting them, yet they are evicting tenants.

I therefore sponsored House Bill 523, Baltimore City - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Registration and License Information. This bill prevents a Judge from issuing a warrant for eviction unless the landlord has a proper license. This bill is very simply requiring landlords to do what they are supposed to do.

I had a hearing on this bill in the Judiciary committee this week and look forward to this bill passing both chambers and becoming law!

Thank you for allowing me to represent you and I look forward to continuing working hard this session on behalf of all Marylanders.

Sincerely,



Delegate Dalya Attar