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From: Bernard Caton
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 10:57 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Mark Jinks; David Huchler
Subject: SB 158--PERK kits; VA government directory

At Saturday's Council meeting, during the General Assembly Update, Justine Wilson raised questions about SB 158, which pertains to the custody and disposal of Physical Evidence Recovery Kits (PERKs), which are used to gather and process evidence in cases involving sexual assaults. The bill directed that certain untested kits that had been sent to the State be returned to the local police department for storage, but didn't specify how long they would be stored or whether they could be tested in the future.

Senator Favola, the patron of SB 158, asked that her bill no longer be considered, but that SB 291 be passed in its place. SB 291 is a bill that was developed during the past year by all parties interested in issues relating to PERK kits and their testing and storage. It appears to have support from all sides and no opposition. It was approved today by the Senate Courts of Justice Committee. Here is a link to it:

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?161+ful+SB291+pdf>

I also mentioned at Saturday's meeting that there is an online App directory of all General Assembly members as well as some Executive branch officials. If you go to the App store, search for "Verizon Virginia Government Directory" if you wish to download it.

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Subject: Legislative Update

One quick item:

A bill that would prohibit our living wage ordinance was agreed to by a Counties, Cities and Towns subcommittee this morning on a party-line vote. I spoke against it. Here is a link to the bill: <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?161+ful+HB1371>. It would not surprise me if this gets to the Governor's desk; we would then ask him to veto it. The Governor vetoed a slightly narrower version of this (which would not have affected our program) last year.

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