

## **Current Status of Bills on Which the City Has Taken a Position March 8, 2014**

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### **HB 1 Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; emergency award to claimant shall not exceed \$3000, etc.**

*Patrons:* Comstock, Peace, Anderson, Austin, Bell, Richard P., Berg, Byron, Campbell, Chafin, Cline, Cox, Dance, Davis, DeSteph, Farrell, Fowler, Garrett, Gilbert, Greason, Habeeb, Helsel, Hodges, Howell, A.T., Hugo, Kilgore, Knight, Krupicka, Landes, LaRock, Leftwich, LeMunyon, Lewis, Loupassi, McClellan, Minchew, Morefield, O'Bannon, O'Quinn, Poindexter, Ramadan, Ransone, Rasoul, Robinson, Rush, Rust, Simon, Stolle, Taylor, Torian, Villanueva, Webert, Yancey and Yost; Senator: Martin

*Summary as passed House:*

**Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; joint subcommittee.** Increases the maximum amount of covered expenses that may be paid to certain crime victims to \$30,000 from \$25,000 and the maximum amount of an emergency award for to \$3000 from \$2000. The bill requires the chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees to appoint a joint subcommittee of the membership of such committees to consider the administration, provision and funding of sexual and domestic violence services in the Commonwealth. The joint subcommittee will examine current grant funding structures at state agencies for federal and state funds used to support sexual and domestic violence service agencies and will review the grant applications, administration, and reporting processes required of local sexual and domestic violence agencies and may recommend a comprehensive and streamlined grant funding process for a more efficient funding structure to best serve the victims of sexual and domestic violence while ensuring compliance with federal requirements, including the possible administration of such structure at the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

02/19/14 Senate: Continued to 2015 in Courts of Justice (9-Y 6-N)

**Notes:** City position: support

### **HB 2 Commonwealth Transportation Board; prioritization process; project selection.**

*Patrons:* Stolle, Minchew, Ramadan, Yancey, Anderson, Cole, Hugo, Knight, LaRock, Rust, Scott, Torian and Villanueva

*Summary as passed:*

**Allocations within highway construction districts.** Provides for the development of a prioritization process for projects funded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Such prioritization will weight factors such as congestion mitigation, economic development, accessibility, safety, and environmental quality for each highway district.

03/04/14 House: Passed House and Senate

**Notes:** City position: oppose (note: bill has been substantially revised to address many concerns)

### **HB 5 Electoral board members; general registrars; reimbursement to localities for costs.**

*Patron:* Ware

*Summary as introduced:*

**Compensation and expenses of electoral board members and general registrars.** Provides for reimbursement by the Commonwealth to the localities of the full cost of compensation and expenses of electoral board members and general registrars.

02/12/14 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 35 School calendar; local school boards responsible for setting and determining opening day.**

*Patron:* Kory

*Summary as introduced:*

**School calendar.** Makes local school boards responsible for setting the opening day of the school year.

02/12/14 House: Left in Education

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 41 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; selection of projects.**

*Patron:* Marshall, R.G.

*Summary as introduced:*

**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; selection of projects.** Provides that the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall select the transportation projects to be funded by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.

02/12/14 House: Left in Transportation

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 42 School calendar; local school boards responsible for setting opening day.**

*Patron:* Habeeb

*Summary as introduced:*

Makes local school boards responsible for setting the opening day of the school year.

02/12/14 House: Left in Education

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 43 Federal firearms laws; enforcement.**

*Patron:* Marshall, R.G.

*Summary as introduced:*

**Federal firearms laws; enforcement.** Provides that agencies and political subdivisions of the Commonwealth, and employees thereof, shall not knowingly aid any employee or entity of the federal government (i) in the enforcement of federal firearms laws that take effect on or after December 1, 2013, or (ii) in the conduct or enforcement of a criminal background check related to any intrastate sale, loan, gift, or other transfer of a firearm between citizens of Virginia.

02/12/14 House: Left in Appropriations

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 48 Firearms; possession following conviction of certain crimes, penalty.**

*Patron:* 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 that results in serious bodily injury from possessing, transporting, or carrying a firearm or any other weapon for a period of five years following his conviction.

02/12/14 House: Left in Courts of Justice

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 87 Transportation; Commonwealth priority of projects and funding.**

*Patron:* Cole

*Summary as introduced:*

**Commonwealth priority of projects and funding.** Provides that all state funds expended on transportation projects be for (i) projects expected to provide congestion reduction or (ii) projects that increase safety for travelers.

02/12/14 House: Left in Transportation

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 94 Business permits, etc.; assistance and documentation required from localities.**

*Patrons:* Head, Ramadan and LaRock

*Summary as introduced:*

**Assistance and documentation required from localities.** Provides that in any instance in which a person is seeking a business permit, a license, or an application for any similar local government approval from a locality, the locality shall provide documentation and instructions that outline all steps necessary to obtain the permit, license, or approval. The locality shall also specify any further permit, license, or other approval that may be required to complete the original project or business activity and shall disclose the expected time required by the locality for the completion of each step of the process to obtain the permit, license, or other approval.

02/12/14 House: Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 95 Legal notices; advertisement by locality on websites, radio, or television.**

*Patron:* Head

*Summary as introduced:*

**Legal notices; advertisement by locality.** Allows localities with a population of 50,000 or greater to meet certain notice requirements by utilizing their websites, radio, or television instead of a newspaper of general circulation.

02/12/14 House: Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 114 Schools, private or religious; possession of firearm, etc., on school property.**

*Patron:* Cole (by request)

*Summary as introduced:*

**Possession of firearm, etc., on school property; private or religious schools.** Eliminates the crimes of possession on the property of a private or religious elementary, middle, or high school; a school bus owned or operated by such school; or any property being used for functions or extracurricular activities sponsored by such school of a stun weapon, knife, or other weapon (currently a Class 1 misdemeanor) or a firearm (currently a Class 6 felony). The bill does not affect the criminal penalties for the possession of such weapons on public school property.

02/12/14 House: Left in Militia, Police and Public Safety

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 116 Traffic light signal photo-monitoring.**

*Patron:* Morrissey

*Summary as introduced:*

**Traffic light photo-monitoring systems.** Amends provisions related to photo-monitoring systems by providing that certain safety analyses, currently required prior to implementation, shall also be required prior to renewal of such a system. Other changes relate to photo-monitoring of lanes in which turning movements are permitted, specifying when such systems may be used, and the yellow time requirements for such lanes.

02/12/14 House: Left in Transportation

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 150 Jail authorities; sovereign immunity.**

*Patrons:* Minchew; Senator: Vogel

*Summary as introduced:*

**Jail authorities; sovereign immunity.** Provides that regional jail authorities enjoy sovereign immunity in the performance of government functions.

01/17/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Militia, Police and Public Safety

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 173 Electronic devices; search without warrant prohibited.**

*Patron:* Farrell (by request)

*Summary as introduced:*

**Search of electronic device without warrant prohibited.** Provides that no officer of the law or any other person shall search any cellular telephone, tablet computer, portable computer, desktop computer, or other electronic device containing or designed to contain electronic data or digital information except by virtue of and under a warrant issued by a proper officer.

02/12/14 House: Left in Courts of Justice

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 178 Virginia Retirement System (VRS); assumed rate of return on investments.**

*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 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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Appropriations

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 181 Virginia Retirement System; 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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Appropriations

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 192 Precious metals dealers; chief law-enforcement officer may waive permit fee for retail merchants.**

*Patron:* Minchew

*Summary as passed House:*

**Precious metals dealers; retail merchants; exemption.** Allows the chief law-enforcement officer to waive the permit fee for retail merchants that are not licensed as pawnbrokers, provided (i) the retail merchant has a permanent place of business and (ii) the purchases of precious metals or gems do not exceed 5 percent of the merchant's total business revenue.

02/27/14 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0022)

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 234 VIEW; screening and assessment for use of illegal substances.**

*Patrons:* Bell, Robert B., Bell, Richard P. and Campbell

*Summary as introduced:*

**Substance abuse screening and assessment of public assistance applicants and recipients.**

Requires local departments of social services to screen each VIEW program participant to determine whether probable cause exists to believe the participant is engaged in the use of illegal drugs. When a screening indicates reasonable cause to believe a participant is using illegal drugs, the Department of Social Services shall require drug testing. Any person who fails or refuses to participate in a screening or assessment without good cause or who tests positive for the use of illegal drugs shall be ineligible to receive TANF payments for a period of one year.

02/12/14 House: Left in Appropriations

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 252 Public assets; misuse, penalty.**

*Patron:* Surovell

*Summary as introduced:*

**Misuse of public assets; penalty.** Makes any officer, agent, or employee of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision who, without lawful authorization, uses or permits the use of public assets for private or personal purposes unrelated to the duties and office of the accused or any other legitimate government interest when the value of such use exceeds \$1,000 in any 12-month period guilty of a Class 4 felony.

02/12/14 House: Left in Courts of Justice

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 273 Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act.**

*Patrons:* Loupassi and Miller

*Summary as passed House:*

**Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; applicability; security deposits.** Changes the applicability of the Virginia Residential Landlord Tenant Act from the ownership of no more

than 10 single-family residences to ownership of no more than two single-family residences and makes the application uniform across the state. The bill also authorizes a landlord to expedite the disposition of security deposits under certain circumstances and sets the interest rate (0.00%) on security deposits for 2014. The bill repeals the requirement for a landlord to accrue interest on security deposits, effective January 1, 2015.

02/28/14 Senate: Signed by President and Speaker

**Notes:** City position: support with amendments

**HB 281 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; contracts.**

*Patrons:* Albo and LeMunyon

*Summary as introduced:*

**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority contracts.** Prohibits NVTa from providing funds in support of a transportation-related project being undertaken with D.C. 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 D.C. or other state.

02/12/14 House: Left in Transportation

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

**HB 283 Alcoholic beverage control; suspension of license for local tax delinquency.**

*Patron:* Albo

*Summary as passed:*

**Alcoholic beverage control; suspension of license for local tax delinquency.** Authorizes the ABC Board to suspend or revoke the license of a licensee who is delinquent for a period of 90 days or more in the payment of any taxes, or any penalties or interest related thereto, lawfully imposed by the locality where the licensed business is located, as certified by the treasurer, commissioner of the revenue, or finance director of such locality, unless (i) the outstanding amount is de minimis; (ii) the licensee has pending a bona fide application for correction or appeal with respect to such taxes, penalties, or interest; or (iii) the licensee has entered into a payment plan approved by the same locality to settle the outstanding liability.

02/27/14 Senate: Signed by President and Speaker

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 293 Temporary detention; determining facility for individual.**

*Patrons:* Bell, Robert B., Comstock, Edmunds, Farrell, Garrett, Jones, LaRock, Leftwich, Loupassi, Minchew, Orrock, Rust, Wright and Yancey

*Summary as passed House:*

**Facility of temporary detention.** Provides that an individual for whom a temporary detention order is issued will 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 can provide temporary detention. The Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees on the implementation of the provisions of the bill.

03/08/14 Bill passed House and Senate

**Notes:** City position: oppose



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

*Patron:* Villanueva

*Summary as passed House:*

**Comprehensive plans; alignment of transportation services with accessible housing and other community services.** Requires localities to take into consideration how 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.

02/28/14 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 310 First informer broadcaster; access to station in state emergency area to disseminate news.**

*Patron:* Lingamfelter

*Summary as passed House:*

**First informer broadcaster.** Requires state and local governmental agencies to grant first informer broadcasters access to their broadcasting station or television system within an area declared a state of emergency area by the Governor in order to provide news, public service and public safety information, and repairing or resupplying their facility or equipment. A first informer is defined as the critical radio, television, or cable television personnel of a radio or television station or cable system engaged in (i) the process of broadcasting or cablecasting; (ii) the maintenance or repair of broadcast station or cable system equipment, transmitters, and generators; or (iii) the transportation of fuel for generators of broadcast stations or cable systems.

02/26/14 House: Signed by Speaker and President

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 315 Incapacitated persons; expands class of victims of crime of financial exploitation.**

*Patrons:* Kory and Rasoul

*Summary as introduced:*

**Financial exploitation of incapacitated persons.** Expands the class of victims of the crime of financial exploitation of mentally incapacitated persons to include persons incapacitated due to physical illness or disability, advanced age, or other causes. Currently, victims must suffer from a mental incapacity. The bill also increases the penalty for financial exploitation of incapacitated persons to a Class 3 felony.

02/12/14 House: Left in Courts of Justice

**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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Militia, Police and Public Safety

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 323 Temporary detention order; transportation.**

*Patron:* O'Bannon

*Summary as passed House:*

**Temporary detention order; transportation.** Provides that a magistrate may specify any willing law-enforcement agency that has agreed to provide transportation to execute a temporary detention order and transport the person who is the subject of the order.

02/28/14 Senate: Signed by President and Speaker

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 333 School calendar; local school boards to set opening day.**

*Patrons:* Greason, Habeeb, Comstock, Kory, LeMunyon, Rust and Torian

*Summary as introduced:*

**School calendar.** Makes local school boards responsible for setting the opening date of the school year.

03/04/14 Senate: Left in Education and Health

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 335 Family abuse protective orders; motor vehicles.**

*Patrons:* Bell, Robert B. and Fariss

*Summary as passed:*

**Family abuse protective orders; motor vehicles.** Modifies the provision specifying that the court may grant the petitioner temporary exclusive possession or use of a motor vehicle owned by the petitioner or jointly owned by the parties to provide that the court may direct a respondent to maintain insurance, registration, and taxes on a motor vehicle and enjoin the respondent from terminating such insurance, registration, and taxes.

03/06/14 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 340 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion Fund; moneys to assist local government, etc.**

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

*Summary as passed House:*

**Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion Fund.** Allows moneys in the Fund to be used by local governments, local governmental agencies, and local school divisions for the purpose of assisting with the incremental cost of local government-owned alternative fuel vehicles.

02/26/14 Senate: Signed by President and Speaker

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 369 Parking management companies; expands powers of companies operating under contracts with localities.**

*Patron:* Head

*Summary as passed:*

**Parking management companies.** Expands the powers of parking management companies operating under contracts with local governments to enforce local parking restrictions and reduces the population requirement of a city that may issue summons for parking violations by law-enforcement or uniformed city employees or personnel from 100,000 to 90,000.



03/06/14 Senate: Signed by President and Speaker

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 386 School calendar; local school boards to set opening day.**

*Patron:* Comstock

*Summary as introduced:*

**School calendar.** Makes local school boards responsible for setting the opening date of the school year.

02/12/14 House: Left in Education

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 397 Social worker; family-services specialists & qualified equivalent workers allowed to perform tasks.**

*Patron:* 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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Health, Welfare and Institutions

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 404 Investigation of cases involving alleged sexual abuse of a child; qualifications of investigator.**

*Patron:* Bell, Robert B.

*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.

02/07/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Courts of Justice

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 417 Virginia Human Rights Act; public employment, prohibited discrimination, sexual orientation.**

*Patrons:* Simon, BaCote, Brink, Bulova, Carr, Dance, Filler-Corn, Futrell, Hester, Lewis, Lopez, Mason, McClellan, McQuinn, Plum, Rasoul, Sickles, Torian, Toscano, Tyler, Ward and Watts

*Summary as introduced:*

**Virginia Human Rights Act; public employment; prohibited discrimination; sexual**

**orientation.** Prohibits discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation. The bill defines "sexual orientation" as a person's actual or perceived heterosexuality, bisexuality, homosexuality, or gender identity or expression. The bill expressly provides that "sexual orientation" does not include any person's attraction towards persons with whom sexual conduct would be illegal due to the age of the parties.

02/12/14 House: Left in General Laws

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 418 Fair Housing Law; unlawful discrimination based on sexual orientation.**

*Patrons:* Simon, Rasoul, BaCote, Brink, Carr, Futrell, Hope, Kory, Krupicka, McQuinn, Morrissey, Plum, Surovell, Ware, O. and Watts; *Senators:* Barker, Ebbin, Favola, Puller and Saslaw

*Summary as introduced:*

**Fair Housing Law; unlawful discrimination; sexual orientation.** Adds discrimination based on sexual orientation as an unlawful discriminatory housing practice. The bill defines "sexual orientation" as a person's actual or perceived heterosexuality, bisexuality, homosexuality, or gender identity or expression. "Sexual orientation" does not include sexually deviant disorders (paraphilias) as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistic Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV).

02/12/14 House: Left in General Laws

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 419 Tenants; entireties in real and personal property.**

*Patron:* Simon

*Summary as introduced:*

**Tenants by the entireties in real and personal property.** Broadens the class of individuals who may hold property as tenants by the entireties to include any married couple whose marriage is recognized under the laws of any state.

02/12/14 House: Left in General Laws

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 420 Public assets; misuse, adoption of local ordinance by locality, penalty.**

*Patrons:* Minchew and Rust; *Senators:* Garrett and Vogel

*Summary as passed House:*

**Misuse of public assets.** Allows localities to adopt an ordinance that provides that a non-full-time officer, agent, employee, or elected official who misuses public assets when the value of such use exceeds \$1,000 in a 12-month period is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

03/06/14 Senate: Signed by President and Speaker

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 422 Living Wage.**

*Patrons:* Davis, Comstock, Knight, Miller, Pogge and Webert

*Summary as passed House:*

**Living wage.** Prohibits local governing bodies from establishing living wage provisions as part of local government contracts. Contracts for landscaping or janitorial services are excluded from the prohibition. Grandfathers service contracts executed prior to January 31, 2014. Does not

prohibit a locality from entering into contracts in which a company receiving economic development incentives is required to maintain a certain wage level.

02/17/14 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (9-Y 6-N 1-A)

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 425 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; increases membership.**

*Patrons:* LeMunyon and Ramadan

*Summary as introduced:*

**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; membership.** Increases NVTa membership from 17 to 20 by the addition of one senator and two House members.

02/12/14 House: Left in Transportation

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 444 Individual income filing status; married persons.**

*Patron:* Marshall, R.G.

*Summary as introduced:*

**Individual income filing status; married persons.** Provides that only those persons who are in a union that is a marriage recognized under Virginia law may file a joint Virginia income tax return for married persons or a separate Virginia income tax return as a spouse.

02/12/14 House: Left in Finance

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 446 Traffic light signal photo-monitoring; criminal investigation.**

*Patron:* Bulova

*Summary as introduced:*

**Traffic signal photo-monitoring systems; criminal investigation.** Allow law enforcement to utilize information from a photo-monitoring system for purposes of criminal investigation.

02/12/14 House: Left in Militia, Police and Public Safety

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 450 Background checks; employment prior to receipt of results.**

*Patrons:* Bell, Robert B. and Peace

*Summary as introduced:*

**Background checks; employment prior to receipt of results.** Provides that no person shall be employed in a position that involves direct contact with a patient of, or person or child receiving services from, a nursing home, home health organization, hospice, assisted living facility, adult day care, child welfare agency, or family day home approved by a family day system until the results of a criminal history background check have been received, unless the person works under the direct supervision of a person for whom a background check has been performed.

03/05/14 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 129 (effective 7/1/14)

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 469 Physically disabled or socially isolated persons; penalty for financial exploitation.**

*Patron:* Yost

*Summary as introduced:*

**Financial exploitation of physically disabled or socially isolated persons.** Provides that it is

unlawful for any person who knows or should know that another person suffers from a physical disability or social isolation to, through the use of that other person's physical disability or social isolation, take, obtain, or convert money or other thing of value belonging to that other person with the intent to permanently deprive him thereof.

02/12/14 House: Left in Courts of Justice

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 471 Mentally incapacitated persons; penalty for financial exploitation.**

*Patrons:* Yost and Simon

*Summary as introduced:*

**Financial exploitation of mentally incapacitated persons.** Increases to a Class 3 felony the penalty for financial exploitation of mentally incapacitated persons.

02/12/14 House: Left in Courts of Justice

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 478 Emergency custody orders; duration, extension.**

*Patrons:* Villanueva, Comstock, Leftwich, Mason, Peace and Rust

*Summary as passed House:*

**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 upon a finding by the magistrate that the person continues to meet the criteria for emergency custody and the second two-hour extension is necessary to identify a suitable facility for temporary detention. The bill also requires that a person who is the subject of an emergency custody order or temporary detention order be given a written summary of the procedures and statutory protections associated with such custody or detention.

03/08/14 Bill passed House and Senate

**Notes:** City position: support w/amendments

**HB 482 Motor vehicle safety belts; failure to wear enforceable as a primary offense.**

*Patron:* Villanueva

*Summary as introduced:*

**Motor vehicle safety belts.** Makes failure to wear required motor vehicle safety belts enforceable as a primary offense.

02/12/14 House: Left in Militia, Police and Public Safety

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 486 Human trafficking of children; reports and investigation.**

*Patrons:* Hugo and Villanueva

*Summary as introduced:*

**Human trafficking of children; reports and investigation.** Requires individuals currently required to report suspected child abuse or neglect to also report suspected cases of human trafficking of a child and specifies the duties of local departments of social services and courts with regard to investigating complaints of suspected human trafficking of a child.

02/03/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Courts of Justice

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**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 5 to 3 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.

02/27/14 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0028)

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 519 Zoning; attorney fees.**

*Patron:* Morris

*Summary as introduced:*

**Zoning; attorney fees.** Provides that a court may award reasonable attorney fees, expenses, and court costs to any person, group, or entity that prevails in a zoning action brought against it or that successfully challenges the validity of a zoning ordinance.

01/17/14 House: Stricken from docket by Courts of Justice

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 524 Uniform Statewide Building Code; accessible units.**

*Patron:* Pogge

*Summary as introduced:*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; accessible units.** Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to revise the Uniform Statewide Building Code to require that at least 10 percent of all dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any newly constructed multifamily residential building shall be affordable, accessible units designed and constructed in a manner that satisfies the criteria for Type A units, in accordance with ANSI A117.1. Currently, at least two percent of dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any multifamily residential building must be Type A units.

01/23/14 House: Stricken from docket by General Laws

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 525 Real property tax; notice of assessment.**

*Patrons:* Pogge and Morris

*Summary as passed:*

**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. The bill also requires the notice to inform each property owner of his right to review and make copies of records maintained by the local assessment office.

03/03/14 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 71 (effective 7/1/14)

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**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.

02/05/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Finance

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 562 Virginia Human Rights Act; public employment, prohibited discrimination, sexual orientation.**

*Patrons:* Villanueva, Keam, Carr, Lopez, Mason, Rasoul and Rust; Senator: Ebbin

*Summary as introduced:*

**Virginia Human Rights Act; public employment; prohibited discrimination; sexual orientation.** Prohibits discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation. The bill defines "sexual orientation" as a person's actual or perceived heterosexuality, bisexuality, homosexuality, or gender identity or expression. The bill expressly provides that "sexual orientation" does not include any person's attraction towards persons with whom sexual conduct would be illegal due to the age of the parties.

02/12/14 House: Left in General Laws

**Notes:** City position: support

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

*Patrons:* BaCote, Ward, Yancey, Albo, Austin, Bell, Robert B., Brink, Bulova, Byron, Carr, Cline, Cole, Comstock, Cox, Dance, Farrell, Filler-Corn, Fowler, Futrell, Gilbert, Habeeb, Herring, Hester, Hodges, Hope, Howell, A.T., Howell, W.J., Hugo, Ingram, James, Keam, Kilgore, Knight, Kory, Krupicka, LeMunyon, Lewis, Lingamfelter, Lopez, Marshall, R.G., Mason, McClellan, Minchew, Morrissey, O'Bannon, Peace, Plum, Poindexter, Ramadan, Rasoul, Robinson, Rush, Rust, Sickles, Simon, Spruill, Surovell, Torian, Toscano, Tyler, Villanueva, Watts, Webert and Yost

*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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Appropriations

**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.

02/27/14 Senate: Passed Senate and House

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 621 Emergency custody orders; successive two-hour extensions up to 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.

02/03/14 House: Incorporated by Courts of Justice (HB478-Villanueva)

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 624 Protective orders; companion animals.**

*Patrons:* Watts, Lopez, McClellan and Minchew

*Summary as introduced:*

**Protective orders.** Allows a court to include in a protective order provisions prohibiting harm to a companion animal.

02/03/14 House: Incorporated by Courts of Justice into HB972, which passed

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 626 Highway 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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Appropriations

**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.

01/31/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Rules

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 635 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; use of revenues.**

*Patron:* LaRock

*Summary as introduced:*

**Use of revenues by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.** Requires that 70 percent of the revenues received by the Authority under § 15.2-4838.1 be used by the Authority solely to fund transportation projects selected by the Authority that are contained in the regional transportation plan in accordance with § 15.2-4830 and that have been rated in accordance with § 33.1-13.03:1.

02/12/14 House: Left in Transportation

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 642 VIEW; screening and assessment for use of illegal substances.**

*Patron:* Campbell

*Summary as introduced:*

**Substance abuse screening and assessment of public assistance recipients.** Requires local departments of social services to screen each Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare (VIEW) program participant to determine whether probable cause exists to believe the participant is engaged in the use of illegal drugs. When a screening indicates reasonable cause to believe a participant is using illegal drugs, the local department of social services shall require drug testing. Any person who fails or refuses to participate in a screening or assessment without good cause or who tests positive for the use of illegal drugs shall be ineligible to receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) payments for a period of one year, unless he enters into and complies with the requirements of a drug treatment program.

01/28/14 House: Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 653 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; allocations.**

*Patron:* LaRock

*Summary as introduced:*

**Allocations by Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.** Limits allocations by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for transit, rail, and public transportation projects to no more than 25 percent of its total allocations.

02/12/14 House: Left in Transportation

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 658 Northern Virginia highway construction district; CTB allocations.**

*Patron:* LaRock

*Summary as introduced:*

**CTB allocations to Northern Virginia highway construction district.** Limits transit, rail, and public transportation allocations by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to the Northern Virginia highway construction district to no more than 25 percent of total allocations.

02/12/14 House: Left in Transportation

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**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.

02/03/14 House: Stricken from docket by Finance

**Notes:** City position: oppose

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

*Patrons:* Gilbert and Hugo

*Summary as passed House:*

**Child abuse and neglect investigations; time for determination.** Provides for an extension of the time period during which a local department of social services must determine if a report of child abuse or neglect is founded from 60 to 90 days in cases in which the investigation is being conducted in cooperation with a law-enforcement agency and both parties agree that circumstances so warrant.

03/07/14 Senate: Conference report agreed to by House and Senate

**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 multijurisdictional 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.

02/07/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Courts of Justice

**Notes:** City position: support

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

*Patrons:* McClellan, James and Peace

*Summary as passed House:*

**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.

03/06/14 Senate: Signed by President and Speaker

**Notes:** City position: oppose (but bill was amended to address City concerns)

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

*Patron:* Lingamfelter

*Summary as passed House:*

**Discriminatory and retaliatory action against whistle blower; remedies.** Provides that no employer may discharge, threaten, or otherwise discriminate or retaliate against a whistle blower, in whole or in part, because the whistle blower is requested or subpoenaed by an appropriate authority to participate in an investigation, hearing, or inquiry by an appropriate authority or in a court action. The bill also provides that any whistle blower may bring a civil action for prohibited actions against him in the circuit court of the jurisdiction where the whistle blower is employed. The bill provides that in a proceeding commenced against any employer for unlawful retaliation against a whistleblower, the court, if it finds that a violation was willfully and knowingly made, may impose upon such employer that is a party to the action, whether a writ of mandamus or injunctive relief is awarded or not, a civil penalty of not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,500, which amount shall be paid into the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund. The bill also provides that the court may order remedies, including reinstatement to the same position or, if the position is filled, to an equivalent position; back pay; full reinstatement of fringe benefits and seniority rights; or any combination of such remedies. The bill also provides that the whistle blower may be entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees and costs. The bill also imposes a three-year statute of limitations for such actions.

03/06/14 Senate: Signed by President and Speaker

**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 bill also requires the Department of State Police to conduct periodic background checks during the lifetime of any permit issued in the Commonwealth.

02/07/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Militia, Police and Public Safety

**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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Finance

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 778 School boards, local; 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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Education

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 780 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); distribution of benefits.**

*Patrons:* Wilt and Bell, Robert B.

*Summary as passed House:*

**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program; distribution of benefits; restrictions.** Provides that the Department of Social Services shall distribute TANF benefits only in the form of debit cards or direct deposits into savings or checking accounts and prohibits the distribution of TANF benefits in the form of a paper check.

02/26/14 Senate: Continued to 2015 in Finance (17-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 792 Residential zoning; restrictions in Planning District 8.**

*Patrons:* LeMunyon and Kory

*Summary as introduced:*

**Residential zoning restrictions in Planning District 8.** Requires localities in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia) to include provisions in their zoning ordinances that limit the number of residential units with 500 square feet or less of living space to no more than 100 residential units per 100,000 population in the locality.

02/12/14 House: Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 815 Fair Housing Law; unlawful discrimination based on sexual orientation.**

*Patrons:* Lopez, Carr and Plum

*Summary as introduced:*

**Fair Housing Law; unlawful discrimination; sexual orientation.** Adds discrimination based on sexual orientation as an unlawful discriminatory housing practice. The bill defines "sexual orientation" as a person's actual or perceived heterosexuality, bisexuality, homosexuality, or gender identity or expression. "Sexual orientation" does not include sexually deviant disorders (paraphilias) as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistic Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5).

02/12/14 House: Left in General Laws

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 820 Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; retaliation by landlord, rebuttable presumption.**

*Patron:* Lopez

*Summary as introduced:*

**Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; retaliation by landlord; rebuttable presumption.** Creates a rebuttable presumption that a landlord acted in retaliation against a tenant in violation of the Virginia Landlord and Tenant Act if such retaliation occurs within six months after a tenant has (i) complained to a governmental agency charged with responsibility for enforcement of a building or housing code of a violation applicable to the premises materially affecting health or safety; (ii) made a complaint to or filed a suit against the landlord for a violation of any provision of the Act; (iii) organized or become a member of a tenants' organization; or (iv) testified in a court proceeding against the landlord. The bill provides that after six months, the burden of proving retaliatory intent is on the tenant. Currently, the burden of proof is on the tenant.

02/12/14 House: Left in Courts of Justice

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 824 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; bonding authority not effective until July 1, 2018.**

*Patrons:* Minchew, LeMunyon and LaRock

*Summary as introduced:*

**Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.** Provides that the Authority's bonding authority shall not be effective until July 1, 2018. After such date, the Authority, prior to issuance of bonds, shall demonstrate in the context of a bond validation lawsuit that the transportation



projects proposed for funding with the sought bond proceeds have been thoroughly analyzed and provide the greatest degree of congestion reduction relative to cost.

02/12/14 House: Left in Transportation

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Appropriations

**Notes:** City position: support

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

*Patron:* LaRock

*Summary as passed House:*

**Law-enforcement certification of certain firearms.** Requires that when certification of a chief law-enforcement officer is required by federal law for the transfer of a firearm, as defined in the National Firearms Act, such certification must be provided within 30 days if the applicant is not prohibited by law from receiving the firearm. If the applicant is prohibited by law from receiving the firearm, the chief law-enforcement officer or his designee shall provide written notification to the applicant stating the reason for the prohibition. 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.

02/12/14 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (9-Y 5-N)

**Notes:** City position: oppose

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

*Patrons:* Yost, Simon and Torian

*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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Commerce and Labor

**Notes:** City position: support

### **HB 883 Fair Housing Law; unlawful discrimination based on sexual orientation.**

*Patrons:* Yost, Carr and Kory

*Summary as introduced:*

**Fair Housing Law; unlawful discrimination; sexual orientation.** Adds discrimination based on sexual orientation as an unlawful discriminatory housing practice. The bill defines "sexual orientation" as a person's actual or perceived heterosexuality, bisexuality, homosexuality, or gender identity or expression. "Sexual orientation" does not include sexually deviant disorders (paraphilias) as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistic Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV).

02/12/14 House: Left in General Laws

**Notes:** City position: support

### **HB 890 Social worker; family-services specialists & qualified equivalent workers.**

*Patrons:* Peace and Toscano

*Summary as passed House:*

**Social worker.** Allows family-services specialists and qualified equivalent workers to perform tasks currently 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 and allows DMAS-designated assessors to serve in place of social workers on community-based screening teams.

02/27/14 House: Bill passed House and Senate

**Notes:** City position: support

### **HB 908 Contract passenger carriers; eliminates certain requirements.**

*Patron:* Villanueva

*Summary as introduced:*

**Contract passenger carriers.** Eliminates the requirements that (i) contract passenger carrier service be provided for a minimum of one hour per vehicle trip and (ii) each vehicle carry a trip sheet showing passenger destinations. This bill is identical to SB 531.

01/23/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Transportation (18-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Appropriations

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 939 Same-sex marriages; civil unions.**

*Patrons:* Surovell, Krupicka and Plum

*Summary as introduced:*

**Same-sex marriages; civil unions.** Repeals the statutory prohibitions on same-sex marriages and civil unions or other arrangements between persons of the same sex purporting to bestow the privileges and obligations of marriage. The prohibition on these relationships contained in the Constitution of Virginia is unaffected by this bill.

02/12/14 House: Left in Courts of Justice

**Notes:** City position; support

**HB 957 Transportation commission (VRE).**

*Patron:* Filler-Corn

*Summary as passed House:*

**Transportation commission membership.** Delays the effective date of House Bill 2152 (2013) to July 1, 2015. House Bill 2152 gives the Chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board or his designee equal voting weight on the Virginia Railway Express oversight board. House Bill 2152 also provides that the Chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board or his designee shall be included for purposes of constituting a quorum on certain transportation commissions and shall have voting rights equal to the appointees of component governments.

02/28/14 Senate: Signed by President and Speaker

**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 if it is 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.

03/07/14 House: House rejected Governor's recommendation (30-Y 70-N)

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 972 Protective orders; companion animals.**

*Patrons:* Cline, Minchew, Ramadan, Comstock, Hope, Lopez, McClellan, Rust and Watts

*Summary as passed House:*

**Protective orders; companion animals.** Provides that a court may include in a protective order provisions granting to the petitioner possession of a companion animal if the petitioner is the owner of the animal.

03/06/14 Senate: Signed by President and Speaker

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 973 Traffic light signal photo-monitoring; system for traffic light enforcement.**

*Patrons:* Cline, LaRock and Morrissey

*Summary as introduced:*

**Use of photo-monitoring systems for traffic lights; repeal.** Repeals the authority for localities to operate a "photo red" program.

02/04/14 House: Failed to report (defeated) in Transportation (8-Y 13-N)

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 979 Businesses, certain; local limitations on number.**

*Patrons:* Surovell and Kory

*Summary as introduced:*

**Local limitations on number of certain businesses.** Allows a locality to reasonably limit the number of motor vehicle title loan businesses, payday lenders, check cashers, and precious metals dealers that may be operated 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.

02/12/14 House: Left in 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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Militia, Police and Public Safety

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 994 Human trafficking offenses; Va. Code Commission to amend catchline.**

*Patrons:* Comstock, Anderson, Byron, Dance, DeSteph, Fowler, Garrett, Head, McClellan, Peace, Ramadan, Rust, Simon and Yancey

*Summary as passed House:*

**Human trafficking offenses.** Directs the Virginia Code Commission to add the term "human trafficking" to the catchline of § 18.2-47.

02/17/14 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice with letter (9-Y 6-N)

**Notes:** City position: support introduced bill

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

*Patrons:* Minchew, Dance, Filler-Corn, Herring, Torian, Watts and Webert

*Summary as introduced:*

**Real property tax exemption; elderly and disabled.** Provides that the real property tax exemption for the sole dwelling of the elderly and disabled includes dwellings held by certain trusts. The bill also provides that if a locality establishes income restrictions for the exemption, then the locality shall exclude (i) the income of relatives living in the dwelling providing caregiving services whether or not they are compensated and (ii) the income of non-relative caregivers living in the home whether or not they are compensated.

02/27/14 Senate: Signed by President and Speaker

**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.

02/04/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Health, Welfare and Institutions

**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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Commerce and Labor

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 1026 Check cashers; recordkeeping requirements, civil penalty.**

*Patrons:* Ingram and Dance

*Summary as passed House:*

**Check cashers; recordkeeping requirements; civil penalty.** Requires each registered check casher to make copies of, or maintain a record of information from, each item cashed and the customer's identification document prior to cashing the item. Records for each transaction are required to be retained for six months.

03/07/14 House: Bill passed House and Senate

**Notes:** City position: support

**HB 1048 Highway systems; funding.**

*Patron:* Rust (by request)

*Summary as passed House:*

**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. The bill also reduces the number of vehicles per day from 200 to 50 for the unpaved roads that may be considered for five percent of the annual allocation.

03/03/14 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 87 (effective 7/1/14)

**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 (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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Commerce and Labor

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 1067 Animal shelters; definitions.**

*Patron:* Orrock

*Summary as passed House:*

**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 "foster care provider," "foster home," and "home-based rescue."

03/05/14 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 148 (effective 7/1/14)

**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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Transportation

**Notes:** City position: oppose

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

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

*Summary as introduced:*

**Adoption by person other than spouse of a parent.** Allows a person other than the spouse of a parent to adopt a child if the child has only one parent, the adoption would not terminate the parental rights of the parent, and the parent indicates his consent.

02/12/14 House: Left in Courts of Justice

**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.

02/07/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Militia, Police and Public Safety

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 1125 Temporary detention; time during which a person may be held.**

*Patron:* Ingram

*Summary as introduced:*

**Temporary detention; time during which a person may be held.** Allows a person to be held pursuant to a temporary detention order for at least 24 hours but no more than 72 hours.

02/12/14 House: Left in Courts of Justice

**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.

02/07/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Courts of Justice

**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 the greater of \$500 or two times the amount of the contribution or gift.

02/04/14 House: Continued to 2015 in General Laws

**Notes:** City position: oppose

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

*Patrons:* Marshall, R.G. and LaRock

*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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Courts of Justice

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**HB 1226 Stalking; penalty.**

*Patron:* Rasoul

*Summary as introduced:*

**Stalking; penalty.**

02/12/14 House: Left in 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.

02/12/14 House: Left in Appropriations

**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.** Limits the ability of law-enforcement and regulatory agencies to use technology to collect and maintain personal information on individuals and organizations where a warrant has not been issued and there is no reasonable suspicion of criminal activity by the individual or organization. The bill codifies an opinion of the Attorney General.

02/07/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Militia, Police and Public Safety

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**SB 4 Sexual and Domestic Violence Subfund; funding of sexual and domestic violence prevention, etc.**

*Patrons:* Howell and Vogel; *Delegate:* Simon

*Summary as introduced:*

**Funding of sexual and domestic violence prevention, intervention, and prosecution.** Creates a new subfund in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund to be known as the Sexual and Domestic Violence Subfund. The Subfund consists of all funds, from whatever source, in the Commonwealth related to sexual and domestic violence prevention, intervention, and prosecution. The bill also directs the Workers' Compensation Commission to appoint a coordinator to administer and oversee the use of the funds.

01/27/14 Senate: Continued to 2015 in Courts of Justice (15-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 6 DNA; adds certain crimes to list for which a sample must be taken upon arrest.**

*Patron:* Stuart

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**DNA sample upon arrest.** Adds indecent exposure and obscene sexual display to the list of crimes for which a DNA sample must be taken upon conviction or arrest for commission or attempted commission and adds sexual battery, peeping or spying into a dwelling, and penetration of mouth of a child with lascivious intent to the list of crimes for which a sample must be taken upon arrest.

03/04/14 House: Left in Appropriations

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 53 Stormwater management; waiver of charges for places of worship.**

*Patrons:* Stuart and Smith

*Summary as introduced:*

**Regulation of stormwater; waiver of charges for places of worship.** Requires a locality that adopts a system of stormwater management service charges to provide for a waiver of at least 50 percent of such charge to any church, synagogue, or other place of worship.

01/30/14 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**SB 63 Uniform Statewide Building Code; accessible units.**

*Patron:* Puller

*Summary as introduced:*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; accessible units.** Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to revise the Uniform Statewide Building Code to require that at least 10 percent of all dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any newly constructed multifamily residential building shall be affordable, accessible units designed and constructed in a manner that satisfies the criteria for Type A units, in accordance with ANSI A117.1. Currently, at least two percent of dwelling units, but in no case less than one dwelling unit, in any multifamily residential building must be Type A units.

01/20/14 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in General Laws and Technology with letter

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**SB 71 Emergency protective orders; arrests for domestic assault, definition of law-enforcement officer.**

*Patron:* Stuart

*Summary as passed:*

**Emergency protective orders; arrests for certain offenses.** Includes special conservators of the peace who have met the certification requirements for a law-enforcement officer in the definition of a law-enforcement officer for the purposes of obtaining an emergency protective order and for making arrests for assault and battery against a household member, stalking, and violation of a protective order.

03/03/14 Senate: Signed by President and Speaker

**Notes:** City position: oppose (this bill has now been amended)

**SB 95 Precious metals dealers; chief law-enforcement officer may waive permit fee for retail merchants.**

*Patron:* Black

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Precious metals dealers; waiver of permit fee for certain merchants.** Authorizes the chief law enforcement officer of a locality to waive the fee for obtaining a precious metals dealer permit for a retail merchant, provided (i) the retail merchant has a permanent place of business and (ii) the purchases of precious metals or gems do not exceed 5 percent of the merchant's business.

03/05/14 Senate: Bill passed Senate and House

**Notes:** City position: oppose (bill was amended to address City concerns)

**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.

01/29/14 Senate: Continued to 2015 in Finance (17-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City position: oppose

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

*Patron:* Watkins

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**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. The bill no longer impacts Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia).

03/05/14 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 173 (effective 7/1/14)

**Notes:** City position: oppose (bill no longer has any impact on the City)

**SB 134 Independent living services; individuals between 18 and 21 years of age.**

*Patron:* Favola

*Summary as passed:*

**Independent living services; individuals between 18 and 21 years of age.** Requires local departments of social services and child-placing agencies to provide independent living services to any person between 18 and 21 years of age who is transitioning from a commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice to self-sufficiency when the individual was in the custody of the local department of social services immediately prior to his commitment, provides written notice of his intent to receive independent living services, and enters into a written agreement for independent living services with the local board of social services or child-placing agency within 60 days of his release.

03/03/14 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 94 (effective 7/1/14)

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 151 Family abuse protective orders; allowable conditions.**

*Patron:* Stuart

*Summary as passed:*

**Family abuse protective orders; motor vehicles.** Modifies the provision specifying that the court may grant the petitioner temporary exclusive possession or use of a motor vehicle owned by the petitioner or jointly owned by the parties to provide that the court may direct a respondent to maintain insurance, registration, and taxes on a motor vehicle and enjoin the respondent from terminating such insurance, registration, and taxes.

03/06/14 Senate: Bill passed Senate and House

**Notes:** City position: support

**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.

03/07/14 Senate: Bill passed Senate and House

**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.

01/30/14 Senate: Incorporated by Education and Health into SB260

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 194 Eminent domain; date of valuation in actions shall be determined by court.**

*Patrons:* Black and Garrett

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Date of valuation; inverse condemnation proceeding.** Provides that the "date of valuation" of property in an inverse condemnation proceeding is the date determined by the court to be the date the property was taken or damaged.

03/03/14 Senate: Signed by President and Speaker

**Notes:** City position: oppose (bill was substantially amended before it was passed)

**SB 195 Child care; services for TANF and low-income families.**

*Patron:* Stanley

*Summary as introduced:*

**Child care services for TANF and low-income families.** Directs the Department of Social Services to provide financial assistance to offset the cost of child care for individuals receiving TANF and other individuals whose household incomes are less than 185% of the federal poverty



level and are employed or participating in job placement, job training, or education in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare program.

01/24/14 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Rehabilitation and Social Services (12-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**SB 199 Service districts; property may be taxed based on benefit received.**

*Patron:* Alexander

*Summary as introduced:*

**Service districts.** Provides that different classifications of property within a service district may be taxed at different rates based on the benefit received within that particular classification.

01/14/14 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Local Government (10-Y 0-N)

**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.

01/30/14 Senate: Incorporated by Education and Health into SB260-Deeds

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 254 Law-enforcement officers; exceptions to territorial limits.**

*Patron:* McDougle

*Summary as introduced:*

**Law-enforcement officers; exceptions to territorial limits; sex offenses.** Provides that whenever the necessity arises for the enforcement of laws related to child pornography, grooming videos, or use of a communications system to facilitate certain sexual offenses against children, police officers and other officers, agents, and employees of a locality; Capitol Police officers; and campus police may be sent beyond their territorial limits.

03/04/14 House: Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 260 Emergency custody; web-based psychiatric bed registry, custody order valid up to 24 hours, etc.**

*Patrons:* Deeds, Barker, Black, Favola, Howell and Ebbin; *Delegates:* Plum and Torian

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Emergency custody and involuntary temporary detention.** Directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to establish an acute psychiatric bed registry that will 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. The bill also extends the time that a person may be held pursuant to an emergency custody order to 24 hours. The bill provides that an individual for whom a temporary

detention order is issued will be detained in a public or private facility identified by an employee or designee of the community services board, provided such facility is able to provide temporary detention and appropriate care for the individual. The bill requires that in each case in which an employee or designee of the local community services board is required to make an evaluation of a person who is subject to an emergency custody order, the employee or designee will notify the Department if an appropriate facility of temporary detention has not been identified within four hours of the issuance of the emergency custody order. The bill requires the Department to assist the local community services board in identifying an appropriate facility of temporary detention, and in cases in which a facility of temporary detention has not been identified by either the Department or the employee or designee of the local community services board within eight hours of issuance of an emergency custody order, the Department is required to identify a facility operated by the Department to accept the person for temporary detention.

03/08/14 Bill passed House and Senate

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 331 Investigating 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.

03/03/14 Senate: Signed by President and Speaker

**Notes:** City position: support

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

*Patron:* Howell

*Summary as passed:*

**Suspected abuse or neglect of a child; reports to law enforcement.** Requires the local department of social services to notify the local attorney for the Commonwealth and the local law-enforcement agency of all complaints of suspected child abuse and neglect involving certain injuries or criminal acts immediately upon receipt of the complaint, but in no case more than two hours from receipt of the complaint. The bill also requires the local department 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.

03/03/14 Senate: Signed by President and Speaker

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**SB 339 Secondhand fixtures and scrap metal; payment for materials to be in form of check.**

*Patron:* Lucas

*Summary as introduced:*

**Secondhand fixtures and scrap metal; payment.** Requires persons acquiring secondhand building fixtures, scrap, metal articles, and proprietary articles to make payments for the

materials in the form of a check. Currently, purchasers of certain secondhand metal articles are required to make payments by check when the amount paid equals or exceeds \$1,000.

01/20/14 Senate: Continued to 2015 in Commerce and Labor (15-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 343 Statewide Fire Prevention Code; use of consumer and restricted consumer fireworks, etc.**

*Patron:* Garrett

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**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" and provides that consumer and restricted consumer fireworks are to be considered the same hazard class of 1.4G explosives under the Statewide Fire Prevention Code and Uniform Statewide Building Code.

03/04/14 House: Left in General Laws

**Notes:** City position: support

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

*Patrons:* Edwards and Ebbin; *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.

02/03/14 Senate: Continued to 2015 in Commerce and Labor (13-Y 3-N)

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 370 Emergency custody & temporary detention; time person may be held.**

*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.

01/30/14 Senate: Incorporated by Education and Health into SB260

**Notes:** City position: support

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

*Patron:* Marsh

*Summary as introduced:*

**Neighborhood revitalization.** Allows a locality to adopt a program to establish and impose an annual blighted property assessment fee on real properties that have remained vacant for one 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 surrounding property values.

02/04/14 Senate: Continued to 2015 in Local Government (15-Y 0-N)

**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.

03/04/14 House: Left in Appropriations

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 424 Temporary detention; time during which a person may be held.**

*Patron:* Hanger

*Summary as introduced:*

**Temporary detention; time during which a person may be held.** Requires a person subject to a temporary detention order to be held for at least 24 hours but no more than 72 hours.

01/27/14 Senate: Incorporated by Courts of Justice into SB115-Barker

**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 passed Senate:*

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

03/04/14 House: Left in Appropriations

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 428 Personal property tax; localities may 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.

01/28/14 Senate: Continued to 2015 in Finance (14-Y 0-N)

**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.

01/27/14 Senate: Incorporated by Courts of Justice into SB373, which was defeated

**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 using their websites, radio, or television rather than a newspaper.

02/04/14 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Local Government (12-Y 3-N)

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 480 Real property tax; notice of assessment.**

*Patron:* Norment

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**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. The bill also requires the notice to inform each property owner of his right to review and make copies of records maintained by the local assessment office.

02/27/14 House: Signed by Speaker and President

**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.

01/28/14 Senate: Continued to 2015 in Finance (11-Y 0-N)

**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 into SB289, which was continued to 2015

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**SB 495 Conservators of the peace, special.**

*Patron:* Norment

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**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, and in adopting such standards, requiring that the Board seek the advice of the Private Security Services Advisory Board; (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 Office of the Executive Secretary of 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, except that special conservators employed by a state agency may use the State seal; 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. The bill also defines private police department and allows such departments employing officers meeting the compulsory minimum training standards established by the Board as of July 1, 2014 to continue to operate and use the word "police" until July 1, 2015.

02/21/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Militia, Police and Public Safety

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 510 Firearms; possession following a misdemeanor conviction of certain crimes.**

*Patrons:* Favola, Ebbin and Wexton; *Delegates:* Simon and Surovell

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**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.

03/04/14 House: Left in Courts of Justice

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 518 Highway systems; funding.**

*Patron:* Wagner

*Summary as passed:*

**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. The bill also reduces the number of vehicles per day on unpaved roads from 200 to 50 for the unpaved roads that may be considered for five percent of the annual allocation.

03/06/14 Senate: Bill passed Senate and House

**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.

02/07/14 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Rules (17-Y 0-N)

**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.

01/29/14 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (10-Y 4-N)

**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 what constitutes 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, as set forth in 16 C.F.R. Parts 1500 and 1507 and APA Standard 87-1. "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.

01/27/14 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in General Laws and Technology (9-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City position: oppose

**SB 566 Virginia Retirement System; increase of retirement allowance.**

*Patrons:* Colgan, Barker, Favola and Puller; *Delegates:* Hope, Kory, Plum, Rasoul 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 or the State Police Officers' Retirement System (or predecessor retirement systems).

01/29/14 Senate: Continued to 2015 in Finance (17-Y 0-N)

**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.

02/07/14 Senate: Continued to 2015 in Rules (10-Y 7-N)

**Notes:** City position: support

**SB 578 Permits and approvals; damages for unconstitutional grant or denial by locality.**

*Patrons:* Obenshain and Garrett

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Damages, attorney fees, and costs for unconstitutional grant or denial by locality of certain permits and approvals.** Makes that an applicant aggrieved by the grant or denial by a locality of any approval or permit, where such grant included, or denial was based upon an unconstitutional condition, entitled to an award of compensatory damages; the person may also be awarded reasonable attorney fees and costs. The bill also provides that the applicant shall be entitled to an order remanding the matter to the locality with a direction to grant or issue such permits or approvals without the unconstitutional condition. The provisions of this bill shall only apply to approvals or permits that are granted or denied on or after July 1, 2014.

03/05/14 Senate: Bill passed Senate and House

**Notes:** City position: oppose (bill has been amended from its original form)

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

*Patrons:* Carrico and Garrett

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Lifetime concealed handgun permits; Department of State Police to issue; penalty.** Provides for the issuance of concealed handgun permits that do not expire. The bill also centralizes the issuance of concealed handgun permits with the Department of State Police, instead of the circuit court clerk. The bill also requires the Department of State Police to conduct periodic background checks during the lifetime of any permit issued in the Commonwealth, but no less than annually.

02/28/14 House: Continued to 2015 in Militia, Police and Public Safety

**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.

02/03/14 Senate: Stricken at the request of Patron in Courts of Justice (13-Y 0-N)

**Notes:** City position: oppose