

Recommended Positions on Bills of Importance to the City January 27, 2014

HB 2 Commonwealth Transportation Board; allocations within highway construction districts.

Patrons: Stolle, Knight and LaRock

Summary as introduced:

Allocations within highway construction districts. Provides that funding allocations for the Northern Virginia highway construction district and the Hampton Roads highway construction district be made by giving priority to the projects expected to provide the greatest congestion reduction relative to the cost of the project and that funding allocations for the seven other highway construction districts be made by giving priority to either (i) the projects expected to provide the greatest congestion reduction relative to the cost of the project or (ii) the projects that promote economic development and promote commerce and trade. The bill provides for the choice to be made by each locality within the seven highway construction districts and for each highway construction district to determine the majority choice and submit it to the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Allocations by the Board using the priorities in the bill will begin July 1, 2015.

11/18/13 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

01/21/14 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #4

01/23/14 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB2)

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 178 Virginia Retirement System; assumed rate of return on investments for employer contributions.

Patron: Farrell

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Retirement System; assumed rate of return on investments. Provides that if the General Assembly adopts an assumed rate of return on investments that is different from the rate used by the Board of the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) in determining employer contribution rates for contributions to VRS, the Board shall recalculate the employer contribution rate for each employer to incorporate the assumed rate of return adopted by the General Assembly. The Board is required to provide each employer with its adjusted employer contribution rate as soon as possible.

12/23/13 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

01/10/14 House: Assigned App. sub: Compensation and Retirement

01/13/14 House: Impact statement from VRS (HB178)

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 181 Virginia Retirement System; collection of overpayments to retirees and beneficiaries.

Patron: Farrell

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Retirement System; collection of overpayments to retirees and beneficiaries.

Prohibits VRS from collecting overpayments made to a retiree or beneficiary if the proximate cause of the overpayment was a computational error made by VRS or one of its employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, or contractors and the retiree or beneficiary could not reasonably have been expected to detect the error or overpayment. Under the bill, VRS would correct the error as soon as practicable in order that the amount legally due would be paid to the retiree or beneficiary on a going forward basis.

12/23/13 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

01/10/14 House: Assigned App. sub: Compensation and Retirement

01/23/14 House: Impact statement from VRS (HB181)

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 281 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; contracts.

Patron: Albo

Summary as introduced:

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority contracts. Prohibits the Authority from providing funds in support of a transportation-related project being undertaken with the District of Columbia or another state unless the Authority has first entered into a contract that provides for all costs of the project to be borne equally among the Authority and the District of Columbia or other state.

12/31/13 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

01/24/14 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #4

Notes: City position: work on amendments with patron so that the bill has no detrimental impact on NVTA and WMATA.

HB 293 Temporary detention; determining facility for individual.

Patron: Bell, Robert B.

Summary as introduced:

Determining facility of temporary detention. Provides that an individual for whom a temporary detention order is issued shall be detained in a state facility unless the state facility or an employee or designee of the community services board is able to identify an alternative facility that is able and willing to provide temporary detention. The bill directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish an acute care psychiatric bed registry that shall provide real-time information on the availability of beds in public and private psychiatric facilities and residential crisis stabilization units for individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention.

12/31/13 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/23/14 House: Assigned Courts sub: Mental Health

01/23/14 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB293)

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 296 Comprehensive plans; alignment of transportation infrastructure and facilities.

Patron: Villanueva

Summary as introduced:

Comprehensive plans; alignment of transportation services with accessible housing and other community services. Requires localities to take steps to align transportation infrastructure and facilities with affordable, accessible housing and community services when developing the

transportation component of the comprehensive plan for the physical development of the territory. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission.

01/22/14 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (97-Y 0-N)

01/23/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government

Notes: City position: support

HB 317 Prohibition on weapons at airport; exception for concealed handgun.

Patron: Berg

Summary as introduced:

Prohibition on weapons at airport; exception for concealed handgun. Provides that a person who holds a valid concealed handgun permit may lawfully possess or transport a concealed handgun into any air carrier airport terminal.

01/02/14 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

01/23/14 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB317)

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 340 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion Fund; moneys in Fund to be used by local governments, etc.

Patrons: Taylor, Marshall, D.W. and Miller

Summary as introduced:

Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion Fund. Allows moneys in the Fund to be used by local governments, local governmental agencies, and local school divisions.

01/24/14 House: Committee amendments agreed to

01/24/14 House: Engrossed by House as amended HB340E

Notes: City position: support

HB 478 Emergency custody orders; duration, extension.

Patron: Villanueva

Summary as introduced:

Emergency custody orders; duration; extension. Provides for a second two-hour extension of the time during which a person may be held pursuant to an emergency custody order.

01/06/14 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/09/14 House: Assigned Courts sub: Mental Health

01/23/14 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB478)

Notes: City position: support w/amendments

HB 499 Real property tax; nonjudicial sale of certain delinquent property.

Patron: Yost

Summary as introduced:

Real property tax; nonjudicial sale of certain delinquent property. Reduces the number of years of delinquency in payment of taxes from five years to three years before a locality may sell real property that (i) measures less than 4,000 square feet or (ii) is determined to be unsuitable for building.

01/23/14 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (97-Y 0-N)

01/24/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

Notes: City position: support

HB 558 State recordation taxes and fees; makes substantive and technical changes.

Patron: Minchew

Summary as introduced:

State recordation taxes and fees. Makes substantive and technical changes to state recordation taxes and fees, including defining the value of property for recordation tax purposes as the value determined by a licensed appraiser within the six months prior to the date of recordation, provided an affidavit is submitted to the clerk of the court stating, among other things, the name, state of licensing, and license number of the appraiser and stating the appraised value of the property as provided in the appraisal report. If no such appraisal was performed, then the value for recordation tax purposes would be the current assessed value of the property as shown on the local tax assessor's records. Under current law, the value for recordation tax purposes is the fair market value of the property at the time of recordation.

The bill allows the parties to a deed or other instrument to allocate the liability for recordation taxes as the parties deem appropriate.

01/06/14 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/17/14 House: Impact statement from TAX (HB558)

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 595 Criminal Justice Services, Department of; human trafficking policy.

Patrons: BaCote, Albo, Bell, Robert B., Brink, Bulova, Byron, Carr, Cline, Comstock, Cox, Dance, Filler-Corn, Futrell, Herring, Hester, Hope, Howell, A.T., James, Keam, Kilgore, Kory, Krupicka, Lewis, Lopez, Marshall, R.G., Mason, O'Bannon, Plum, Rasoul, Sickles, Simon, Spruill, Surovell, Torian, Toscano, Tyler, Villanueva, Ward and Watts

Summary as introduced:

Department of Criminal Justice Services; human trafficking policy. Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish compulsory training standards and publish and disseminate a model policy or guideline for law-enforcement personnel involved in criminal investigations or assigned to vehicle or street patrol duties to ensure that law-enforcement personnel are sensitive to and aware of human trafficking offenses and the identification of victims of human trafficking offenses.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/10/14 House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal

01/23/14 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB595)

Notes: City position: support

HB 614 Landlord and tenant law; energy submetering, local government fees.

Patron: Miller

Summary as introduced:

Landlord and tenant law; energy submetering; local government fees. Provides that in lieu of increasing the rent, the owner, manager, or operator of a commercial or residential building or campground may employ a program that utilizes a mathematical formula for allocating the actual or anticipated local government fees billed to the building or campground owner among the tenants in such building or campground. Such owner, manager, or operator of a commercial or residential building or campground may also charge and collect from each tenant additional service charges, including monthly billing fees, account set-up fees, or account move-out fees, to

cover the actual costs of administrative expenses for administration of such a program. If the building is residential and is subject to the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, such local government fees and administrative expenses shall be deemed to be rent. The bill defines the term "local government fees" as any local government charges or fees assessed against a commercial or residential building or campground for stormwater, recycling, trash collection, elevator testing, fire or life safety testing, or residential rental inspection programs.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

01/10/14 House: Assigned GL sub: Subcommittee #1

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 621 Emergency custody orders; successive two-hour extensions of an order up to maximum of 48 hours.

Patron: Mason

Summary as introduced:

Emergency custody orders; extensions. Provides for successive two-hour extensions of an emergency custody order, up to a maximum of 48 hours total.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/09/14 House: Assigned Courts sub: Mental Health

Notes: City position: support

HB 624 Protective orders; companion animals.

Patrons: Watts, Lopez and McClellan

Summary as introduced:

Protective orders. Provides that a court may include in a protective order provisions prohibiting harm to a companion animal.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/10/14 House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal

Notes: City position: support

HB 626 Highways systems; allocation of funds.

Patron: Watts

Summary as introduced:

Allocation of funds among highways systems. Eliminates required allocations of up to \$500 million per year for bridge reconstruction and rehabilitation, high priority projects, and smart roadway technology projects.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

01/10/14 House: Assigned App. sub: Transportation

Notes: City position: support

HB 633 Local fiscal impact bills; first day introduction.

Patron: Kilgore

Summary as introduced:

Local fiscal impact bills; first day introduction. Requires local fiscal impact bills to be introduced no later than the first day of the session.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Rules

Notes: City position: support

HB 685 Communications sales and use tax revenues; changes distribution.

Patron: Torian

Summary as introduced:

Distribution of communications sales and use tax revenues. Changes the distribution of communications sales and use tax revenues beginning with the month of August 2014 by providing that (i) first, each town would receive the same proportion of such revenues it received in fiscal year 2013-2014 and (ii) all of the remaining revenues would be distributed pro rata to those counties and cities that received a distribution in fiscal year 2013-2014, based upon the population of the county or city as shown by the most recent United States census. Currently, communications sales and use tax revenues are essentially distributed according to each locality's share of telecommunications and television cable funds (local consumer utility tax on landlines and wireless, E-911, business license tax in excess of 0.5 percent, cable franchise fee, video programming excise tax, local consumer utility tax on cable television) collected throughout the Commonwealth in fiscal year 2006.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/17/14 House: Impact statement from TAX (HB685)

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 709 Child abuse and neglect investigations; time for determination.

Patron: Gilbert

Summary as introduced:

Child abuse and neglect investigations; time for determination. Eliminates the option for extending investigations and determinations in cases of alleged child abuse or neglect from 45 days to 60 days upon written justification of the local department, but provides an exception for cases in which the local department of social services investigates the complaint in cooperation with the local law-enforcement agency, in which case the time for investigation and determination may be extended by an additional 45 days, for a period not to exceed 90 days.

01/23/14 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with substitute (22-Y 0-N)

01/24/14 House: Read first time

Notes: City position: support

HB 716 Trafficking in persons; penalties.

Patrons: McClellan and Watts

Summary as introduced:

Trafficking in persons; penalties. Creates new felonies for trafficking in persons for forced labor or sexual servitude and adds the new felonies as a predicate criminal act under the criminal gang statute, as racketeering crimes, and to the functions of a multijurisdiction grand jury, and also allows seizure and forfeiture of property used in committing such felonies. The new felonies and the existing felony of receiving money for procuring a person are added to the rape shield statute. The bill also makes sexual servitude an affirmative defense to the crime of prostitution and allows a petition for a child in need of services to be substituted for a delinquency petition for certain minors arrested for prostitution, disallows the release of certain victim information, specifies law-enforcement protocol for victims who may not be legally present, requires persons convicted of the new felonies to pay restitution that compensates for the victim's labor, and creates a civil action for trafficked persons. The Secretary of Public Safety is required to convene

an anti-trafficking committee and the Virginia Prevention of Human Trafficking Victim Fund is created, which will be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

otes: City position: support

HB 722 Methadone clinics; location near schools and day care centers, exemptions for existing facilities.

Patrons: McClellan and Peace

Summary as introduced:

Location of methadone clinics near schools and day care centers; exemptions for existing facilities and providers. Provides that licensed providers of methadone treatment that are exempt from restrictions regarding proximity to a school or day care center do not retain the exemption when relocating an existing facility or establishing a new facility.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

01/10/14 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB722)

01/17/14 House: Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #2

01/23/14 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 728 Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act; discriminatory and retaliatory action.

Patron: Lingamfelter

Summary as introduced:

Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act; discriminatory and retaliatory action against whistle blower; remedies. Provides that a whistle blower may bring a civil action for violation of discriminatory and retaliatory action provisions of the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act. The bill provides that in a proceeding commenced against any employer, if the court finds that a violation was willfully and knowingly made, it shall impose on the officer, employee, or member in his individual capacity a civil penalty of not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,500. The bill also establishes a three-year statute of limitations and authorizes the court to order other appropriate remedies.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/10/14 House: Assigned Courts sub: Civil

01/23/14 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB728)

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 736 Concealed handgun permits, lifetime; Department of State Police to issue, penalty.

Patrons: Lingamfelter, Wilt, Fariss and Poindexter

Summary as introduced:

Lifetime concealed handgun permits; Department of State Police to issue; penalty. Provides for the issuance of concealed handgun permits that do not expire to Virginia residents upon payment of a one-time fee of \$100, except that the fee for a person currently holding an unexpired permit is \$50. Currently, the fee for issuing such permits is \$50, and the permits must be renewed every five years with an additional \$50 fee charged each time. Such lifetime permits will include a photograph of the permittee.

The bill also centralizes the issuance of concealed handgun permits with the Department of State Police, instead of current law which provides that the circuit court clerk for the jurisdiction where the applicant resides issues such permits. The Department of State Police must issue a permit within 45 business days of receipt of a completed application, unless the applicant is disqualified, and a replacement permit within 30 business days of receipt of a notarized statement from the permittee that the permit was lost or stolen. Permittees must notify the Department of State Police within 30 business days of any change in their address. The bill also requires the Department of State Police to conduct periodic background checks during the lifetime of any permit issued in the Commonwealth. The bill provides for a process by which a person whose permit application was denied or whose permit was revoked may appeal such determination. The Department of State Police will submit a report containing statistical information regarding the issuance of concealed handgun permits annually to the General Assembly.

07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

01/10/14 House: Impact statement from VCSC (HB736)

01/14/14 House: Assigned MPPS sub: Subcommittee #1

01/23/14 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB736)

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 772 Real property tax liens; assignment to third party.

Patron: Habeeb

Summary as introduced:

Real property tax liens. Provides that if a taxpayer agrees, a third party who pays the delinquent taxes due on the taxpayer's real property may be assigned the tax lien on the property.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/26/14 House: Impact statement from TAX (HB772)

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 778 School boards; administration of student surveys and questionnaires.

Patron: Wilt

Summary as introduced:

School boards; administration of student surveys and questionnaires. Prohibits school boards from administering surveys and questionnaires requesting of students (i) sexual information, (ii) mental health information, (iii) medical information, (iv) information on student health risk behaviors, (v) information on controlled substance use, or (vi) other information that the school board deems to be sensitive in nature without written, informed parental consent for the student's participation.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/17/14 House: Assigned Education sub: Elementary and Secondary Education

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 780 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program; distribution of benefits, restrictions.

Patron: Wilt

Summary as introduced:

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program; distribution of benefits;

restrictions. Provides that the Department of Social Services shall distribute TANF benefits only through electronic benefit cards or direct deposits, and that all TANF electronic benefit cards shall be limited to the TANF Program and conspicuously indicate that they are issued for the purpose of redeeming TANF benefits. The bill expands restrictions on the use of TANF cash benefits and prohibits persons from accepting TANF benefits in exchange for any restricted item or service.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

01/17/14 House: Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #1

Notes: City position: support

HB 852 State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families; application.

Patron: Gilbert (by request)

Summary as introduced:

State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families; application of the Administrative Process Act. Provides that the State Executive Council in exercising certain powers and duties is subject to the Administrative Process Act.

01/08/14 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

01/17/14 House: Assigned GL sub: Subcommittee #4

Notes: City position: support

HB 878 Firearms, certain; certification by chief law-enforcement officer within 30 days of request.

Patron: LaRock

Summary as introduced:

Law-enforcement certification of certain firearms. Requires that when certification of a chief law-enforcement officer is required by federal law for transfer of a firearm, as defined in the National Firearms Act, such certification must be provided within 15 days if the applicant is not prohibited by law from receiving the firearm. The definition of "firearm" includes machine guns, rifles and shotguns of a certain length, weapons made from certain rifles or shotguns, silencers, and destructive devices.

01/22/14 House: Read third time and passed House (64-Y 32-N)

01/23/14 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB878)

01/23/14 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 879 Electric utility regulation; net energy metering by municipalities, etc.

Patrons: Yost and Simon

Summary as introduced:

Net energy metering by municipalities and multifamily customer-generators. Authorizes municipal renewable energy net metering projects. Participating municipalities are authorized to aggregate the electric energy load of their governmental buildings, facilities, and any other governmental operations requiring the consumption of electric energy for the purpose of net energy metering from a renewable energy generating facility. To be eligible, the generation facility for the municipal renewable energy net metering project shall use as its sole energy source solar power, wind power, or aerobic or anaerobic digester gas and landfill gas; not have

an aggregate generation capacity of more than five megawatts unless a utility elects a higher capacity; be located on land owned or controlled by the municipality; be interconnected and operated in parallel with an electric utility's transmission and distribution facilities; and be used primarily to provide energy to metered accounts of the municipality. The aggregated municipal net metered accounts may be served by multiple meters. The aggregated load shall be served under the appropriate rate schedules. The measure also requires the State Corporation Commission, by July 1, 2015, to establish a program of multifamily net energy metering, which will allow a customer or customers that operate a renewable energy generating facility in a condominium, apartment complex, neighborhood, or homeowners association served by a common distribution circuit to be an eligible multifamily net metering customer-generator. The generation facility for multifamily net metering shall use as its total source of fuel renewable energy; not have an aggregate generation capacity of more than 500 kilowatts; be located on land owned or controlled by the eligible condominium, apartment complex, or homeowners association or on customers' property within the condominium, apartment complex, neighborhood, or homeowners association; be interconnected and operated in parallel with an electric utility's transmission and distribution facilities; and be used primarily to provide energy to metered accounts of the eligible multifamily net metering customer-generator. Eligible multifamily net metering customer-generators are exempt from the monthly standby charge assessed on other eligible customer-generators.

01/08/14 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/15/14 House: Assigned C & L sub: Special Subcommittee on Energy

01/23/14 House: Impact statement from SCC (HB879)

Notes: City position: support

HB 890 Social worker; family-services specialists & qualified equivalent workers allowed to perform tasks.

Patrons: Peace and Toscano

Summary as introduced:

Social worker. Allows family-services specialists and qualified equivalent workers to perform tasks previously limited to social workers. The bill expands the authority of the Adult Protective Services Unit to establish minimum standards of training and educational opportunities for all workers in the field of adult protective services, which minimum standards currently apply to social workers. The bill changes the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) employment requirement for a baccalaureate degree from "social work" positions to "family-services-specialist" positions. The bill adds family-services specialists to the list of individuals required to report suspicions of child abuse or neglect. The bill contains an emergency clause.

01/08/14 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

01/17/14 House: Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #3

01/22/14 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (5-Y 0-N)

Notes: City position: support

HB 920 Highway systems; funding.

Patron: Sickles

Summary as introduced:

Funding among highway systems. Advances from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2014, the expiration date of the annual allocation that can be made by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

01/08/14 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

01/23/14 House: Referred from Transportation

01/23/14 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Notes: City position: support

HB 962 Concealed handgun; carrying in a secured container or compartment in vehicle.

Patrons: Cline and Fariss

Summary as introduced:

Carrying concealed handgun; secured container or compartment in vehicle. Provides that for purposes of the exception to the prohibition against carrying a concealed weapon in a secured container or compartment in a personal, private motor vehicle or vessel, the term "compartment" includes a console, glove compartment, or any other area within or on the vehicle or vessel that possesses the ability to be closed. The bill also provides that the term "secured" does not require that a container or compartment be locked, but merely closed.

01/22/14 House: Read third time and passed House (70-Y 27-N)

01/23/14 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 972 Protective orders; companion animals.

Patrons: Cline, Comstock, Lopez and Rust

Summary as introduced:

Protective orders; companion animals. Provides that a court may include in a protective order provisions granting to the petitioner the care, custody, and control of an animal jointly owned, possessed, or cared for by (i) the petitioner and the respondent or (ii) a child residing in the petitioner's household and the respondent.

01/08/14 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/10/14 House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal

Notes: City position: support

HB 979 Businesses, certain; local limitations on number.

Patron: Surovell

Summary as introduced:

Local limitations on number of certain businesses. Provides that a locality may by ordinance reasonably limit the number of motor vehicle title loan businesses, payday lenders, check cashers, and precious metals dealers that may be operated at any one time within its territorial limits. The ordinance may limit the number of such establishments based on a specific number of businesses per magisterial or election district or by limiting the number of such businesses within an established radius.

01/08/14 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Notes: City position: support

HB 992 Firearms; prohibited in libraries owned or operated by localities.

Patrons: BaCote and Simon

Summary as introduced:

Control of firearms; libraries owned or operated by localities. Allows a locality to adopt an ordinance that prohibits firearms, ammunition, or components, or a combination thereof, in libraries owned or operated by the locality.

01/08/14 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

01/14/14 House: Assigned MPPS sub: Subcommittee #1

Notes: City position: support

HB 994 Human trafficking; penalties.

Patrons: Comstock and Simon

Summary as introduced:

Human trafficking; penalties. Creates new felonies for trafficking in persons for forced labor or sexual servitude. The bill adds definitions of coercion, commercial sexual activity, debt bondage, and serious harm.

01/08/14 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Notes: City position: support

HB 1000 Real property tax; exemption for certain elderly and disabled.

Patron: Minchew

Summary as introduced:

Real property tax exemption; elderly and disabled.

01/08/14 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/20/14 House: Impact statement from TAX (HB1000)

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 1010 Emergency medical services providers; certification.

Patron: Byron

Summary as introduced:

Emergency medical services providers; certification. Provides that regulations of the Board of Health governing qualifications for certification of emergency medical services providers shall require no more than 40 hours of classroom instruction for certification of an emergency medical services provider as an emergency medical responder or emergency medical services first responder and no more than 80 hours of classroom instruction for certification of an emergency medical services provider as an emergency medical technician.

01/08/14 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

01/17/14 House: Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #3

01/23/14 House: Impact statement from VDH (HB1010)

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 1017 Workers' compensation; cost and payment for medical services.

Patrons: Kilgore and Campbell

Summary as introduced:

Workers' compensation; payment for medical services. Limits the liability of an employer for medical treatment provided to an injured person that is rendered by a nurse practitioner or physician assistant serving as an assistant-at-surgery to no more than 20 percent of the charge of the physician performing the surgery. The measure requires multiple procedures associated with medical, surgical, and hospital services rendered on or after July 1, 2014, to be coded and billed with appropriate CPT modifiers and paid according to the National Correct Coding Initiative rules. The measure also (i) establishes prompt payment requirements with respect to health care services provided under the Workers' Compensation Act; (ii) prohibits an employer or insurer from seeking recovery of a payment made to a health care provider for health care services rendered after July 1, 2014, absent fraud, unless recovery is sought less than one year from the date payment was made; and (iii) prohibits a health care provider from submitting a claim to the Workers' Compensation Commission contesting the sufficiency of payment for health care services rendered to a claimant on or after July 1, 2014, unless such claim is filed within one year from the date of service for which payment is sought, the date the employer or insurer notifies the provider that payment is denied, or the last date payment was made, whichever occurs last.

01/08/14 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/15/14 House: Assigned C & L sub: Special Workers Comp

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 1026 Check cashers; recordkeeping requirements, civil penalty.

Patrons: Ingram and Dance

Summary as introduced:

Check cashers; recordkeeping requirements; civil penalty. Requires each registered check casher to make copies of each item cashed and the customer's identification document prior to cashing the item. Records for each transaction are required to be retained for one year and made available to law-enforcement officials. A violation of these requirements is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed \$100.

01/08/14 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/15/14 House: Assigned C & L sub: Subcommittee #1

Notes: City position: support

HB 1048 Highway systems; funding.

Patron: Rust (by request)

Summary as introduced:

Funding among highway systems. Includes primary state highway system extensions, the part of the primary highway that runs through a city or town, in the list of highways that receive the 25 percent for reconstruction of deteriorated highways of the amount allocated each year by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

01/08/14 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

01/17/14 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #4

01/23/14 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (6-Y 0-N)

Notes: City position: support

HB 1058 Workers' compensation; payments for medical services, liability of employer.

Patron: Kilgore

Summary as introduced:

Workers' compensation; payments for medical services. Requires that, for health care services rendered to a workers' compensation claimant on or after July 1, 2014, (i) the charge master used by a health care provider shall be the same charge master used by a health care provider when providing health care services to patients other than claimants; (ii) the pecuniary liability of the employer for treatment rendered by an assistant-at-surgery will be limited to those services as coded and billed consistent with the then current Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value file; and (iii) multiple procedures shall be coded and billed as agreed upon by a work group composed of subject matter experts. The measure also establishes (a) a procedure for advanced authorization for medical treatment and testing of an injured employee when requested by the provider; (b) prompt payment requirements; and (c) a two-year limitations period on a health care provider's submission of claims contesting the sufficiency of payment for services rendered on or after July 1, 2014.

01/08/14 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/15/14 House: Assigned C & L sub: Special Workers Comp

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 1067 Animal shelters; definitions.

Patron: Orrock

Summary as introduced:

Animal shelters; definitions. Substitutes the terms "private animal shelter" for "animal shelter" and "public animal shelter" for "pound." The bill also amends the definitions of "animal shelter" and "home-based rescue."

01/22/14 House: Reported from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources with amendments (22-Y 0-N)

01/24/14 House: Passed by for the day

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 1100 CTB Six-Year Improvement Program; requirements.

Patrons: Yancey and LaRock

Summary as introduced:

CTB Six-Year Improvement Program. Requires that the Commonwealth Transportation Board's Six-Year Improvement Program give priority to either projects that are expected to provide the greatest congestion reduction relative to the cost of the project or projects that promote economic development and promote commerce and trade within the highway construction district where they are located.

01/10/14 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 1113 Adoption; person other than spouse of a parent may adopt child.

Patrons: Yost, Carr, Helsel, Kory, Rasoul, Rust and Surovell

Summary as introduced:

Adoption by person other than spouse of a parent. Provides that a person other than the

spouse of a parent may adopt a child if the child has only one parent, the adoption would not terminate the parental rights of the parent, and the parent joins in the petition for the purpose of indicating his consent.

01/13/14 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/16/14 House: Assigned Courts sub: Civil Law

Notes: City position: support

HB 1118 Firearms; criminal background check for transfer, exemption for holders of concealed permits.

Patrons: Wilt, Lingamfelter and Fariss

Summary as introduced:

Criminal background check for transfer of firearms; exemption for holders of concealed handgun permits. Provides that a licensed firearms dealer does not have to have a criminal background check performed to determine a person's eligibility to purchase a firearm if the purchaser possesses a valid concealed handgun permit and presents a photo-ID issued by an agency of the Commonwealth or the Department of Defense.

01/13/14 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

01/14/14 House: Assigned MPPS sub: Subcommittee #1

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 1125 Temporary detention; time during which a person may be held, 72 hours notice to leave facility.

Patron: Ingram

Summary as introduced:

Temporary detention; time during which a person may be held. Provides that a person held pursuant to a temporary detention order shall be held for at least 24 hours but no more than 72 hours. Currently, a person may be held pursuant to a temporary detention order for up to 48 hours.

01/13/14 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/16/14 House: Assigned Courts sub: Mental Health

01/23/14 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1125)

Notes: City position: support

HB 1153 Real property tax; assessments, appeal to court.

Patron: Pogge

Summary as introduced:

Real property tax assessments; appeal to court. Permits courts to grant reasonable attorney fees to taxpayers who prevail in appeals of real property tax assessments on residential property.

01/14/14 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/17/14 House: Assigned Courts sub: Civil Law

01/19/14 House: Impact statement from TAX (HB1153)

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 1159 Political contributions; prohibitions during procurement process.

Patron: Rasoul

Summary as introduced:

Political contributions; prohibitions during procurement process. Includes the mayor or chief executive officer of a locality, school superintendent, and any member of a local governing body, planning commission, or school board in the current prohibition against knowingly soliciting or accepting a contribution, gift, or other item with a value greater than \$50 from any bidder, offeror, or private entity who has submitted a bid or proposal pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act, the Public-Private Transportation Act, or the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act during the bidding period. The restrictions only apply if the stated or expected value of the contract is \$5 million or more and do not apply to contracts awarded as the result of competitive sealed bidding. Furthermore, no bidder, offeror, or private entity who has submitted a bid or proposal under such acts shall offer or promise to make such a gift to the mayor or chief executive officer of a locality, school superintendent, or any member of a local governing body, planning commission, or school board. Any violation shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$500 or up to two times the amount of the contribution or gift, whichever is greater.

01/15/14 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/21/14 House: Assigned Courts sub: Ethics

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 1219 Unconstitutional acts and ultra vires enforcement by localities; remedies.

Patron: Marshall, R.G.

Summary as introduced:

Unconstitutional acts and ultra vires enforcement by localities. Provides that any zoning ordinance of a locality that violates or unreasonably restricts the free exercise of rights guaranteed under the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Virginia shall be null and void and shall constitute a violation. Any enforcement by a locality of such ordinance shall be deemed a violation. In any litigation in which the constitutionality of a zoning ordinance or its enforcement is at issue, the ordinance shall not be given a presumption of constitutionality or presumption of validity. In any litigation involving a challenge under this statute, the burden of establishing compliance with the statute shall be on the locality. Any locality that violates the statute shall be liable to aggrieved persons in amounts equal to the fines and penalties that the locality seeks to impose on such aggrieved persons, plus actual damages including reasonable attorney fees. Any locality that willfully violates this statute, or whose interpretation or enforcement of ordinances willfully operates in violation of this statute, shall be liable to the aggrieved person for treble damages, plus reasonable attorney fees. Any official or employee of a locality that willfully violates this statute, or whose interpretation or enforcement of duties willfully operates in violation of the statute, may be personally liable to aggrieved persons in the amount equal to the fines and penalties that such official or employee seeks or sought to impose on such aggrieved persons plus actual damages and attorney fees. The Attorney General of Virginia shall establish a procedure whereby persons, including officials and employees of localities, may report violations. No locality may take disciplinary action against any official or employee for reporting such violations. The Attorney General (i) shall have authority to institute

legal proceedings in the courts of the respective locality and (ii) may intervene in any proceeding to enforce this statute against any locality.

01/17/14 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 1226 Stalking; penalty.

Patron: Rasoul

Summary as introduced:

Stalking; penalty.

01/17/14 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Notes: City position: support

HB 1254 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; use of revenues.

Patron: Marshall, R.G.

Summary as introduced:

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. Places limitations and conditions on funding by the Authority of mass transit and highway projects to ensure comparative analysis of project costs and benefits.

01/17/14 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

01/23/14 House: Assigned App. sub: Transportation

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 1269 Government Data Collection & Dissemination Practices Act; collection & use of personal information.

Patron: Anderson

Summary as introduced:

Passive collection and use of personal information by law enforcement agencies.

01/17/14 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

Notes: City position: oppose

SB 109 Health insurance; credit for certain retired employees.

Patron: Stanley

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Retirement System; health insurance credit. Increases the monthly health insurance credit for retired local government employees, local officers, general registrars, employees of a general registrar, and employees of local social services boards from \$1.50 per year of creditable service with a cap of \$45, to \$4 per year of creditable service, with no cap.

12/27/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

Notes: City position: oppose

SB 117 Methadone clinics; location near schools and day care centers, exemptions for existing facilities.

Patron: Watkins

Summary as introduced:

Location of methadone clinics near schools and day care centers; exemptions for existing facilities and providers. Provides that licensed providers of methadone treatment that are

exempt from restrictions regarding proximity to a school or day care center do not retain the exemption when relocating an existing facility or establishing a new facility.

01/21/14 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N)

01/24/14 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Notes: City position: oppose

SB 188 State and local employees; deferred compensation plans.

Patron: McDougale

Summary as introduced:

Deferred compensation plans for state and local employees. Authorizes the inclusion of a Roth contribution program in deferred compensation retirement plans for state and local government employees beginning July 1, 2015.

01/02/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

Notes: City position: support

SB 193 Emergency custody; extends time that person may be held.

Patron: Black

Summary as introduced:

Emergency custody; time limit. Extends the time that a person may be held pursuant to an emergency custody order to 24 hours. Currently, a person may be held pursuant to an emergency custody order for up to four hours, with an additional two-hour extension available upon a finding by a magistrate that good cause exists for an extension.

01/02/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/14/14 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Mental Health

Notes: City position: support

SB 200 Temporary detention order; facility of detention.

Patron: Howell

Summary as introduced:

Temporary detention order; facility of detention. Provides that in cases in which a facility for temporary detention has not been identified prior to the running of the time for emergency custody, the magistrate shall issue the temporary detention order if the person meets the criteria for temporary detention and the community services board certifies that it will continue to make good faith efforts to identify the facility of temporary detention until such time as a facility is identified or the temporary detention order expires for lack of execution.

01/03/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/14/14 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Mental Health

Notes: City position: support

SB 260 Emergency custody; extends time that person may be held pursuant to custody order to 24 hours.

Patrons: Deeds; Delegate: Plum

Summary as introduced:

Emergency custody; time limit. Extends the time that a person may be held pursuant to an emergency custody order to 24 hours. Currently, a person may be held for up to four hours, with

an additional two-hour extension available upon a finding by a magistrate that good cause exists for an extension.

01/03/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/14/14 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Mental Health

Notes: City position: support

SB 331 Investigation of cases involving alleged sexual abuse of a child; qualifications of investigator.

Patron: Howell

Summary as introduced:

Investigation of cases involving alleged sexual abuse of a child; qualifications of investigator. Prohibits any individual who has not previously participated in investigations of alleged abuse or neglect of a child from participating in investigations of cases of alleged sexual abuse of a child unless he has completed a training program for investigation of cases involving alleged sexual abuse of a child or is directly supervised by a person who has completed such training. The bill also prohibits individuals who have not completed training for investigation of cases involving alleged sexual abuse of a child from making dispositional findings in such cases.

01/06/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

01/24/14 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services (12-Y 0-N)

Notes: City position: support

SB 332 Suspected abuse or neglect of a child; reports to law enforcement.

Patron: Howell

Summary as introduced:

Suspected abuse or neglect of a child; reports to law enforcement. Requires the local department of social services to complete a written report on a form provided by the Board of Social Services for such purpose for each case in which a local law-enforcement agency is notified of a case of suspected child abuse or neglect.

01/06/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

01/24/14 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services (12-Y 0-N)

Notes: City position: oppose

SB 343 Statewide Fire Prevention Code; use of consumer-grade fireworks.

Patron: Garrett

Summary as introduced:

Statewide Fire Prevention Code; State Fire Marshal; consumer grade fireworks. Authorizes the use of consumer-grade fireworks in the Commonwealth. The bill defines "consumer fireworks" as small fireworks devices containing restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion and complying with certain federal regulations regarding composition and labeling. The bill also defines "display fireworks" and "restricted consumer fireworks."

01/24/14 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (35-Y 2-N)

Notes: City position: support

SB 350 Net energy metering by municipalities & multifamily customer-generators; projects authorized.

Patrons: Edwards; Delegate: Rasoul

Summary as introduced:

Net energy metering by municipalities and multifamily customer-generators. Authorizes municipal renewable energy net metering projects. Participating municipalities are authorized to aggregate the electric energy load of their governmental buildings, facilities, and any other governmental operations requiring the consumption of electric energy for the purpose of net energy metering from a renewable energy generating facility. To be eligible, the generation facility for the municipal renewable energy net metering project shall use as its sole energy source solar power, wind power, or aerobic or anaerobic digester gas and landfill gas; not have an aggregate generation capacity of more than five megawatts unless a utility elects a higher capacity; be located on land owned or controlled by the municipality; be interconnected and operated in parallel with an electric utility's transmission and distribution facilities; and be used primarily to provide energy to metered accounts of the municipality. The aggregated municipal net metered accounts may be served by multiple meters. The aggregated load shall be served under the appropriate rate schedules. The measure also requires the State Corporation Commission, by July 1, 2015, to establish a program of multifamily net energy metering, which will allow a customer or customers that operate a renewable energy generating facility in a condominium, apartment complex, neighborhood, or homeowners association served by a common distribution circuit to be an eligible multifamily net metering customer-generator. The generation facility for multifamily net metering shall use as its total source of fuel renewable energy; not have an aggregate generation capacity of more than 500 kilowatts; be located on land owned or controlled by the eligible condominium, apartment complex, or homeowners association or on customers' property within the condominium, apartment complex, neighborhood, or homeowners association; be interconnected and operated in parallel with an electric utility's transmission and distribution facilities; and be used primarily to provide energy to metered accounts of the eligible multifamily net metering customer-generator. Eligible multifamily net metering customer-generators are exempt from the monthly standby charge assessed on other eligible customer-generators.

01/07/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Notes: City position: support

SB 370 Emergency custody & temporary detention; extends time person may be held pursuant to custody order.

Patron: Favola

Summary as introduced:

Emergency custody and temporary detention. Extends the time that a person may be held pursuant to an emergency custody order to 12 hours. Currently, a person may be held for up to four hours, with an additional two-hour extension available upon a finding by a magistrate that good cause exists for an extension. The bill also provides that an individual for whom a temporary detention order is issued shall be detained in a state facility unless the state facility or an employee or designee of the community services board is able to identify an alternative facility that is able and willing to provide temporary detention.

01/07/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/14/14 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Mental Health

Notes: City position: support

SB 374 Neighborhood revitalization; locality may adopt program to establish, etc.

Patron: Marsh

Summary as introduced:

Neighborhood revitalization. Provides that a locality may by ordinance adopt a program to establish and impose an annual blighted property assessment fee on real properties that have remained vacant for 1 year or longer if the property has been permitted by the owner to deteriorate to the extent that it has become detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare of the locality or surrounding area and has contributed to the reduction of nearby property values.

01/07/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government

Notes: City position: support

SB 420 Virginia Retirement System; impact statements.

Patron: Hanger

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Retirement System; impact statements. Requires VRS impact statements to detail the financial impact of a proposed bill on members and beneficiaries.

01/17/14 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N)

01/23/14 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Notes: City position: support

SB 424 Temporary detention; time during which a person may be held, 72 hours notice to leave facility.

Patron: Hanger

Summary as introduced:

Temporary detention; time during which a person may be held. Provides that a person held pursuant to a temporary detention order shall be held for at least 24 hours but no more than 72 hours. Currently, a person may be held for up to 48 hours.

01/07/14 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/23/14 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB424)

Notes: City position: support

SB 426 State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families; regulations.

Patrons: Hanger and Edwards

Summary as introduced:

State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families; regulations. Provides that the State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families may promulgate regulations necessary to carry out its powers and duties.

01/13/14 Senate: Rereferred to Rehabilitation and Social Services

Notes: City position: support

SB 428 Personal property tax; localities authorized to tax telephone and telegraph companies.

Patrons: Hanger and Vogel

Summary as introduced:

Personal property tax; telephone and telegraph companies. Authorizes localities to tax the personal property of telephone and telegraph companies not used in furnishing telegraph, telephone, broadband personal, or mobile commercial communication services, at the applicable personal property rate. Under current law, all personal property of telegraph and telephone companies must be taxed at the locality's real property tax rate. The bill also requires telephone and telegraph companies to include in their annual report to the State Corporation Commission separate listings of property according to whether or not it is used in furnishing telegraph, telephone, broadband personal, or mobile commercial communication services.

01/07/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/23/14 Senate: Impact statement from SCC (SB428)

Notes: City position: support

SB 453 Human trafficking; penalties.

Patron: Obenshain

Summary as introduced:

Human trafficking; penalties. Creates new felonies for trafficking in persons for forced labor or sexual servitude. The bill adds definitions of coercion, commercial sexual activity, debt bondage, and serious harm.

01/07/14 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Notes: City position: support

SB 472 Legal notices; advertisement by localities.

Patron: Smith

Summary as introduced:

Advertisement of legal notices by localities. Allows localities to meet certain notice requirements by utilizing their websites, radio, or television rather than being limited to a newspaper of general circulation.

01/08/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government

Notes: City position: support

SB 480 Real property tax; notice of assessment.

Patron: Norment

Summary as introduced:

Real property tax; notice of assessment. Requires every notice of assessment to set forth (i) the new and prior two appraised values of land and appraised value of improvements, and the assessed values of such if different from the appraised values; (ii) the new tax rate and the rates for the prior two tax years; (iii) the total new tax levy and the tax levies for the prior two years; and (iv) the percentage changes in such levies. Under current law, such information is required for the current year and the prior year.

01/24/14 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (37-Y 0-N)

Notes: City position: oppose

SB 483 Real property tax liens; assignment to third party.

Patron: Stuart

Summary as introduced:

Real property tax liens. Provides that if a taxpayer agrees, a third party who pays the delinquent taxes due on the taxpayer's real property may be assigned the tax lien on the property.

01/08/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

Notes: City position: oppose

SB 493 Line of Duty Act; funding and review.

Patron: Puckett

Summary as introduced:

Line of Duty Act; funding and review. Creates a Line of Duty Death and Health Benefits Fund and provides for the funding of Line of Duty claims. The bill also establishes an advisory review board to assist the Comptroller in the review of claims involving a claimant who has not received a disability determination from the Virginia Retirement System, Social Security Administration, Workers' Compensation Commission, or any recognized retirement system or who is, as of the time the claim for benefits had been filed, working in an alternative position.

01/21/14 Senate: Incorporated by Finance (SB289-Carrico) (15-Y 0-N)

01/23/14 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB493)

Notes: City position: oppose

SB 495 Conservators of the peace, special; various changes to laws providing for appointment.

Patron: Norment

Summary as introduced:

Special conservators of the peace. Makes various changes to the laws providing for the appointment of special conservators of the peace, including (i) requiring the Criminal Justice Services Board to establish graduated training standards for special conservators; (ii) removing the limits on the number of hours the Board is able to require for training; (iii) specifying that applications for appointments of special conservators shall be submitted on forms developed by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) in consultation with the Supreme Court of Virginia; (iv) disallowing persons who have registered on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry from registering as special conservators; (v) requiring all applicants to register with DCJS, regardless of a person's standing as a law-enforcement officer; (vi) requiring the employer of a special conservator to notify DCJS and the circuit court within 30 days after a person employed as a special conservator has left his position; (vii) requiring the order of appointment to specify the geographic location in which the special conservator will serve; (viii) as of October 1, 2014, disallowing special conservators from using the seal of the Commonwealth or the word "police" on any uniform, badge, credential, or vehicle; and (ix) providing that the circuit court shall retain jurisdiction for four years over any appointment order and may revoke such appointment for good cause.

01/08/14 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Notes: City position: support

SB 510 Firearms; possession following conviction of certain crimes.

Patrons: Favola; Delegate: Simon

Summary as introduced:

Possession of firearms following conviction of certain crimes; penalty. Prohibits any person who is convicted of stalking, sexual battery, or assault and battery of a family member involving the use of force from possessing, transporting, or carrying a firearm or any other weapon for a period of five years following his conviction. A violation would constitute a Class 6 felony. The bill also provides for the forfeiture of any weapon possessed, transported, or carried in violation of the prohibition. Finally, the bill provides for a process by which a violator may petition the circuit court for a reinstatement of his rights to possess, transport, or carry a weapon.

01/13/14 Senate: Referred to Courts of Justice

Notes: City position: support

SB 518 Highway systems; funding.

Patron: Wagner

Summary as introduced:

Funding among highway systems. Includes primary state highway system extensions, the part of the primary highway that runs through a city or town, in the list of highways that receive the 25 percent for reconstruction of deteriorated highways of the amount allocated each year by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

01/21/14 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (36-Y 1-N)

01/24/14 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

Notes: City position: support

SB 523 Local fiscal impact bills; first day introduction.

Patrons: Ruff and Hanger

Summary as introduced:

Local fiscal impact bills; first day introduction. Requires local fiscal impact bills to be introduced no later than the first day of the session.

01/08/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules

Notes: City position: support

SB 528 Warrants; issuance by magistrate for arrest of certain persons.

Patron: Stuart

Summary as introduced:

Issuance of warrants by magistrates. Requires a magistrate to receive the results of a law-enforcement investigation prior to issuing a misdemeanor arrest warrant where the accused is an elected official, judge, magistrate, law-enforcement officer, public school teacher, firefighter, or court employee and the alleged offense is directly related to his employment or service and the complainant is not a law-enforcement officer or animal control officer.

01/08/14 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Notes: City position: oppose

SB 533 Statewide Fire Prevention Code; redefines permissible fireworks.

Patron: Stuart

Summary as introduced:

Statewide Fire Prevention Code; permissible fireworks. Redefines “permissible fireworks” in Virginia. Under the bill, "permissible fireworks" means any small fireworks device designed to produce visible effects by combustion and that complies with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. "Permissible fireworks" also includes whistling devices, ground devices containing 50 mg or less of explosive materials, and aerial devices containing 130 mg or less of explosive materials.

01/08/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Notes: City position: oppose

SB 566 Virginia Retirement System benefits.

Patrons: Colgan, Barker, Favola and Puller; *Delegates:* Kory, Plum and Simon

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Retirement System benefits. Provides for an increase, beginning July 1, 2014, of the monthly retirement allowance payable to any person who retired with at least 15 years of creditable service before January 1, 1990, under the Virginia Retirement System.

01/08/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/23/14 Senate: Impact statement from VRS (SB566)

Notes: City position: oppose

SB 574 Local fiscal impact bills; first day introduction.

Patron: Garrett

Summary as introduced:

Local fiscal impact bills; first day introduction. Requires local fiscal impact bills to be introduced no later than the first day of the session.

01/10/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules

Notes: City position: support

SB 578 Attorney fees; court may award in certain land use cases.

Patron: Obenshain

Summary as introduced:

Attorney fees in certain land use cases. Allows a court, in addition to any other relief provided, and for good cause, to award reasonable attorney fees, expenses, and court costs to anyone that prevails in an action successfully challenging an ordinance, administrative act, or other local action related to planning, subdivision of land, zoning, or other land use activity.

01/10/14 Senate: Referred to Courts of Justice

Notes: City position: oppose

SB 608 Concealed handgun permits, lifetime; Department of State Police to issue, penalty.

Patron: Carrico

Summary as introduced:

Lifetime concealed handgun permits; Department of State Police to issue; penalty. Provides for the issuance of concealed handgun permits that do not expire to Virginia residents upon payment of a one-time fee of \$100. Currently, the fee for issuing such permits is \$50, and the

permits must be renewed every five years with an additional \$50 fee charged each time. Such lifetime permits will include a photograph of the permittee. The bill also centralizes the issuance of concealed handgun permits with the Department of State Police, instead of current law which provides that the circuit court clerk for the jurisdiction where the applicant resides issues such permits. The bill also requires the Department of State Police to conduct periodic background checks during the lifetime of any permit issued in the Commonwealth. The bill provides for a process by which a person whose permit application was denied or whose permit was revoked may appeal such determination.

01/13/14 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Notes: City position: oppose

SB 659 Protective orders, preliminary; changes standard for issuing.

Patron: Black

Summary as introduced:

Preliminary protective orders. Changes the standard for issuing a preliminary protective order by requiring that the petitioner be subjected to act in furtherance of the violence, force, or threat. The bill also gives the attorney for the Commonwealth standing to participate in a preliminary protective order proceeding at his discretion and makes the proceeding subject to an existing Code provision governing the signing of pleadings.

01/17/14 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Notes: City position: oppose