

Current Status of City Package Bills February 10, 2014

HB 7 Restoration of civil right to vote; person convicted of nonviolent felony.

Patron: Habeeb

Summary as introduced:

Restoration of civil right to vote. Provides for the automatic restoration of the civil right to be eligible to register to vote to persons convicted of nonviolent felonies (except felony drug and election fraud crimes) upon completion of sentence, including any term of probation or parole, and the payment of all restitution, fines, costs, and fees assessed as a result of the conviction.

11/18/13 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/22/14 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments

01/27/14 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

Notes: City position: support

HB 37 Absentee voting; persons 65 years of age or older may vote by absentee ballot, etc.

Patrons: Kory, Rasoul and Simon

Summary as introduced:

Elections; absentee voting by persons 65 years or older. Adds to the list of persons entitled to vote by absentee ballot those persons who are 65 years of age or older on or before the day of the election for which an absentee ballot is sought.

12/02/13 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/10/14 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

01/16/14 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

Notes: City position: support

HB 40 Motor fuels tax rates; repeals provision that will increase tax, etc.

Patron: Marshall, R.G.

Summary as introduced:

Motor fuels tax rates. Repeals the provision in the 2013 transportation funding bill (HB 2013) that will increase the motor fuels tax if the United States Congress has not enacted legislation granting the Commonwealth the authority to compel remote sellers to collect state and local retail sales and use tax for sales made in the Commonwealth by January 1, 2015.

12/02/13 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/16/14 House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #3

01/17/14 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 59 Tuition, in-state; student eligibility, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Patrons: Kory; Senator: Howell

Summary as introduced:

In-state tuition; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Declares a student eligible for in-state tuition if (i) he has attended a public or private high school in the Commonwealth for at least three years; (ii) he has graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in the Commonwealth; (iii)

he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth; (iv) he has provided an I-797 Approval Notice stating that he has been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and (v) he has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of enrollment.

12/05/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/24/14 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education

01/28/14 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

Notes: City position: support

HB 68 Transportation funding; date change on certain scheduled increases in sales and use tax revenue.

Patron: Marshall, D.W.

Summary as introduced:

Transportation funding. Changes the dates on which certain scheduled increases in sales and use tax revenue to the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund would not take place if Congress does not enact a law permitting states to require certain out-of-state retailers to collect and remit state sales and use tax from fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Under current law, scheduled increases for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 would not occur if Congress does not enact such law by January 1, 2015. The bill would halt the increase for only fiscal year 2017 if Congress does not act by January 1, 2016.

12/06/13 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/16/14 House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #3

01/31/14 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 75 Absentee voting; allows voters to vote absentee in person without an excuse.

Patrons: Simon, Brink, Carr, Dance, Filler-Corn, Futrell, Hester, Hope, Kory, Krupicka, McQuinn, Morrissey, Plum, Sickles, Spruill, Surovell and Watts; *Senators:* Ebbin, Favola, Howell and Puller

Summary as introduced:

Elections; no-excuse in-person absentee voting. Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail.

12/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/10/14 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

01/16/14 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely

Notes: City position: support

HB 88 Tuition, in-state; student eligibility, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Patrons: Lopez, Keam, Kory, Krupicka, BaCote, Brink, Bulova, Carr, Dance, Filler-Corn, Futrell, Herring, Hester, Hope, Howell, A.T., James, Lewis, Mason, McQuinn, Morrissey, Plum, Rasoul, Sickles, Simon, Spruill, Surovell, Torian, Toscano, Tyler, Ward and Watts

Summary as introduced:

In-state tuition; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Declares a student eligible for in-

state tuition if (i) he has attended a public or private high school in the Commonwealth for at least three years; (ii) he has graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in the Commonwealth; (iii) he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth; (iv) he has provided documentation that he has been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and (v) he has submitted evidence that he, or in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis, has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of enrollment.

12/11/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/24/14 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education

01/28/14 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

Notes: City position: support

HB 113 Opportunity Educational Institution; abolished.

Patrons: Marshall, R.G. and Kory

Summary as introduced:

Separation of powers; Opportunity Educational Institution abolished. Abolishes the Opportunity Educational Institution.

12/16/13 House: Referred to Committee on Education

01/10/14 House: Assigned Education sub: Education Reform

02/04/14 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

Notes: City position: support

HB 117 Paper and plastic bags; imposes tax of five cents on disposable bags used by purchasers,etc.

Patron: Morrissey

Summary as introduced:

Paper and plastic bag tax. Imposes a tax of five cents on disposable paper bags and disposable plastic bags used by purchasers to carry tangible personal property purchased in grocery stores, convenience stores, or drug stores. The following would be exempt from the tax: durable, reusable plastic bags; plastic bags used to carry ice cream, meat, fish, poultry, leftover restaurant food, newspapers, and dry cleaning; paper and plastic bags used to carry alcoholic beverages or prescription drugs; and multiple plastic bags sold in packages and intended for use as garbage, pet waste, or leaf removal bags. Retailers are allowed to retain one cent (\$0.01) of the five-cent (\$0.05) tax or two cents (\$0.02) if the retailer has a customer bag credit program. Failure to collect and remit the tax will result in fines of \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 for the first, second, and third and subsequent offenses, respectively. The revenues from the tax would be deposited into the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund. The bill also authorizes each county and city by ordinance to impose a tax on disposable paper bags and disposable plastic bags at the same rate and under the same terms and conditions as the state tax. Revenues from the local tax would be collected by the Tax Commissioner and distributed monthly to the locality imposing the tax.

12/17/13 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/13/14 House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #2

01/15/14 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

Notes: City position: support

HB 119 Absentee voting; allows voters to vote absentee in person without an excuse.

Patron: Dance

Summary as introduced:

Elections; no-excuse in-person absentee voting. Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail.

12/18/13 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/10/14 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

01/16/14 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB75-Simon)

Notes: City position: support

HB 270 Alcoholic beverage control; certain licensees to provide information to consumer.

Patrons: Bulova, Head, Krupicka, Lopez and Peace

Summary as introduced:

Alcoholic beverage control; certain licensees to provide information to consumer while on the premises of licensed retailers. Allows any winery, farm winery, or wine wholesaler licensee to provide to adult customers of licensed retail establishments information about wine being consumed on such premises.

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

01/23/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Notes: City position: support

HB 277 Pedestrians; crossing highways.

Patron: Krupicka

Summary as introduced:

Pedestrians crossing highways. Clarifies the duties of vehicles to stop to allow pedestrians to cross highways at marked crosswalks.

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

01/10/14 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #2

01/20/14 House: Subcommittee failed to recommend reporting (3-Y 3-N)

Notes: City position: support

HB 328 Charter; City of Alexandria.

Patrons: Krupicka; Senator: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Charter; City of Alexandria. Shifts dates related to the election of the council and the school board to reflect the City's change to November elections. Also allows the city attorney to be the legal advisor to the school board with the concurrence of both the council and the school board.

01/23/14 House: Read third time and passed House (77-Y 19-N)

01/24/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government

Notes: City position: support

HB 371 License tax, local; tax on net income of businesses.

Patron: Head

Summary as introduced:

Local license tax. Requires that beginning with the 2015 license year, the optional local license (BPOL) tax would be imposed on the Virginia taxable income of corporations and the net income of sole proprietorships and pass-through entities. Under current law, the optional BPOL tax is imposed on the gross receipts or gross revenues of businesses.

01/03/14 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

02/03/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Finance

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 434 Machinery and tools, merchants' capital, and BPOL taxes; maximum rates established.

Patron: LeMunyon

Summary as introduced:

Machinery and tools, merchants' capital and BPOL taxes; maximum rates established.

Prohibits a locality from increasing its business machinery and tools tax, merchants' capital tax, and local license (BPOL) fees and taxes above the locality's rates in effect as of January 1, 2014.

01/04/14 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

02/03/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Finance

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 435 Machinery and tools, merchants' capital, and BPOL taxes; maximum rates and income tax credits.

Patron: LeMunyon

Summary as introduced:

Machinery and tools, merchants' capital and BPOL taxes; maximum rates and income tax credits. Prohibits a locality from increasing its merchants' capital tax, local license (BPOL) fees and taxes, and taxes on machinery and tools used in a business above the locality's rates in effect as of January 1, 2014, and establishes refundable income tax credits for the same taxes beginning with taxable year 2014. The refundable individual and corporate income tax credits would equal 33 percent of such taxes paid during the taxable year. The credit would sunset on December 31, 2018. The bill also would prohibit any subtraction or deduction for these taxes in computing Virginia taxable income.

01/04/14 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

Notes: City position: oppose

HB 556 Restoration of civil right to vote; felon eligible to vote upon completion of sentence.

Patron: Carr

Summary as introduced:

Restoration of civil rights. Provides for the automatic restoration of a felon's civil right to be eligible to vote upon the completion of his sentence, including any term of probation or parole, and the payment of all restitution, fines, costs, and fees assessed as a result of the felony conviction.

01/06/14 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/22/14 House: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments

01/27/14 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

Notes: City position: support

HB 600 Condominium Act; conversion condominiums, special provisions.

Patron: Herring

Summary as introduced:

Condominium Act; conversion condominiums; special provisions. Extends to tenants with one or more minor children who live within 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines the right to continue to occupy their apartment or unit or at least one of equal size and overall quality under a lease agreement, even though their apartment or unit will be converted to a condominium. Under current law, the locality must enact an ordinance to afford these rights, and currently such rights are available to elderly or disabled tenants.

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

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

01/14/14 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

Notes: City position: support

HB 601 Absentee voting; allows voters to vote absentee in person without an excuse.

Patron: Herring

Summary as introduced:

Elections; no-excuse in-person absentee voting. Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/10/14 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

01/16/14 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB75-Simon)

Notes: City position: support

HB 622 Absentee voting; allows voters to vote absentee in person without an excuse.

Patrons: Mason and Simon

Summary as introduced:

Elections; no-excuse in-person absentee voting. Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/10/14 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

01/16/14 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB75-Simon)

Notes: City position: support

HB 692 Absentee voting; allows voters to vote absentee in person without an excuse.

Patrons: Torian and Filler-Corn

Summary as introduced:

Elections; no-excuse in-person absentee voting. Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/10/14 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

01/16/14 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket

Notes: City position: support

HB 747 Tuition, in-state; student eligibility, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Patrons: Rust, Plum and Yost

Summary as introduced:

In-state tuition; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Declares a student eligible for in-state tuition if (i) he has attended a public or private high school in the Commonwealth for at least three years; (ii) he has graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in the Commonwealth; (iii) he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth; (iv) he has provided an I-797 Approval Notice stating that he has been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and (v) he has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of enrollment.

01/29/14 House: Reported from Education with amendment (19-Y 3-N)

01/29/14 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Notes: City position: support

HB 761 Fare enforcement inspectors; for use of mass transit facility.

Patron: Rust

Summary as introduced:

Fare enforcement inspectors. Provides for the appointment of fare enforcement inspectors to enforce payment of fares for use of mass transit facilities. The bill also provides that failure of a transit user to produce proof of fare payment constitutes a Class 4 misdemeanor.

01/14/14 House: Referred from Transportation

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

02/07/14 House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (19-Y 3-N)

Notes: City position: support

HB 800 Absentee voting; allows voters to vote absentee in person without an excuse.

Patrons: Lopez and Plum

Summary as introduced:

Elections; no-excuse in-person absentee voting. Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on election day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/10/14 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

01/16/14 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB800-Lopez)

Notes: City position: support

HB 802 Absentee voting; persons age 65 or older are entitled to vote absentee ballot.

Patrons: Lopez and Plum

Summary as introduced:

Elections; absentee voting. Provides that persons age 65 or older on the day of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested are entitled to vote absentee.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/10/14 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee

01/16/14 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

Notes: City position: support

HB 816 Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices.

Patrons: Lopez and Plum

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices. Adds lawful source of income to the list on the basis of which it is unlawful to discriminate in fair housing practices. The bill defines lawful source of income as any income used by a person to pay for the purchase or lease of a dwelling, including (i) public assistance, (ii) any manner of gross income, (iii) federal supplemental security income benefits, (iv) child support, and (v) any federal, state, or local housing assistance, regardless of whether the funds are paid directly to the person or to a landlord or other third party for the benefit of the person. The bill also authorizes the governing body of any county, city, or town to enact an ordinance in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Fair Housing Law, provided such ordinance includes protections against discrimination that are at least as protective as those provided by the law.

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

01/16/14 House: Stricken from docket by General Laws

Notes: City position: support

HB 906 Electric utility regulation; net energy metering by municipalities, etc.

Patron: Krupicka

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, leased, or operated 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 that are located at separate sites. 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, 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, 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. Each eligible multifamily net metering customer-generator shall own the energy transmitted by the renewable energy system until drawn from the grid at each eligible multifamily net metering customer-generator's residence. 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

01/30/14 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table

Notes: City position: support

HB 946 Workers' compensation; fee schedule for medical care services.

Patron: Hugo

Summary as introduced:

Workers' compensation; fee schedule for medical care services; limitations; prompt payment. Limits the pecuniary liability of an employer for medical, surgical, and hospital services provided on or after October 1, 2015, pursuant to the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act to the maximum amount that may be paid pursuant to fee schedules established by the Workers' Compensation Commission, unless a contract provides otherwise. The Commission is directed to promulgate regulations establishing medical care fee schedules governing all medical care services rendered pursuant to the Act. The regulations implementing the schedules shall become effective on October 1, 2015. The bill requires the medical care fee schedule regulations to (i) initially be based on Medicare, (ii) utilize Medicare coding and reimbursement rules, (iii) be comprehensive in scope, and (iv) address fees of physicians and surgeons, hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, ancillary services provided by other health care facilities and providers, and pharmacy and pharmaceutical services. The measure provides that certain initial fee schedule regulations shall apply uniform conversion factors of up to 150 percent of Medicare base reimbursement rates in determining reimbursement levels. The Commission is directed annually to review and revise the fee schedules, provided that if revisions address changes in inflation, the increase is capped at three percent per year. The Commission shall have an independent, peer-reviewed study conducted every two years. The measure prohibits bringing a claim for payment of charges for services rendered under the Act by a health care provider more than one year from the later of the date of service for which payment is sought or the date a medical award covering such service becomes final. Finally, the bill requires an insurer or self-insured employer, effective October 1, 2015, to either pay a medical bill or deny payment of the bill within 60 days of receiving a bill and supporting medical documentation. If the Commission finds that the self-insured employer or insurer unreasonably denied payment for medical services, it shall order payment for the services and award interest if the employee has paid for the services.

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

02/06/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Commerce and Labor

Notes: City position: support

HJ 3 Constitutional amendment; marriage (first reference).

Patrons: Morrissey, Kory and Simon

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment (first resolution); marriage. Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved in 2006. That amendment (i) defines marriage as "only a union between one man and one woman"; (ii) prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage"; and (iii) prohibits the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage."

11/18/13 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Notes: City position: support

HJ 11 Constitutional amendment; marriage (first reference).

Patrons: Surovell and Plum

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment (first resolution); marriage. Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved in 2006. That amendment to the Bill of Rights (i) defines marriage as "only a union between one man and one woman"; (ii) prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage"; and (iii) prohibits the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage."

12/04/13 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Notes: City position: support

HJ 21 Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies.

Patron: Dance

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies who have completed service of their sentences, including any period or condition of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence, subject to the conditions, requirements, and definitions set forth in that law. At present the Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds an alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to law for nonviolent felons.

12/18/13 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Notes: City position: support

HJ 25 Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights.

Patron: Farrell

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment (first resolution); restoration of civil rights. Provides for the automatic restoration of civil rights to persons convicted of nonviolent felonies (excepting felony drug and election fraud crimes) upon completion of sentence, including any term of probation or parole, and payment in full of any restitution, fines, costs, and fees. The amendment further provides that persons convicted of violent felonies, felony drug crimes, or election fraud crimes may have their civil rights restored by the Governor or other appropriate authority.

12/23/13 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Notes: City position: support

HJ 48 Constitutional amendment; restoration of voting rights.

Patron: Howell, A.T. (by request)

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; restoration of voting rights. Provides for the automatic restoration of voting rights to persons convicted of nonviolent felonies except felony drug and election fraud crimes upon completion of sentence, including any term of probation or parole. The resolution further provides that persons convicted of violent felonies, felony drug crimes, or election fraud crimes may have their voting rights restored by the Governor upon completion of sentence, including any term of probation or parole, and authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of voting rights to such persons. The restoration of rights pursuant to these provisions has no effect on the right to possess firearms.

01/03/14 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Notes: City position: support

HJ 58 Constitutional amendment; marriage (first reference).

Patron: Krupicka

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; marriage. Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved in 2006, replacing it with new language that provides that "the freedom to choose to marry another person resides with the individual, and cannot be infringed upon by this Commonwealth, except on the basis of age, kinship, or marital status, as prescribed by law." The new amendment language also requires the Commonwealth to recognize any marriage between two persons performed in any other state or jurisdiction that would be lawful in the Commonwealth and specifies that a minister or civil celebrant authorized to perform marriages in the Commonwealth does not infringe upon the rights guaranteed by the Constitution if that individual refuses to perform the marriage of any persons.

01/06/14 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Notes: City position: support

HJ 67 Constitutional amendment; marriage (first reference).

Patron: Plum

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment marriage. Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved in 2006.. That amendment (i) defines marriage as "only

a union between one man and one woman"; (ii) prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage"; and (iii) prohibits the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage."

01/06/14 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Notes: City position: support

HJ 70 Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights.

Patron: Carr

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment (first resolution); restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by general law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of felonies who have completed service of their sentence, including any period or condition of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence. Currently the Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The proposed amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds the alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to general law.

01/06/14 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Notes: City position: support

HJ 77 Constitutional amendment; marriage (first reference).

Patrons: Herring and Kory

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment (first resolution); marriage. Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved in 2006. That amendment (i) defines marriage as "only a union between one man and one woman"; (ii) prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage"; and (iii) prohibits the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage."

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Notes: City position: support

HJ 78 Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights to persons convicted of nonviolent felonies.

Patron: Herring

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment(first resolution); qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies who have completed service of their sentences subject to the conditions, requirements, and definitions set forth in that law. The present Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds an alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to law for nonviolent felons.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Notes: City position: support

HJ 97 Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights to persons convicted of nonviolent felonies.

Patrons: Lopez and Simon

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies who have completed service of their sentences subject to the conditions, requirements, and definitions set forth in that law. The present Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds an alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to law for nonviolent felons.

01/07/14 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Notes: City position: support

HJ 107 Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights if person has served full sentence.

Patron: Torian

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; restoration of civil rights. Provides that no person convicted of a felony shall be qualified to vote unless he has served his full sentence and been released back to civil society. The proposed amendment deletes the present constitutional language that provides for restoration of civil rights by the Governor or other appropriate authority.

01/08/14 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Notes: City position: support

SB 3 Absentee voting; allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without an excuse.

Patrons: Howell; Delegate: Simon

Summary as introduced:

Elections; no-excuse in-person absentee voting. Allows qualified voters to vote absentee in person without providing an excuse for not being able to vote in person on Election Day. The bill retains the statutory list of specific reasons allowing a voter to cast an absentee ballot by mail.

11/26/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/14/14 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Privileges and Elections (7-Y 7-N)

Notes: City position: support

SB 16 Absentee voting; persons age 65 or older are entitled to vote absentee ballot.

Patrons: Miller, Barker, Favola, McWaters and Ebbin

Summary as passed Senate:

Elections; absentee voting. Provides that persons age 65 or older on the day of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested are entitled to vote absentee. This bill incorporates SB 129, SB 140, and SB 182.

01/23/14 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

02/06/14 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections

Notes: City position: support

SB 129 Absentee voting; persons age 65 or older are entitled to vote absentee ballot.

Patron: Favola

Summary as introduced:

Elections; absentee voting. Provides that persons age 65 or older on the day of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested are entitled to vote absentee. This bill was incorporated into SB 16.

12/30/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/14/14 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SB16-Miller) (14-Y 0-N)

Notes: City position: support

SB 140 Absentee voting; persons 65 years of age or older can vote by absentee ballot, etc.

Patron: Barker

Summary as introduced:

Elections; absentee voting by persons 65 years of age or older. Adds to the list of persons entitled to vote by absentee ballot those persons who are 65 years of age or older. This bill was incorporated into SB 16.

12/30/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/14/14 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SB16-Miller) (14-Y 0-N)

Notes: City position: support

SB 157 Payday loans; permitted interest.

Patron: Miller

Summary as introduced:

Payday loans; permitted interest. Repeals provisions of the Payday Loan Act that authorize lenders to charge a loan fee or verification fee, thereby limiting permissible charges on payday loans to simple interest at a maximum annual rate of 36 percent.

12/31/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/17/14 Senate: Assigned C&L sub: Payday Loans

Notes: City position: support

SB 164 Payday loans; permitted interest.

Patron: Locke

Summary as introduced:

Payday loans; permitted interest. Repeals provisions of the Payday Loan Act that authorize lenders to charge a loan fee or verification fee, thereby limiting permissible charges on payday loans to simple interest at a maximum annual rate of 36 percent.

12/31/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

01/17/14 Senate: Assigned C&L sub: Payday Loans

Notes: City package: support

SB 182 Absentee voting; persons age 65 or older are entitled to vote absentee ballot.

Patron: McWaters

Summary as introduced:

Elections; absentee voting. Allows anyone 65 or older to vote absentee. This bill was incorporated into SB 16.

01/02/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/14/14 Senate: Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SB16-Miller) (14-Y 0-N)

Notes: City position: support

SB 224 Alcoholic beverage control; certain licensees to provide information to consumer.

Patron: Petersen

Summary as introduced:

Alcoholic beverage control; certain licensees to provide information to consumer while on the premises of licensed retailers. Allows any winery, farm winery, or wine wholesaler licensee to provide to adult customers of licensed retail establishments information about wine being consumed on such premises.

01/03/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

01/10/14 Senate: Incorporated by Rehabilitation and Social Services (SB337-McWaters)

Notes: City position: support

SB 249 Tuition, in-state; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Patrons: McEachin, Ebbin, Marsden and Hanger

Summary as introduced:

In-state tuition; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Makes a student eligible for in-state tuition if (i) he has attended a public or private high school in Virginia for at least three years; (ii) he has graduated from a public or private high school or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in Virginia; (iii) he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education in Virginia; (iv) he has provided an I-797 Approval Notice stating that he has been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and (v) he has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least 3 years.

01/08/14 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education

01/23/14 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Education and Health (6-Y 7-N)

Notes: City position: support

SB 264 Fare enforcement inspectors to enforce fares for use of mass transit facilities.

Patrons: Ebbin, Favola and Saslaw

Summary as introduced:

Fare enforcement inspectors. Provides for the appointment of fare enforcement inspectors to enforce payment of fares for use of mass transit facilities. The bill also provides that failure of a transit user to produce proof of fare payment constitutes a Class 4 misdemeanor.

02/05/14 Senate: Committee substitute agreed to 14104297D-S2

02/06/14 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (29-Y 11-N)

Notes: City position: support

SB 300 Alcoholic beverage control; certain licensees to provide information to consumer.

Patron: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Alcoholic beverage control; certain licensees to provide information to consumer while on

the premises of licensed retailers. Allows a winery or wine wholesaler to provide to customers of licensed retail establishments information about wine being consumed on such premises.

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

01/10/14 Senate: Incorporated by Rehabilitation and Social Services (SB337-McWaters)

Notes: City position: support

SB 320 Paper and plastic bags, disposable; localities in Planning District 8 can impose tax.

Patron: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Local paper and plastic bag tax. Authorizes localities in Planning District 8 to impose a tax on disposable paper bags and disposable plastic bags. Revenues from the local tax would be collected by the Tax Commissioner and distributed to the county or city imposing the tax.

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

01/21/14 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance (14-Y 1-N)

Notes: City position: support

SB 321 Charter; City of Alexandria.

Patron: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Charter; City of Alexandria. Shifts dates related to the election of the council and the school board to reflect the City's change to November elections. Also allows the city attorney to be the legal advisor to the school board with the concurrence of both the council and the school board.

01/06/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government

02/04/14 Senate: Reported from Local Government (13-Y 2-N)

02/07/14 Senate: Read second time and engrossed

Notes: City position: support

SB 327 Tuition, in-state; eligibility of undocumented persons.

Patron: Marsden

Summary as introduced:

In-state tuition; undocumented persons. Makes a student shall be eligible for in-state tuition if (i) he has attended a public or private high school in Virginia for at least three years; (ii) he has graduated from a public or private high school or has received a General Education Development (GED) certificate in Virginia; (iii) he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth; (iv) has provided an affidavit to the institution stating that he has filed an application to become a permanent resident of the United States and is actively pursuing such permanent residency or will do so as soon as he is eligible; and (v) he has submitted evidence that he or, in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of enrollment.

01/06/14 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/08/14 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education

01/23/14 Senate: Incorporated by Education and Health (SB249-McEachin) (13-Y 0-N)

Notes: City position: support

SB 337 Alcoholic beverage control; winery, farm winery, etc., licensee to provide information to consumer.

Patrons: McWaters, Ebbin and Petersen

Summary as introduced:

Alcoholic beverage control; certain licensees to provide information to consumer while on the premises of licensed retailers. Allows any winery, farm winery, or wine wholesaler licensee to provide to adult customers of licensed retail establishments information about wine being consumed on such premises.

01/15/14 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N)

01/20/14 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

Notes: City position: support

SB 587 Virginia Human Rights Act; causes of action for age discrimination.

Patron: Barker

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Human Rights Act; causes of action for age discrimination. Provides that no employer employing more than five but less than 20 persons shall discharge any such employee on the basis of age if the employee is 40 years of age or older. Currently, the protection against age discrimination applies to an employer employing more than five but less than 15 persons. Federal law applies the same protection to workplaces with 20 or more employees.

01/24/14 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (25-Y 12-N)

01/31/14 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

Notes: City position: support

SJ 1 Constitutional amendment; marriage (first reference).

Patrons: McEachin and Ebbin; *Delegate:* Simon

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; marriage. Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved by referendum at the November 2006 election.

11/18/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/14/14 Senate: Continued to 2015 in Privileges and Elections (14-Y 0-N)

Notes: City position: support

SJ 5 Constitutional amendment; marriage (first reference).

Patrons: Howell; *Delegate:* Simon

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment (first resolution); marriage. Proposes the repeal of the constitutional amendment dealing with marriage that was approved by referendum at the November 2006 election. That amendment to the Bill of Rights (i) defines marriage as "only a union between one man and one woman"; (ii) prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage"; and (iii) prohibits the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage."

12/04/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

01/14/14 Senate: Continued to 2015 in Privileges and Elections (14-Y 0-N)

Notes: City position: support