

Current Status of City Package Bills February 25, 2017

HB 1444 Minimum wage; increases minimum wage from its current federally mandated level.

Chief patron: Rasoul

Summary as introduced:

Minimum wage. Increases the minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour to \$10.00 per hour effective July 1, 2017, to \$12.50 per hour effective July 1, 2019, and to \$15.00 per hour effective July 1, 2021, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

02/08/17 House: Left in Commerce and Labor

City Position: support

HB 1462 Voter identification; accepted forms of identification.

Chief patron: Sullivan

Summary as introduced:

Voter identification; accepted forms of identification. Adds to the list of acceptable forms of voter identification a valid student photo identification card issued by any institution of higher education located in the United States. Current law allows students from any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth to use their student photo identification cards for voting.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HB 1593 Sales and use tax; personal hygiene products.

Chief patron: Boysko

Summary as introduced:

Sales and use tax; personal hygiene products; "the dignity act." Exempts from sales and use tax toilet paper, adult diapers, and the certain feminine hygiene products.

02/07/17 House: Left in Finance

City Position: support

HB 1603 Absentee voting; eligibility of certain caregivers.

Chief patron: Sullivan

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of certain caregivers. Entitles a person to vote absentee if the person is unable to go in person to the polls on the day of the election because he is primarily and personally responsible for the care of an ill or disabled individual who is confined at home.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HB 1631 Elections; early voting.

Chief patron: Sullivan

Summary as introduced:

Elections; early voting. Allows any registered voter to vote early in any election in which he is qualified to vote without providing a reason or making prior application for an absentee ballot.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HB 1682 Temporary driver's licenses; eligibility.

Chief patron: Bloxom

Summary as introduced:

Temporary driver's licenses; eligibility. Allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a temporary driver's license valid for one year to an applicant who is otherwise unable to be issued a driver's license due to immigration status if such applicant (i) has established residency in the Commonwealth, (ii) has filed an income tax return with the Commonwealth, (iii) has registered with the Department of Homeland Security, and (iv) either demonstrates proof of insurance for the year the license is to be valid or pays the \$500 uninsured motorist fee.

02/07/17 House: Left in Transportation

City Position: support

HB 1771 Minimum wage.

Chief patron: Plum

Summary as introduced:

Minimum wage. Increases the minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour to \$10.10 per hour effective January 1, 2018. Effective January 1, 2020, the minimum wage shall be adjusted biennially to reflect annual increases in the consumer price index over the two most recent calendar years.

02/08/17 House: Left in Commerce and Labor

City Position: support

HB 1818 Absentee voting; entitles persons age 65 or older to vote absentee.

Chief patron: Hayes

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of persons age 65 or older. Entitles a person who will be age 65 or older on the date of the election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HB 1819 Elections; absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person.

Chief patron: Hayes

Summary as introduced:

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

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HB 1857 Tuition, in-state; eligibility, certain individuals who have applied for permanent residency, etc.

Chief patron: Lopez

Summary as introduced:

Eligibility for in-state tuition; certain individuals who have applied for permanent residency; certain individuals approved under deferred action programs. Declares eligible for in-state tuition any individual who (i) attended a public or private high school in the Commonwealth for at least three years; (ii) graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or passed a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education; (iii) registers as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education; (iv) provides an affidavit to the public institution of higher education in which he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled stating that he has filed an application to become a permanent resident of the United States and is actively pursuing such permanent residency or will do so as soon as he becomes eligible for such permanent residency; and (v) submits evidence to the institution at which he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled that he, or in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis, has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of registration as an entering student or enrollment.

02/01/17 House: Tabled in Education

City Position: support

HB 1866 Issuance of temporary licenses, permits, or special identification cards.

Chief patron: Lopez

Summary as introduced:

Issuance of temporary licenses, permits, or special identification cards; requirements. Allows the issuance of a temporary driver's license, permit, or special identification card to an applicant presenting valid documentary evidence that a federal court or federal agency having jurisdiction over immigration has authorized the applicant to be in the United States for a period of at least 30 days from the date of application.

02/07/17 House: Left in Transportation

City Position: support

HB 1935 Absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person available 21 days prior to election.

Chief patron: Carr

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person available 21 days prior to election. Allows any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot in person in any election in which he is qualified to vote without providing a reason or making a prior application for an absentee ballot.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HB 1983 School calendar; opening day of school year.

Chief patron: Greason

Summary as introduced:

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

02/09/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Education and Health (9-Y 6-N)

City Position: support

HB 2020 Temporary driver's licenses, permits, or special identification cards.

Chief patron: Villanueva

Summary as passed House:

Issuance of temporary licenses, permits, or special identification cards. Allows the issuance of a temporary driver's license, permit, or special identification card to an applicant presenting valid documentary evidence that a federal court or agency having jurisdiction over immigration has authorized the applicant to be in the U.S. for at least 30 days from the date of application.

02/15/17 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Transportation (6-Y 7-N)

City Position: support

HB 2031 School calendar; opening day of the school year.

Chief patron: Adams

Summary as introduced:

School calendar; opening day of the school year. Makes local school boards responsible for determining the opening day of the school year.

01/23/17 House: Tabled in Education

City Position: support

HB 2068 Absentee voting; persons with disabilities and persons 65 or older.

Chief patron: Watts

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of persons with disabilities and persons age 65 or older. Entitles (i) persons with disabilities who are not reasonably able to go in person to the polls on election day and (ii) persons who will be age 65 or older on the date of the election to vote absentee.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HB 2091 Elections; early voting.

Chief patron: Kory

Summary as introduced:

Elections; early voting. Allows any registered voter to vote early in any election in which he is qualified to vote without providing a reason or making prior application for an absentee ballot. The bill requires that early voting be available beginning the twenty-first day prior to any general election, the seventh day prior to any special election held on a date other than the date of a general election, and the seventh day prior to any primary election and ending on the Saturday before the election.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HB 2130 Motor vehicles; motor fuel sales tax in certain transportation districts.

Chief patron: Levine

Summary as introduced:

Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts. Provides that the tax that is imposed on the sales price of motor fuel in Northern Virginia shall be imposed on the regional price of gas, defined and computed as a six-month average price of fuel. The regional price has an initial floor of January 11, 2017. If a newly averaged regional price is higher than the preceding regional price, the tax is imposed on the new regional price, but if a newly averaged regional price is less than the preceding regional price, the higher of the two remains the regional price. If the regional price is at any time equal to or greater than the statewide average wholesale price of unleaded regular gasoline on February 20, 2013, then the tax is imposed on the regional price, which moving forward shall not be less than the statewide average wholesale price of unleaded regular gasoline on February 20, 2013, and shall not be more than a price of \$4 per gallon of unleaded regular gasoline. The bill also raises the rate of taxation of motor fuel in Northern Virginia from 2.1% to 3%. The bill also changes the regional gas tax in Hampton Roads from a percentage to a cents-per-gallon tax that decreases as the price of gas increases. The regional gas tax in Hampton Roads would have a floor of \$0.05 per gallon and a ceiling of \$0.14 per gallon and would be determined on the basis of the average wholesale price of unleaded regular gasoline.

02/07/17 House: Left in Finance

City Position: support

HB 2131 Libraries; assessment for costs in civil actions, disbursement for law libraries.

Chief patron: Levine

Summary as introduced:

Libraries; assessment for costs in civil actions; disbursement for law libraries. Increases from \$4 to \$7 the assessment a county, city, or town may make as part of the costs incident to each civil action filed in the courts located within its boundaries.

02/07/17 House: Left in Courts of Justice

City Position: support

HB 2180 Absentee voting; eligibility of certain persons.

Chief patron: Sickles

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of certain persons. Entitles a person to vote absentee if he is unable to go in person to the polls on the day of the election because he is primarily and personally responsible for a child or for an ill or disabled individual who is confined at home. The bill also entitles a person to vote absentee if he lacks access to reliable personal transportation.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HB 2275 Absentee voting; eligibility of persons age 65 or older.

Chief patron: Krizek

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of persons age 65 or older. Entitles a person who will be age 65 or older on the date of the election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HB 2309 Minimum wage; increases wage to \$11 per hour effective July 1, 2017.

Chief patron: Simon

Summary as introduced:

Minimum wage. Increases the minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour to \$11 per hour effective July 1, 2017, and to \$15 per hour effective July 1, 2019, unless a higher minimum wage is required by federal law. Effective July 1, 2020, the minimum wage shall be adjusted annually to reflect the increase in the Consumer Price Index over the most recent calendar year.

02/08/17 House: Left in Commerce and Labor

City Position: support

HB 2323 Public employment; inquiries by state agencies regarding criminal convictions.

Chief patron: Aird

Summary as introduced:

Public employment; inquiries by state agencies and localities regarding criminal convictions, charges, and arrests. Prohibits state agencies from including on any employment application a question inquiring whether the prospective employee has ever been arrested or charged with, or convicted of, any crime, subject to certain exceptions. A prospective employee may not be asked if he has ever been convicted of any crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if the prospective employee has a conviction record that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the position. A prospective employee may not be asked if he has ever been arrested or charged with a crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if (i) the prospective employee's criminal arrest or charge resulted in the prospective employee's conviction of a crime and (ii) the crime of which he was convicted directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the position. The prohibition does not apply to applications for employment with law-enforcement agencies or certain positions designated as sensitive or in instances where a state agency is expressly permitted to inquire into an individual's criminal history for employment purposes pursuant to any provision of federal or state law.

02/08/17 House: Left in General Laws

City Position: support

HB 2344 Tuition, in-state; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, etc.

Chief patron: Kory

Summary as introduced:

In-state tuition; domicile; individuals granted Deferred Action for Childhood

Arrivals. Declares, absent congressional intent to the contrary, that any individual granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has the

capacity to intend to remain in the Commonwealth indefinitely and is therefore eligible to establish domicile and receive in-state tuition charges at any public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth.

02/08/17 House: Left in Appropriations

City Position: support

HJ 540 Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote.

Chief patron: Simon

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote. Removes the disqualification from voting of persons convicted of felonies.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HJ 542 Constitutional amendment; qualification of voters, executive clemency.

Chief patron: Habeeb

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; qualification of voters and executive clemency. Provides that no person convicted of a felony shall be qualified to vote unless his civil rights have been restored. The General Assembly shall prescribe by law the process for the automatic restoration of the civil rights of a person who has been convicted of any felony, other than a violent felony, upon such person's completion of service of his sentence and any modification of that sentence, including any period or condition of probation, parole, or suspension of the sentence, and his payment in full of any restitution, fines, costs, and fees assessed against him as a result of his conviction. The Governor retains the authority to remove the political disabilities, i.e., restore the civil rights, of persons convicted of a violent felony upon application by such persons and under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by law. However, no person convicted of a violent felony shall be eligible for the removal of his political disabilities until he has completed the payment in full of any restitution, fines, costs, and fees assessed against him and at least two years have passed since he completed service of his sentence and any modification of his sentence, including any period or condition of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HJ 581 Constitutional amendment; apportionment; criteria for electoral districts.

Chief patron: Sullivan

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; apportionment; criteria for electoral districts. Provides the criteria for electoral districts drawn by the General Assembly. The amendment directs that electoral districts are (i) to be composed of contiguous and compact territory, (ii) to be drawn utilizing existing political boundaries, and (iii) to be as nearly equal in population as is practicable. The amendment prohibits electoral districts being drawn for the purpose of favoring or disfavoring any political party, incumbent legislator or member of Congress, or other individual or entity. The amendment authorizes the General Assembly to provide additional standards, definitions, or guidance in order to facilitate the objective interpretation and

application of such criteria.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HJ 628 Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission.

Chief patron: Plum

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes the Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HJ 650 Constitutional amendment; voting; restoration of civil rights.

Chief patron: Carr

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of felonies who have completed service of their sentences, including any period or condition of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HJ 651 Constitutional amendment; Nonpartisan Redistricting Commission.

Chief patron: Carr

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; Virginia Nonpartisan Redistricting Commission created. Provides for a temporary Virginia Nonpartisan Redistricting Commission (the Commission) to prepare redistricting plans in 2021 and each tenth year thereafter for the House of Delegates, Senate of Virginia, and congressional districts. The Virginia Nonpartisan Redistricting Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by majority vote of the Supreme Court of Virginia from a list of retired judges who have indicated their willingness to serve on the Commission.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HJ 694 Constitutional amendment; voting; restoration of civil rights.

Chief patron: Watts

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies who have completed service of their sentences, subject to the conditions, requirements, and definitions set forth in that law.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

HJ 749 Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission.

Chief patron: Bell, John J.

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes the seven-member Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census of the United States.

02/08/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

SB 785 Minimum wage; increases to \$8.00 per hour effective July 1, 2017.

Chief patron: Marsden

Summary as introduced:

Minimum wage. Increases the minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour to \$8.00 per hour effective July 1, 2017, to \$9.00 per hour effective July 1, 2018, to \$10.10 per hour effective July 1, 2019, and to \$11.25 per hour effective July 1, 2020, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

01/16/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (11-Y 3-N)

City Position: support

SB 792 Absentee voting; entitles persons age 65 or older to vote absentee.

Chief patron: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of persons age 65 or older. Entitles a person who will be age 65 or older on the date of the election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/24/17 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Privileges and Elections (7-Y 7-N)

City Position: support

SB 826 Voter identification; accepted forms of identification.

Chief patron: Wexton

Summary as introduced:

Voter identification; accepted forms of identification. Adds to the list of accepted forms of identification for purposes of voting a valid identification card that contains a photograph of the voter and is issued by any private entity that is licensed or certified, in whole or in part, by the State Department of Health, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Medical Assistance Services, or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

01/24/17 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Privileges and Elections (6-Y 8-N)

City Position: support

SB 827 Elections; absentee voting by persons age 70 or older.

Chief patron: Wexton

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of persons age 70 or older. Entitles a person who will be age 70 or older on the date of the election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/24/17 Senate: Defeated in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

SB 844 Absentee voting; no-excuse in-person available 21 days prior to election.

Chief patron: Howell

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; no-excuse in-person available 21 days prior to election. Allows any voter to vote by absentee ballot in person in any election in which he is qualified to vote without providing a reason or making prior application for an absentee ballot.

01/31/17 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Privileges and Elections (7-Y 7-N)

City Position: support

SB 845 Absentee voting; eligibility of certain caregivers.

Chief patron: Howell

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of certain caregivers. Entitles a person to vote absentee if the person is unable to go in person to the polls on the day of the election because he is primarily and personally responsible for the care of an ill or disabled individual who is confined at home.

02/21/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

SB 882 Absentee voting; eligibility of any registered voter.

Chief patron: Spruill

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of any registered voter. Allows any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot in any election in which he is qualified to vote. The bill removes the current list of statutory reasons for which a person may be entitled to vote by absentee ballot but retains the requirement to apply to vote absentee.

01/24/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections (8-Y 6-N)

City Position: support

SB 978 Minimum wage.

Chief patron: Dance

Summary as introduced:

Minimum wage. Increases the minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour to \$10.00 per hour effective July 1, 2017, to \$13 per hour effective July 1, 2018, and to \$15 per hour effective July 1, 2019, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

01/16/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (11-Y 2-N 1-A)

City Position: support

SB 979 Elections; absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person.

Chief patron: Dance

Summary as introduced:

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

01/31/17 Senate: Defeated in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

SB 1002 Absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person available 21 days prior to election.

Chief patron: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person available 21 days prior to election. Allows any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot in person in any election without providing a reason or making a prior application for an absentee ballot. Absentee voting in person will be available in the office of the general registrar or the secretary of the electoral board and may be available at additional locations if approved by the local electoral board. The period for absentee voting in person will begin on the twenty-first day prior to any election and will end on the Saturday before the election.

01/31/17 Senate: Defeated in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

SB 1014 Water public utilities; rate increases.

Chief patron: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Water public utilities; rate increases. Prohibits the State Corporation Commission from authorizing a water public utility, including a small water utility, from increasing its approved rates, fees, or charges through the use of a surcharge for non-revenue-generating infrastructure replacement or a similar surcharge pursuant to which the utility utilizes an automatic rate adjustment feature to increase its rates, fees, or charges. The measure further provides that the rates, fees, and charges that the Commission has approved for a utility to charge its customers shall not be authorized to increase above the amounts specified in an order of the Commission unless the Commission specifically increases such amounts.

01/30/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (13-Y 2-N)

City Position: support

SB 1016 Absentee voting; entitles persons age 65 or older to vote absentee.

Chief patron: Barker

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of persons age 65 or older. Entitles a person who will be age 65 or older on the date of the election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/24/17 Senate: Defeated in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

SB 1092 Motor vehicle fuels; sets floor on sales tax imposed in Northern Virginia.

Chief patron: Petersen

Summary as introduced:

Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts; price floor. Establishes a floor on the 2.1 percent tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels sold in Northern Virginia by requiring that the average sales price upon which the tax is based be no less than the statewide average sales price on July 1, 2013.

01/31/17 Senate: Incorporated by Finance into SB1456, which was defeated in the House

City Position: support

SB 1131 Absentee voting; eligibility of certain persons.

Chief patron: Mason

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of certain persons. Entitles a person to vote absentee if he is unable to go in person to the polls on the day of the election because he is primarily and personally responsible for a child or for an ill or disabled individual who is confined at home. The bill also entitles a person to vote absentee if he lacks access to reliable personal transportation.

01/24/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections (8-Y 5-N)

City Position: support

SB 1132 Absentee voting; entitles persons age 65 or older on date of an election to vote absentee.

Chief patron: Mason

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; eligibility of persons age 65 or older. Entitles a person who will be age 65 or older on the date of the election for which an absentee ballot is requested to vote absentee.

01/24/17 Senate: Defeated in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

SB 1171 Public employment; inquiries by state agencies regarding criminal convictions.

Chief patron: Dance

Summary as introduced:

Public employment; inquiries by state agencies and localities regarding criminal convictions, charges, and arrests. Prohibits state agencies from including on any employment application a question inquiring whether the prospective employee has ever been arrested or charged with, or convicted of, any crime, subject to certain exceptions.

02/21/17 House: Left in General Laws

City Position: support

SB 1200 Voter identification requirements; repeal of photo identification requirements.

Chief patron: Lewis

Summary as introduced:

Voter identification requirements; repeal of photo identification requirements. Repeals the requirement that voters show a form of identification containing a photograph in order to be allowed to vote.

01/24/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections (8-Y 6-N)

City Position: support

SB 1295 Early voting; any registered voter allowed to vote early in any election.

Chief patron: Vogel

Summary as introduced:

Elections; early voting. Allows any registered voter to vote early in any election in which he is qualified to vote without providing a reason or making prior application for an absentee ballot. The bill requires that early voting be available beginning the twenty-first day prior to any general

election, the seventh day prior to any special election held on a date other than the date of a general election, and the seventh day prior to any primary election.

01/31/17 Senate: Defeated in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

SB 1345 Driver privilege cards; issuance of new cards by DMV.

Chief patron: Surovell

Summary as introduced:

Driver privilege cards. Authorizes the issuance of new driver privilege cards by the Department of Motor Vehicles to an individual who has (i) reported income from Virginia sources on an individual tax return filed with the Commonwealth in the preceding 12 months and (ii) is not in violation of the insurance requirements of Article 8 of Chapter 6 of Title 46.2. The bill provides that driver privilege cards shall confer the same privileges and shall be subject to the same provisions as driver's licenses and permits; however, driver privilege cards shall not (a) confer voting privileges, (b) permit an individual to waive any part of the driver examination, or (c) be required to present proof of legal presence in the United States. The bill provides for the term "driver's license" to consistently refer to all driver's licenses, permits, driver privilege cards, and special identification cards issued by the Commonwealth or the comparable law of another jurisdiction. The bill allows the issuance of a limited-duration driver's license and special identification card to an applicant presenting valid documentary evidence that a federal court or federal agency having jurisdiction over immigration has authorized the applicant to be in the United States for a period of at least 30 days from the date of application. The bill authorizes the Tax Commissioner to provide to the Department of Motor Vehicles information sufficient to verify that an applicant for a driver privilege card or permit reported income from Virginia sources on an individual tax return filed with the Commonwealth in the preceding 12 months.

01/18/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Transportation (7-Y 6-N)

City Position: support

SB 1407 Human trafficking identification and awareness training.

Chief patron: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Department of Criminal Justice Services; human trafficking identification and awareness training. Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to adopt regulations that require all law-enforcement personnel to have training on the awareness of human trafficking offenses and the identification of human traffickers.

01/30/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (9-Y 6-N)

City Position: support

SB 1456 Motor vehicle fuels; definitions, sales tax in certain transportation districts, price floor.

Chief patron: Wagner

Summary as passed Senate:

Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts; price floor. Places a floor on the 2.1 percent tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels sold in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads by ensuring that the tax is not imposed on a price that is less than the statewide average wholesale price of gasoline or diesel fuel on February 20, 2013, which is the date used

as a floor on the statewide motor vehicle fuels sales tax.

02/13/17 House: Tabled in Finance

City Position: support

SJ 222 Constitutional amendment; voting; restoration of civil rights.

Chief patron: Locke

Summary as introduced:

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

01/31/17 Senate: Defeated in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

SJ 223 Constitutional amendment; voters; executive clemency.

Chief patron: Norment

Summary as passed Senate:

Constitutional amendment; qualification of voters and executive clemency. Amends the authority of the Governor to remove the political disabilities of persons convicted of felonies, thus restoring their civil rights. Requires the Governor to automatically remove the political disabilities of a person convicted of a felony, other than a violent felony, who has completed serving his sentence and has met any other conditions that may be set by the General Assembly. The Governor retains the discretion to remove the political disabilities of persons convicted of violent felonies. A person convicted of a violent felony shall become eligible for the removal of his political disabilities once he has completed (i) the payment in full of any restitution, fines, costs, and fees assessed against him; and (ii) service of his sentence, including any period of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence, and at least five years have passed since he completed such payment and service of sentence.

02/21/17 House: Left in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

SJ 230 Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission.

Chief patron: Sturtevant

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission; criteria for legislative and congressional districts. Establishes the seven-member Virginia Redistricting Commission (the Commission) to redraw congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census.

01/31/17 Senate: Defeated in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

SJ 231 Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission.

Chief patron: Hanger

Summary as passed Senate:

Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission; criteria for legislative and congressional districts. Establishes the 7-member Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census.

02/17/17 House: Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections (14-Y 7-N)

City Position: support

SJ 243 Constitutional amendment; voting; restoration of civil rights.

Chief patron: Edwards

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of felonies. The amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights to such persons.

01/31/17 Senate: Defeated in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

SJ 253 Constitutional amendment; voting; and executive clemency.

Chief patron: Dance

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; qualifications of voters and executive clemency. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the automatic restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies who have completed service of their sentences. The amendment retains the Governor's authority to restore the civil rights of persons convicted of violent felonies who have completed service of their sentences.

01/31/17 Senate: Defeated in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

SJ 269 Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission.

Chief patron: Deeds

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes the Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census. Appointments to the 13-member Commission are to be made as follows: two each by the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the minority leader in each house, and the state chairman of each of the two political parties receiving the most votes in the prior gubernatorial election. The 12 partisan members then select the thirteenth member by a majority vote or, if they cannot agree on a selection, certify the two names receiving the most votes to the Supreme Court of Virginia, which will name the thirteenth member. The standards to govern redistricting plans include the current constitutional standards on population equality, compactness, and contiguity and additional standards to minimize splits of localities and to prohibit consideration of incumbency and political data.

01/31/17 Senate: Defeated in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

SJ 272 Constitutional amendment; voting; restoration of civil rights.

Chief patron: Hanger

Summary as introduced:

Constitutional amendment; qualifications to vote; restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for any person who has been convicted of a felony not designated by the General Assembly as a barrier crime for these purposes and who has completed service of his sentence and paid in full any restitution, fines, costs, and fees assessed against him as a result of his conviction.

01/31/17 Senate: Defeated in Privileges and Elections

City Position: support

SJ 289 Study; Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council; local government officers.

Chief patron: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Study; Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council; local government officers and employees. Directs the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council to study the procedures for the filing and review of disclosure forms by local officers and employees.

02/02/17 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Rules with letter

City Position: support