

Recommended Positions on Bills of Importance to the City January 20, 2018

HB 9 Safety restraints; all occupants of motor vehicles required to utilize.

Patron: Krizek

Summary as introduced:

Safety restraint use in motor vehicles. Requires all occupants of motor vehicles to utilize safety restraints. Current law requires safety belt use only by occupants under the age of 18, drivers, and passengers 18 years of age or older occupying the front seat.

01/16/18 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 10 Hate crimes; criminal acts against persons because of gender, etc.

Patrons: Kory, Adams, D.M., Bell, John J., Carter, Convirs-Fowler, Guzman, Herring, Hope, Hurst, Levine and Roem; *Senators:* Favola and Surovell

Summary as introduced:

Hate crimes; gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability; penalty. Adds disability, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation to the categories of victims whose intentional selection for a hate crime involving assault, assault and battery, or trespass for the purpose of damaging another's property results in a higher criminal penalty for the offense. The bill also adds disability, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation status to the categories of hate crimes that are to be reported to the central repository of information regarding hate crimes maintained by the Virginia State Police. The bill also provides that a person who is subjected to acts of vandalism to his real or personal property, where such vandalism is motivated by disability, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation, may bring a civil action to recover his damages. The bill also provides that no provider or user of an interactive computer service on the Internet shall be liable for any action voluntarily taken by it in good faith to restrict access to material that the provider or user considers to be intended to incite hatred on the basis of disability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation.

11/20/17 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

HB 13 Instructional positions; students identified as having limited English proficiency.

Patrons: Kory, Delaney, Hope, Levine, Plum, Roem and Ward; *Senators:* Marsden and Surovell

Summary as introduced:

Instructional positions; students identified as having limited English proficiency. Requires

state funding to be provided pursuant to the general appropriation act to support 20 full-time equivalent instructional positions for each 1,000 students identified as having limited English proficiency. Current law requires state funding to support 17 such positions for each 1,000 such students.

01/19/18 House: Assigned Education sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 14 Dogs or cats; public animal shelters required to notify intent to euthanize.

Patron: Kory

Summary as introduced:

Public animal shelters; dogs and cats; euthanasia notice. Requires a public animal shelter to wait three days before euthanizing a dog or cat when a person has notified the shelter of his intent to adopt or take custody of the particular animal. The shelter must make reasonable efforts to accomplish the release of the dog or cat but is not required to hold the animal if it has reason to believe that the animal has seriously injured a human or the animal meets certain other specified conditions for euthanasia.

01/15/18 House: Assigned ACNR sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 25 Retail Sales and Use Tax; exemption for menstrual supplies.

Patrons: Boysko, Keam, Bell, John J., Carroll Foy, Carter, Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Hurst, Kory, Krizek, Lindsey, Mullin, Plum, Reid, Rodman and Simon

Summary as introduced:

Sales and use tax exemption; menstrual supplies. Adds menstrual supplies to items, currently including school supplies, clothing, and footwear, that are exempt from sales and use tax each year during a three-day period that begins on the first Friday in August. The bill specifies that menstrual supplies include pads, tampons, and menstrual cups.

11/28/17 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

City Position: Support

HB 31 Profane swearing or cursing in public; eliminates crime.

Patron: Webert

Summary as introduced:

Profane swearing in public. Eliminates the crime of profanely swearing or cursing in public, which is currently punishable as a Class 4 misdemeanor.

01/16/18 House: Assigned Courts sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 32 Hate crimes; reporting to State Police.

Patrons: Sullivan and Hurst; Senator: Locke

Summary as introduced:

State Police; reporting hate crimes. Includes within the definition of "hate crime" a criminal act committed against a person because of sexual orientation or gender identification and requires the reporting of the commission of such crime to the State Police.

11/28/17 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

HB 41 Firearms; mechanical devices designed to increase rate of fire, penalty.

Patrons: Levine, Adams, D.M., Carr, Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Guzman, Hope, Jones, J.C., Kory, Lopez, Plum, Price, Rasoul, Roem, Simon, Sullivan and Watts

Summary as introduced:

Mechanical devices designed to increase the rate of fire of firearms; penalty. Prohibits the manufacture, import, sale or offer to sell, possession, transfer, or transportation of any device used to increase the rate of fire of any semi-automatic firearm beyond the capability of an unaided person to operate the trigger mechanism of that firearm. A violation is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.

01/19/18 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

City Position: Support

HB 64 Local regulation; making of fires.

Patrons: McQuinn, Lindsey, Plum and Simon; Senator: Lucas

Summary as introduced:

Local regulation; making of fires. Defines "making of fires," which under current law a locality can regulate or prohibit, as any use of a flame, including bonfires, cooking stoves, torches, and candles.

01/16/18 House: Assigned CC & T sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 72 Statewide prioritization process project selection; cost of project to be considered.

Patrons: Thomas and Cole; Senator: Stuart

Summary as introduced:

Statewide prioritization process project selection. Requires the total cost of a transportation project to be considered in evaluating projects under the statewide prioritization process. The bill requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to evaluate congestion mitigation on the basis of total traffic volumes, not just traffic volumes during weekdays. The bill imposes

restrictions on projects receiving funding from the High Priority Projects Program that are evaluated under the statewide prioritization process.

12/04/17 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

City Position: Oppose

HB 97 Virginia Public Procurement Act; methods of procurement, single or term contracts.

Patron: Bell, John J.

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Public Procurement Act; methods of procurement; single or term contracts for professional services. Increases the maximum permissible aggregate or sum of all phases of single or term contracts for professional services that may be procured without requiring competitive negotiation from \$60,000 to \$100,000.

12/13/17 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Support

HB 98 Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive negotiation for professional services.

Patron: Bell, John J.

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive negotiation for professional services. Provides that for competitive negotiation for professional services, a public body may conduct negotiations simultaneously with the top two ranked offerors if the public body does not request or discuss nonbinding estimates of total project costs at the discussion stage and as long as such process is set forth in the Request for Proposal.

12/13/17 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Support

HB 105 Criminal Justice Services; training standards, community engaged policing.

Patron: Herring

Summary as introduced:

Department of Criminal Justice Services training standards; community engaged policing. Expands the responsibilities of the Department of Criminal Justice Services regarding community policing by requiring the compulsory training standards for basic training and recertification of law-enforcement officers to include fair and impartial policing, verbal de-escalation, and needs of special populations. The bill changes the term "community policing" to "community engaged policing."

01/15/18 House: Assigned MPPS sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 106 Kinship Guardianship Assistance program; established.

Patrons: Delaney, Adams, D.M., Boysko, Guzman, Levine, Plum, Rasoul, Rodman and Roem

Summary as introduced:

Kinship Guardianship Assistance program. Creates the Kinship Guardianship Assistance program (the program) to facilitate child placements with relatives and ensure permanency for children for whom adoption or being returned home are not appropriate permanency options. The bill sets forth eligibility criteria for the program, payment allowances to kinship guardians, and requirements for kinship guardianship assistance agreements. The bill also requires the Board of Social Services to promulgate regulations for the program.

12/13/17 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

City Position: Support

HB 115 Reckless driving; penalty.

Patron: Webert

Summary as introduced:

Reckless driving; penalty. Expands the conduct that constitutes reckless driving to include driving a vehicle without giving proper time and attention to driving.

12/15/17 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

HB 134 Value engineering; raises minimum project cost.

Patron: Bell, John J.

Summary as introduced:

Value engineering. Raises the minimum project cost requiring the use of value engineering from \$5 million to \$15 million. The bill exempts projects that are designed utilizing (i) a design-build contract or (ii) the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 from the value engineering requirements.

01/18/18 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendments (8-Y 0-N)

City Position: Support

HB 135 Dissemination of juvenile record information; emergency medical services agency applicants.

Patron: Bell, John J.

Summary as introduced:

Dissemination of juvenile record information; emergency medical services agency applicants. Provides that juvenile record information maintained in the Central Criminal Records Exchange may be disseminated (i) to the State Health Commissioner or his designee for

the purpose of screening any person who applies to be a volunteer with or an employee of an emergency medical services agency and (ii) to the county, city, or town manager or chief law-enforcement officer located in a locality that has adopted an ordinance to conduct investigations of employment applicants for the purpose of screening any person who applies to be a volunteer with or an employee of an emergency medical services agency.

01/16/18 House: Assigned Courts sub: Subcommittee #3

City Position: Oppose

HB 150 Child abuse and neglect; founded reports regarding former school employees.

Patrons: Bulova, Bell, Robert B., Peace and Reid

Summary as introduced:

Child abuse and neglect; founded reports regarding former school employees. Requires local departments of social services to notify the appropriate school board without delay if the subject of a founded complaint of child abuse or neglect was, at the time of the investigation or the conduct that led to the report, an employee of a school division located within the Commonwealth. Currently, such reporting is only required if the subject of the complaint is an employee of a school division at the time the complaint is determined to be founded.

01/18/18 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions (22-Y 0-N)

City Position: Support

HB 160 Building code; mutual assistance.

Patrons: Cole, Boysko, Carter, Delaney, Gooditis, Levine and Lindsey; Senators: McPike and Vogel

Summary as introduced:

Building code; mutual assistance. Provides that the governing body of any county, city, or town may enter into an agreement with another locality for the purpose of providing assistance on building code inspections, plan review, and permitting to a local building department in such locality.

01/17/18 House: Assigned GL sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 161 Service districts; general government facilities may be constructed pursuant to power of districts.

Patron: Cole

Summary as introduced:

Powers of service districts. Adds general government facilities to those types of facilities that may be constructed pursuant to the power granted to service districts.

01/16/18 House: Assigned CC & T sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 187 Sex offenders in emergency shelters; notification registration.

Patron: Hayes

Summary as introduced:

Sex offenders in emergency shelters; notification registration. Provides that a registered sex offender who enters an emergency shelter designated by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof and operated in response to a declared state or local emergency shall, as soon as practicable after entry, notify a member of the shelter's staff who is responsible for providing security of such person's status as a registered sex offender. The bill provides that the shelter's staff may access the publicly available information on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry regarding such person and use such information in making reasonable accommodations to ensure the safety of all persons in the shelter; however, no person shall be denied entry solely on the basis of his status as a sex offender unless such entry is otherwise prohibited by law. The bill also requires that such person register with the local law-enforcement agency where the shelter is located within three days of entering the shelter if such person continues to reside in the shelter at that time.

12/26/17 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

HB 189 Firearms; use or display during commission of a felony, killing or injuring police animals.

Patrons: Fowler, McGuire, Bell, John J., Bloxom, Boysko, Brewer, Campbell, Collins, Convirs-Fowler, Davis, Edmunds, Fariss, Freitas, Gooditis, Helsel, Herring, Hodges, Hugo, Hurst, Ingram, Kilgore, Kory, Krizek, Leftwich, Miyares, Morefield, Mullin, Peace, Ransone, Reid, Robinson, Rush, Stolle, Thomas, VanValkenburg, Watts, Webert, Wilt and Wright; Senator: Vogel

Summary as introduced:

Use or display of firearm during commission of a felony; killing or injuring police animals; penalty. Adds maliciously shooting, stabbing, wounding, or otherwise causing bodily injury to or administering poison to any animal used or trained by a law-enforcement agency, regional jail, or the Department of Corrections to the list of felonies for which a separate penalty is prescribed if a firearm is used during the commission of the offense.

12/27/17 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

HB 193 Virginia Public Procurement Act; bid match preference for Virginia businesses.

Patron: Bell, Richard P.

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Public Procurement Act; bid match preference for Virginia businesses. Provides a bid match preference for Virginia businesses. Under the bill, for contracts of \$5,000 or more, a Virginia business has an opportunity to match the lowest bid of an out-of-state bidder if the bid of a Virginia business is within five percent of the lowest bid of an out-of-state bidder.

12/27/17 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Oppose

HB 196 Child abuse or neglect; extension of hearings to review findings by local depts. of social services.

Patrons: Bulova and Bell, Robert B.

Summary as introduced:

Extensions of hearings to review findings by local departments of social services related to child abuse or neglect. Provides that a person who appeals a determination by a local department of social services related to child abuse or neglect to a hearing officer designated by the Commissioner of Social Services may request a maximum of two extensions of the hearing upon a showing of compelling reasons to justify the extensions, which shall not exceed 90 days after the date on which the hearing was first scheduled to be held.

01/18/18 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

City Position: Support

HB 198 Firearms; removal from persons posing substantial risk, penalties.

Patrons: Sullivan and Hurst

Summary as introduced:

Firearms; removal from persons posing substantial risk; penalties. Creates a procedure by which an attorney for the Commonwealth or law-enforcement officer may apply to a circuit court judge for a warrant to remove firearms from a person who poses a substantial risk of injury to himself or others. If firearms are seized pursuant to such warrant, the bill requires a court hearing within 14 days from execution of the warrant to determine whether the firearms should be returned or retained by law enforcement. Seized firearms may be retained by court order for up to 180 days or, with court approval, may be transferred to a third party chosen by the person from whom they were seized. Persons who have been served with a warrant to remove firearms until such warrant has been dissolved by a court or who are the subject of an order to retain firearms are guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor for purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm; are disqualified from having a concealed handgun permit; and may not

be employed by a licensed firearms dealer. The bill also provides that a person who transfers a firearm to a person he knows has been served with a warrant or who is the subject of an order is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

12/28/17 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

HB 204 Energy benchmarking; access to data on energy usage in covered buildings.

Patron: Sullivan

Summary as introduced:

Energy benchmarking; access to data on energy usage in covered buildings. Authorizes a locality to adopt an ordinance requiring utilities, upon request by the owner of a building with a gross floor area of not less than 50,000 square feet (covered building), to provide its owner with combined measured energy usage data for multiple utility accounts of customers receiving service in the covered building. Such benchmarking is mandatory for a covered building with three or more active utility accounts in which no single utility account is greater than or equal to 85 percent of the aggregated energy usage, and it is optional for other covered buildings. The measure provides that the building owner shall only provide aggregated data that is provided to it to the Energy Star Portfolio Manager subject to guidelines established by the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME). Violations of the ordinance are punishable by a fine of not more than \$250. The measure requires DMME to develop uniform guidelines for benchmarking by December 1, 2018.

01/16/18 House: Assigned CC & T sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 206 Pawnbrokers; digital image of forms of identification.

Patron: Bell, Richard P.

Summary as introduced:

Pawnbrokers; digital image of forms of identification. Eliminates the requirement that pawnbrokers create a digital image of the form of identification used if the form of identification is a United States military issued identification or other form of identification included under 18 U.S.C. § 701.

01/18/18 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment (8-Y 0-N)

City Position: Oppose

HB 216 Guardians, licensed physician, etc.; annual reports.

Patron: Krizek

Summary as introduced:

Annual reports by guardians; report by licensed physician, licensed psychologist, or other licensed professional. Provides that the annual report that is required to be filed by a guardian with the local department of social services must also include a report by a licensed physician, licensed psychologist, or other licensed professional who has examined the incapacitated person no more than 90 days prior to the end of the applicable reporting period. The bill further provides that a court may issue a summons or motion to show cause why the guardian has not filed a timely annual report upon notification from the local department of social services that such report has not been filed.

01/17/18 House: Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Oppose

HB 219 Passing a stopped school bus; penalty.

Patron: Morefield

Summary as introduced:

Passing a stopped school bus; penalty. Requires that any person who fails to stop his vehicle and remain stopped when approaching, from any direction, a school bus that is stopped on any highway, private road, or school driveway for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers, and as the sole and proximate result of his reckless driving causes the serious injury or death of another, is guilty of a Class 5 felony.

12/29/17 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

HB 223 Virginia Human Rights Act; limitations on causes of action.

Patron: Krizek

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Human Rights Act; limitations on causes of action. Allows courts to award front pay in addition to back pay as damages for discharging an employee in violation of the Virginia Human Rights Act (§ 2.2-3900 et seq.). The bill also removes the time period limitation on the amount of back pay awarded, allows courts to increase or diminish the award if the court finds that either party engaged in delay tactics, and increases the cap on attorney fees awarded from 25 percent of the back pay awarded to 40 percent of the back pay and front pay awarded.

01/16/18 House: Assigned Courts sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 236 Parked vehicles; registration, licensing, and titling requirements.

Patron: Collins

Summary as introduced:

Parked vehicles; registration, licensing, and titling requirements. Expands from vehicles operated on a highway to vehicles operated or parked on a highway the class of vehicles subject to registration, licensing, and titling requirements. The bill contains technical amendments.

01/19/18 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #3

City Position: Support

HB 240 Wage or salary history; inquiries prohibited, civil penalty.

Patron: Rasoul

Summary as introduced:

Wage or salary history inquiries prohibited; civil penalty. Prohibits a prospective employer from (i) requiring as a condition of employment that a prospective employee provide or disclose the prospective employee's wage or salary history or (ii) attempting to obtain the wage or salary history of a prospective employee from the prospective employee's current or former employers. Violations are subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$100 per violation.

01/17/18 House: Assigned C & L sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 242 Professional sports teams; prohibition of public funding.

Patrons: Webert and Krizek

Summary as introduced:

Prohibition of public funding of professional sports teams. Prohibits the Commonwealth and any of its political subdivisions from spending public funds to provide incentives for professional sports teams, beginning January 1, 2019. The bill prohibits expenditures including appropriations, grants, loans, or tax incentives used to fund facilities or infrastructure improvements for professional sports teams.

01/19/18 House: Assigned App. sub: General Government & Capital Outlay

City Position: Oppose

HB 244 Public utilities; cell phones, bill notice.

Patron: Austin

Summary as introduced:

Public utilities; cell phones; bill notice. Requires any public utility providing commercial mobile radio service to persons whose billing address is within the Commonwealth to include with each bill a notice stating: "It is unlawful for any person to text or use a handheld personal communications device while operating a motor vehicle in a highway work zone when workers

are present." The measure also provides that, for purposes of the provision imposing such requirement, a provider of commercial mobile radio service is a public utility.

01/02/18 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

City Position: Support

HB 256 Income tax and property tax; exemption for substantial-capacity solar equipment.

Patron: Guzman

Summary as introduced:

Individual income tax credit and property tax exemption for substantial-capacity solar equipment. Provides an individual income tax credit and a mandatory property tax exemption for substantial-capacity solar equipment. The bill defines "substantial-capacity solar equipment" and requires a taxpayer to obtain certification from his local building department that such equipment is eligible for exemption. Current law provides an exemption for a broader category of solar energy equipment, facilities, or devices; however, such exemption is permissive for localities and may be partial or full.

The bill provides that a person may claim an income tax credit for his costs associated with substantial-capacity solar equipment if he includes his certification with his tax return. The amount of the credit is the least of \$10,000, 10 percent of the equipment's installed cost, or the person's tax liability. The bill provides that the Department of Taxation shall issue no more than \$500,000 in credits per taxable year, and it does not allow taxpayers to carry unused credit forward. The credit sunsets after taxable year 2022.

01/02/18 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

City Position: Support

HB 257 Virginia Public Procurement Act; clarifies definitions of responsible bidder or offeror.

Patron: Hope

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Public Procurement Act; definitions; responsible bidder or offeror. Clarifies the definition of "responsible bidder" or "offeror" in the procurement act to provide that a determination of whether a bidder or offeror is responsible shall include a consideration of the bidder's or offeror's previous experience.

01/02/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Support

HB 260 Virginia Critically Missing Adult Alert Program; created.

Patrons: Jones, J.C., Miyares, Boysko, Delaney, Mullin, Plum and Price; Senators: Lucas, McClellan and Spruill

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Critically Missing Adult Alert Program. Creates a program for local, regional, or statewide notification of a critically missing adult, defined as an adult whose whereabouts are unknown, who is believed to have been abducted, and whose disappearance poses a credible threat to his health and safety.

01/15/18 House: Assigned MPPS sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 261 Localities; regulation of firearms in government buildings.

Patrons: Price, Adams, D.M., Bagby, Boysko, Carr, Herring, Hope, Jones, J.C., Krizek, Levine, Plum, Simon and Watts; *Senator:* Locke

Summary as introduced:

Localities; regulation of firearms in government buildings. Allows localities to regulate the possession of firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof in, or the carrying of firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof into, any building owned or used by such locality for governmental purposes. Current law prohibits localities from adopting or enforcing any ordinance, resolution, or motion regarding firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof unless expressly authorized by statute.

01/15/18 House: Assigned MPPS sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 266 Hate crimes; gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation, penalty.

Patron: Turpin

Summary as introduced:

Hate crimes; gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation; penalty. Adds gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation to the categories of victims whose intentional selection for a hate crime involving assault, assault and battery, or trespass for the purpose of damaging another's property results in a higher criminal penalty for the offense. The bill also adds gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation status to the categories of hate crimes that are to be reported to the central repository of information regarding hate crimes maintained by the Virginia State Police. The bill provides that a person who is subjected to acts of vandalism to his real or personal property, where such vandalism is motivated by gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation, may bring a civil action to recover his damages. The bill also provides that no provider or user of an interactive computer service on the Internet shall be liable for any action voluntarily taken by it in good faith to restrict access to material that the provider or user

considers to be intended to incite hatred on the basis of gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

01/03/18 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

HB 284 Historical African American cemeteries; owners and localities receiving funds.

Patrons: McQuinn, Adams, D.M., Bagby, Bourne, Boysko, Carr, Carter, Delaney, Hope, Jones, J.C., Keam, Mullin, Plum, Simon, Tyler and Watts; *Senators:* Locke and McClellan

Summary as introduced:

Historical African American cemeteries; owners and localities receiving funds. Adds any locality or person that owns an historical African American cemetery to the list of qualified organizations able to receive funds for the preservation of historical African American cemeteries and graves. The bill also allows any locality to receive and hold such funds on behalf of any qualified charitable organization until such time as the organization is able to receive or utilize the funds. The bill requires that the owner of a historical African American cemetery not unreasonably withhold access to such cemetery from an organization qualified to receive funds for care and maintenance of the cemetery.

01/15/18 House: Assigned ACNR sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 291 Social Services, Commissioner of; storage and preservation of adoption files.

Patron: Collins

Summary as introduced:

Commissioner of Social Services; storage and preservation of adoption files. Provides the Commissioner of Social Services with certain powers and duties related to the custody, storage, preservation, duplication, and certification of adoption files. The bill contains an emergency clause.

01/18/18 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with amendments
(22-Y 0-N)

City Position: Support

HB 300 Assault and battery; hate crime, penalty.

Patron: Watts

Summary as introduced:

Assault and battery; hate crime; penalty. Makes it a Class 6 felony to commit a simple assault or assault and battery against a victim who was selected because of the victim's race, religious conviction, color, or national origin. Currently, a simple assault or assault and battery not

resulting in bodily injury committed against such a victim is a Class 1 misdemeanor and an assault and battery resulting in bodily injury committed against such a victim is a Class 6 felony.

01/03/18 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

HB 306 Public Procurement Act; preference for business participating Va. Registered Apprenticeship program.

Patron: Watts

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Public Procurement Act; preference for businesses participating in Virginia Registered Apprenticeship program. Authorizes a public body to give preference to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder (i) who is a resident of Virginia, (ii) who participates in the Virginia Registered Apprenticeship program administered by the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, and (iii) whose bid is within three percent of the lowest bid price.

01/03/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Oppose

HB 338 Medicaid; work requirement.

Patron: Miyares

Summary as introduced:

Medicaid; work requirement. Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to apply for a waiver to implement a work requirement for able-bodied adult recipients of medical assistance services.

01/04/18 House: Referred to Committee on Rules

City Position: Oppose

HB 353 Handguns; limitation on purchases, penalty.

Patrons: Reid and Guzman

Summary as introduced:

Purchase of handguns; limitation on handgun purchases; penalty. Prohibits any person who is not a licensed firearms dealer from purchasing more than one handgun in a 30-day period and establishes such an offense as a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill exempts from this provision (i) persons who have been issued a certificate by the Department of State Police under certain circumstances and with an enhanced background check, (ii) law-enforcement agencies and officers, (iii) state and local correctional facilities, (iv) licensed private security companies, (v) persons who hold a valid Virginia concealed handgun permit, (vi) persons whose handgun has

been stolen or irretrievably lost or who are trading in a handgun, (vii) purchases of handguns in a private sale, and (viii) purchases of antique firearms.

01/15/18 House: Assigned MPPS sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 359 Rabies; quarantine of dog after possible exposure, police dogs.

Patron: Rush

Summary as introduced:

Rabies; quarantine of dog after possible exposure; police dogs. Requires a local health director, in determining whether to quarantine a dog that may have exposed a person to rabies through a bite, to weigh any proof that the dog has both a current rabies vaccination and a current certification of special training for police work, military work, or work as a first responder.

01/15/18 House: Assigned ACNR sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 377 Virginia Water Protection Permit; exception for stormwater management facility on dry land.

Patron: Bulova

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Water Protection Permit; exception for stormwater management facility on dry land. Exempts from the requirement to obtain a Virginia Water Protection Permit an impact to a stormwater management facility on dry land.

01/15/18 House: Assigned ACNRsub: Subcommittee #3

City Position: Support

HB 391 Uniform Statewide Building Code; enforcement, inspection warrants, hoarding.

Patron: Keam

Summary as introduced:

Uniform Statewide Building Code; enforcement; inspection warrants; hoarding. Expands the circumstances in which an inspection warrant may be issued by a magistrate or court of competent jurisdiction to a local building official or his agent to include instances in which a local building department has received a complaint that a violation of the unsafe structures provisions of the Building Code exists due to documented prolonged and extensive hoarding by the owner, tenant, or occupant of any building, and the owner, tenant, or occupant has refused to allow the local building official or his agent access to such building or structure. The bill defines "hoarding" as the acquisition and retention of large quantities of items and materials

that produce an extensively cluttered living space, which significantly impairs the performance of essential self-care tasks or otherwise substantially threatens health, life, or safety.

01/17/18 House: Assigned GL sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 401 Discrimination; sexual orientation and gender identity.

Patron: Levine

Summary as introduced:

Prohibited discrimination; sexual orientation and gender identity. Prohibits discrimination in employment, public accommodation, public contracting, apprenticeship programs, housing, banking, and insurance on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. The bill codifies existing prohibited discrimination in public employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, or status as a veteran and adds discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity to the list of unlawful discriminatory housing practices.

01/05/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Support

HB 471 Small businesses, new; state and local tax and regulatory exemptions.

Patron: Reid

Summary as introduced:

State and local tax and regulatory exemptions for new small businesses. Exempts new small businesses from (i) payment of unemployment, sales and use, and local license taxes and (ii) certain registration and reporting requirements with the State Corporation Commission. The bill defines an eligible business as any business that has its principal place of business in the Commonwealth, has not been in existence for more than five years, and has fewer than six employees or has paid less than \$5,000 for the purchase or lease of business personal property, including machinery and tools and merchants' capital, since its inception.

01/17/18 House: Assigned C & L sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Oppose

HB 473 Virginia Public Procurement Act; use of best value contracting.

Patron: Reid

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Public Procurement Act; use of best value contracting. Authorizes the use of best value contracting by all public bodies. The bill sets forth the requirements for any procurement process that uses best value concepts.

01/07/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Support

HB 493 Stormwater Local Assistance Fund; recipient of grants to use portion to pay administrative costs.

Patron: Hodges

Summary as introduced:

Stormwater Local Assistance Fund; grants; administrative costs. Authorizes the recipient of a grant from the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund to use a portion of the grant funds to pay for reasonable administrative costs. The bill also allows a grant recipient to count the fair market value of administrative services as an in-kind match for as much as half of the amount of any matching funds required.

01/15/18 House: Assigned ACNR sub: Subcommittee #3

City Position: Support

HB 495 Secrecy of tax information; localities to disclose information to third party contractors.

Patron: Hodges

Summary as introduced:

Secrecy of tax information; authorizes localities to disclose information to third party contractors. Authorizes local commissioners of the revenue and treasurers to disclose tax information to nongovernmental entities with which their locality has contracted to provide services that assist it in the administration of refund processing or other services related to the administration of taxes. The bill prohibits such third party contractors from disclosing the tax information to other parties.

Under current law, only the Department of Taxation is authorized to disclose tax information to nongovernmental entities with which it has contracted to provide services.

01/17/18 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment (9-Y 0-N)

City Position: Support

HB 510 Handheld personal communications device; prohibition on use while driving.

Patron: Mullin

Summary as introduced:

Driving while using handheld personal communications device; penalty. Provides that a person who, as a result of driving while in violation of the prohibition on using handheld personal communications devices in certain vehicles, unintentionally causes the death of another person is guilty of involuntary manslaughter, or aggravated involuntary manslaughter if

the defendant's conduct was so gross, wanton, and culpable as to show a reckless disregard for human life. The bill establishes the penalty for aggravated involuntary manslaughter as one to 20 years' imprisonment with a mandatory minimum term of incarceration of one year. The bill creates a Class 6 felony if the driving while in violation of the prohibition on using handheld personal communications devices is so gross, wanton, and culpable as to show a reckless disregard for human life and results in the unintentional serious bodily injury of another resulting in permanent and significant physical impairment.

01/08/18 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

HB 511 Child abuse or neglect; sex offenders, investigations, reports to law enforcement.

Patron: Bell, Robert B.

Summary as introduced:

Child abuse or neglect; sex offenders; investigations; reports to law enforcement. Adds the complaint that a child has been left alone in the same dwelling with a person to whom the child is not related by blood or marriage and who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense against a minor to the list of complaints of suspected child abuse or neglect upon receipt of which a local department of social services is required to notify the local attorney for the Commonwealth and the local law-enforcement agency. The bill also adds such a complaint to the list of complaints that a local department that has been designated as a child-protective services differential response agency by the Department of Social Services must investigate.

01/15/18 House: Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 557 Virginia Public Procurement Act; public works contract requirements, apprenticeship utilization.

Patron: Krizek

Summary as introduced:

Public Procurement Act; public works contract requirements; use of apprentices. Creates minimum requirements for the use of apprentices in public works projects paid for in whole or in part by state funds. Provides that the failure of a contractor to comply with the apprentice utilization requirement shall be (i) deemed a breach of contract entitling the contracting agency to all remedies allowed by law and under the contract and (ii) considered as evidence bearing upon a contractor's qualification for the award of future contracts.

01/08/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Oppose

HB 565 Synthetic turf; 3-year moratorium on installation of turf that contains recycled crumb rubber.

Patron: Gooditis

Summary as introduced:

Three-year moratorium on installation of synthetic turf that contains recycled crumb rubber from waste tires at schools and recreational parks. Places a three-year moratorium on the installation of synthetic turf that contains recycled crumb rubber from waste tires within the boundaries of a public or private elementary or secondary school, public or private preschool, or recreational park by any (i) public or private elementary or secondary school, (ii) public or private preschool, or (iii) local governing body. The bill also requires the Virginia Department of Health, in coordination with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Virginia Department of Education, to analyze the potential adverse health effects of synthetic turf that contains recycled crumb rubber from waste tires and report its findings to the General Assembly no later than July 1, 2019.

01/19/18 House: Assigned Rules sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Oppose

HB 574 Va. Public Procurement Act; cooperative procurement, stream restoration & stormwater management.

Patron: Hodges

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Public Procurement Act; cooperative procurement; stream restoration and stormwater management. Excludes the purchase of (i) stream restoration and (ii) stormwater management practices, and all associated and necessary construction and maintenance, from the prohibition on using cooperative procurement to purchase construction.

01/08/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Support

HB 596 Firearm magazines; prohibition of sale, transfer, etc., fine.

Patron: Carr

Summary as introduced:

Prohibition of sale, transfer, etc., of certain firearms magazines; fine. Provides that any person, corporation, or other entity that manufactures, imports, possesses, purchases, sells, or transfers any large capacity magazine shall be subject to a \$500 fine. The bill provides exceptions to the prohibition. The bill provides that a registrant is limited to three large capacity magazines and must otherwise dispose of all magazines in excess of the limit. The bill

requires the Department of State Police to provide a means to register a large capacity magazine and, at the time of registration, to permanently mark such magazine for the purpose of identification and maintain records regarding such identification information. Finally, the bill provides that any large capacity magazine that is possessed in violation of law is subject to forfeiture to the Commonwealth.

01/15/18 House: Assigned MPPS sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 597 Firearms; mechanical devices designed to increase the rate of fire, penalty.

Patron: Carr

Summary as introduced:

Mechanical devices designed to increase the rate of fire of firearms; penalty. Prohibits the manufacture, import, sale or offer to sell, possession, transfer, or transportation of any device used to increase the rate of fire of any semi-automatic firearm beyond the capability of an unaided person to operate the trigger mechanism of that firearm. A violation is punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor.

01/19/18 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

City Position: Support

HB 605 Motor vehicles; prohibition on leaving unattended vehicles running, local option.

Patron: Carr

Summary as introduced:

Prohibition on leaving unattended vehicles running; local option. Authorizes any locality to adopt an ordinance prohibiting any person from leaving a motor vehicle unattended while the motor vehicle is running, including a vehicle that remains stationary in the parked or neutral position. Such ordinance shall not apply to any commercial, law-enforcement, fire, or emergency medical services vehicle.

01/17/18 House: Assigned CC & T sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 609 Housing; smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in rental property.

Patron: Carr

Summary as introduced:

Housing; installation and maintenance of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Creates a statewide standard for the installation and maintenance of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in rental property. The bill requires a landlord to (i) install a smoke alarm without retrofitting

the installation site and (ii) certify annually that smoke alarms have been installed and maintained in good working order in a residential dwelling unit pursuant to the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§ 27-94 et seq.) and the Uniform Statewide Building Code (§ 36-97 et seq.). The landlord is also required to install a carbon monoxide alarm upon request by a tenant; the installation and subsequent maintenance must be in compliance with the Statewide Fire Prevention Code and the Uniform Statewide Building Code. A tenant of a rental dwelling unit with a smoke alarm or both smoke and carbon monoxide alarms shall not tamper or remove such alarms. Under the bill, a reasonable accommodation must be made for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, upon request. Localities that have enacted a fire and carbon monoxide alarm ordinance must conform such ordinances with these state standards by July 1, 2019. The bill also requires the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the Department of Fire Programs, to develop a form for landlords for use in certifying inspections that summarizes smoke alarm maintenance requirements for landlords and tenants. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.

01/19/18 House: Assigned GL sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 616 Congressional and legislative districts; certain prohibitions.

Patrons: Price, Bourne, Jones, J.C., Rasoul and Simon

Summary as introduced:

Congressional and legislative districts; certain prohibitions. Prohibits any congressional district or district for the Senate of Virginia or House of Delegates from being drawn (i) for the purpose of favoring or disfavoring any political party, incumbent legislator or member of Congress, or potential candidate or (ii) to restrict or deny the ability of any racial or language minority to participate in the political process and elect a preferred candidate of choice.

01/08/18 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

City Position: Support

HB 623 Law enforcement; false reports, penalty.

Patron: Bell, Robert B.

Summary as introduced:

False reports to law enforcement; penalty. Increases from a Class 1 misdemeanor to a Class 6 felony the punishment for knowingly making a false report to or calling or summoning without just cause any law-enforcement official if such report, call, or summons (i) involves a report of an act of violence or (ii) results in an immediate emergency response due to the facts of the crime falsely reported. The bill increases the penalty to a Class 5 felony if such emergency

response results in serious bodily injury to or the death of any person. The bill also provides that a person convicted of such an offense be ordered to pay restitution for the reasonable expenses incurred in providing an appropriate emergency response.

01/08/18 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

HB 626 Wages; limiting employees' sharing of information prohibited, civil penalty.

Patrons: Ayala, Lopez, Carter, Delaney, Hurst, Krizek, Levine, Plum and Watts

Summary as introduced:

Limiting employees' sharing of wage information prohibited; civil penalty. Prohibits an employer from requiring that an employee refrain from inquiring about, discussing, or disclosing information about the employee's own wages or about any other employee's wages. The measure also prohibits an employer from taking retaliatory action against an employee for sharing such information. Violations are subject to a civil penalty of \$100.

01/17/18 House: Assigned C & L sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 640 Comprehensive plan, locality's; broadband infrastructure.

Patron: Boysko

Summary as introduced:

Comprehensive plan; broadband infrastructure. Provides that a locality's comprehensive plan shall include strategies to provide broadband infrastructure that is sufficient to meet the current and future needs of residents and businesses in the locality. In the preparation of a comprehensive plan, broadband infrastructure shall be included among the matters that the local planning commission shall survey and study.

01/17/18 House: Assigned CC & T sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Oppose

HB 647 Public Procurement Act; architectural and professional engineering term contracts.

Patron: Bell, John J.

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Public Procurement Act; architectural and professional engineering term contracts. Increases from \$500,000 to \$750,000 the maximum total amount of all construction projects that may be performed in a one-year contract term of a contract for architectural or professional engineering services.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Support

HB 649 Firearms, certain; prohibited public carrying penalty.

Patron: Simon

Summary as introduced:

Prohibited public carrying of certain firearms; penalty. Prohibits the carrying of a loaded shotgun or rifle in places open to the public in certain cities and counties. Current law prohibits the carrying in such locations of certain loaded firearms with high-capacity magazines, silencers, folding stock, or long ammunition or a loaded shotgun with a magazine that will hold more than seven rounds of the longest ammunition for which it is chambered. The bill adds the City of Roanoke to the list of cities in which the carrying of such firearms is prohibited.

01/15/18 House: Assigned MPPS sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 651 Protective orders; possession of firearms, penalty.

Patron: Murphy

Summary as introduced:

Protective orders; possession of firearms; penalty. Provides that it is a Class 6 felony for a person who is subject to a permanent protective order (i.e., a protective order with a maximum duration of two years) to possess a firearm while the order is in effect. Under current law, only a person subject to a permanent protective order for family abuse is prohibited from possessing a firearm while the order is in effect.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

HB 653 Employers; sexual harassment training, penalty.

Patron: Murphy

Summary as introduced:

Employers; sexual harassment training; penalty. Requires every employer with 15 or more employees who are located at a workplace within the Commonwealth to conduct a sexual harassment education and training program for all new employees within one year of commencement of employment. The training shall encompass the illegality of sexual harassment; the definition of sexual harassment under state and federal laws and federal regulations; a description of sexual harassment, utilizing examples; the employer's sexual harassment complaint process available to the employee; legal recourse and complaint processes; and protections against retaliation. Such employers are also required to conduct

additional training for all supervisors and managers within one year of assuming their supervisory or managerial positions. The Department of Labor and Industry is required to develop a compliance checklist for employers to use to develop a sexual harassment training program; employers shall keep a record of the training. Any employer who violates these requirements is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$100 for each violation.

01/17/18 House: Assigned C & L sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 664 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; transfer of public records, definition of "custodian."

Patron: Kilgore

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); transfer of public records; definition of "custodian." Requires a public body initiating a transfer of public records to any entity, including to any other public body, to remain the custodian of those records only if the public body has transferred the entirety of those public records. Current law requires the public body initiating a transfer of public records to remain the custodian if it has transferred possession of any public records. The bill also excludes the transfer of a portion of information contained in one public body's public record to another public body from being considered as a transfer of an entire public record. The bill also prohibits a public body from withholding a public record in its entirety on the grounds that information contained in such public record was provided by another public body. The bill defines "custodian" for purposes of FOIA.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Oppose

HB 683 Uniform Statewide Building Code; security of certain records.

Patron: Pogge

Summary as introduced:

Uniform Statewide Building Code; security of certain records. Clarifies that while information contained in engineering and construction drawings and plans for any single-family residential dwelling submitted for the purpose of complying with the Uniform Statewide Building Code (§ 36-97 et seq.) or the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§ 27-94 et seq.) shall not be subject to disclosure to the public under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.), such information shall not be deemed confidential.

01/19/18 House: Assigned GL sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 689 Human trafficking training standards; DCJS to establish for law-enforcement.

Patrons: McQuinn, Boysko, Cole, Lindsey, Plum, Rodman, Simon, Tyler and Watts

Summary as introduced:

Department of Criminal Justice Services; human trafficking training standards. Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish compulsory training standards 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. The bill also requires that such training standards, as well as model policies on human trafficking that the Department is already required to establish, be developed with the assistance of an advisory committee consisting of representatives of state and local law-enforcement officials, attorneys for the Commonwealth, circuit and district courts, social services and human services organizations, and local school districts.

01/15/18 House: Assigned MPPS sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 709 Zoning; violation penalties.

Patron: Bell, John J.

Summary as introduced:

Zoning violation penalties. Increases the maximum fine for misdemeanor conviction of a zoning violation from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Also increases the fine for failure to remove or abate the zoning violation after conviction from \$1,500 to \$2,500 for succeeding 10-day periods.

01/17/18 House: Assigned CC & T sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 718 Hate crimes; criminal acts against persons because of gender, etc.

Patrons: Plum, Adams, D.M., Boysko, Krizek, Levine, Rasoul, Simon and Watts

Summary as introduced:

Hate crimes; gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability; penalty. Adds disability, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation to the categories of victims whose intentional selection for a hate crime involving assault, assault and battery, or trespass for the purpose of damaging another's property results in a higher criminal penalty for the offense. The bill also adds disability, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation status to the categories of hate crimes that are to be reported to the central repository of information regarding hate crimes maintained by the Virginia State Police. The bill also provides that a person who is subjected to acts of vandalism to his real or personal property, where such vandalism is motivated by

disability, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation, may bring a civil action to recover his damages. The bill also provides that no provider or user of an interactive computer service on the Internet shall be liable for any action voluntarily taken by it in good faith to restrict access to material that the provider or user considers to be intended to incite hatred on the basis of disability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

HB 741 Human Rights, Virginia Division of; informal determinations inadmissible in civil action.

Patron: Leftwich

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Division of Human Rights; informal determinations inadmissible in civil action. Provides that any informal determination made by the Virginia Division of Human Rights, prior to a public hearing held pursuant to § 2.2-520, as a result of an investigation or conciliation process involving an alleged unlawful discriminatory practice shall not be discoverable or admissible in evidence in any civil action.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Oppose

HB 767 Elections; precincts not to be changed between certain dates.

Patron: Jones, S.C.

Summary as introduced:

Election precincts not to be changed between certain dates. Prohibits counties, cities, and towns from creating, dividing, abolishing, or consolidating any precincts or otherwise changing the boundaries of any precinct between February 1, 2019, and May 15, 2021, except in certain specified circumstances. Precinct ordinances may be adopted after January 1, 2021, but may not be implemented before May 15, 2021.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

City Position: Support

HB 786 Taxes, local; appeal to court.

Patron: Keam

Summary as introduced:

Local taxes; appeal to court. Provides that on an appeal to court for relief from local taxes, the taxpayer shall not be required to show that the assessment is a result of manifest error or disregard of controlling evidence, and on an appeal of the assessment of real or personal

property that concerns an increase of more than 20 percent over the assessment for the same property for the prior tax year, except in cases of buildings constructed in the previous five years, the assessor shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the assessment is correct. The bill also provides that an assessment constitutes manifest error if any one of three mistakes under current law was made.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

City Position: Oppose

HB 787 Real property taxes; appeals to boards of equalization.

Patron: Keam

Summary as introduced:

Real property taxes; appeals to boards of equalization. Provides that (i) on appeal of a real property assessment to a board of equalization, the taxpayer shall not be required to show that the assessment is a result of manifest error or disregard of controlling evidence, and (ii) when the appeal involves an assessment of real property with an increase of more than 20 percent over the assessment for the same property for the prior tax year, except in cases of buildings constructed in the previous five years, the assessor shall have the burden of proving that the assessment is correct by a preponderance of the evidence.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

City Position: Oppose

HB 813 Direct service providers; disclosure of information by employers.

Patrons: Hope and Landes

Summary as introduced:

Direct service providers; disclosure of information by employers. Provides that a current or former employer of a direct service provider may disclose information about the direct service provider's employment to a prospective employer of the direct service provider upon receipt of written, signed consent of the direct service provider and establishes requirements related to such written consent.

01/17/18 House: Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 814 Firearms; control by localities, lawful demonstrations and protests.

Patron: Levine

Summary as introduced:

Control of firearms by localities; lawful demonstrations and protests. Allows a locality to adopt an ordinance that prohibits the possession, carrying, transporting, or storing of any

weapon, firearm, ammunition, or components or combination thereof within 1,000 feet of a demonstration, march, parade, protest, rally, or other similar event. Such an ordinance shall not apply to any law-enforcement officer, armed security officer, member of the Armed Forces of the United States, member of the Armed Forces Reserves, or member of the National Guard acting in the performance of his lawful duties.

01/17/18 House: Assigned MPPS sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 819 Firearms; prohibits mechanical devices designed to increase rate of fire, penalty.

Patron: Kory (by request)

Summary as introduced:

Mechanical devices designed to increase the rate of fire of firearms; penalty. Prohibits the manufacture, import, sale or offer to sell, possession, transfer, or transportation of any device used to increase the rate of fire of any semi-automatic firearm beyond the capability of an unaided person to operate the trigger mechanism of that firearm. A violation is punishable as a Class 6 felony.

01/19/18 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

City Position: Support

HB 851 Virginia Public Procurement Act; request for proposals, publication.

Patron: Ingram

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Public Procurement Act; request for proposals; publication. Removes the requirement of newspaper publication of Requests for Proposals for professional services.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Support

HB 855 Landlord and tenant law; notice requirements, landlord's acceptance of rent with reservation.

Patrons: Peace and Krizek

Summary as introduced:

Landlord and tenant law; notice requirements; landlord's acceptance of rent with reservation. Changes the landlord and tenant law notice requirements for landlords to accept full or partial rent while continuing to proceed with a court action to obtain an order of possession and subsequent eviction by creating a single notice and removing the requirement for second notice for the time period between entry of an order of possession and prior to eviction. The bill provides that the landlord may accept full or partial payment of rent and still

receive an order of possession and proceed with eviction if the landlord states in the written notice to the tenant that any payment of rent, damages, money judgment, award of attorney fees, and court costs would be accepted with reservation and not constitute a waiver of the landlord's right to evict the tenant from the dwelling unit. The bill also (i) provides that if a dwelling unit is a public housing unit or other housing unit subject to regulation by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, written notice of acceptance of rent with reservation need not be given to any public agency paying a portion of the rent under the rental agreement and (ii) removes language providing that if the landlord enters into a new rental agreement with the tenant prior to eviction, an order of possession obtained prior to the entry of such new rental agreement is not enforceable.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Oppose

HB 857 Landlord and tenant law; general provisions and Act.

Patron: Peace

Summary as introduced:

Landlord and tenant law. Removes remaining differences between general landlord and tenant provisions and the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act by conforming provisions pertaining to residential dwelling units in the following areas: (i) providing that any nonresidential tenancy may be terminated by self-help eviction or by filing an unlawful detainer action; (ii) tenant obligations to maintain a dwelling unit; (iii) notice to the tenant in the event of foreclosure; (iv) wrongful failure to supply heat, water, hot water, or essential services; (v) prohibited provisions in the rental agreement; (vi) early termination of rental agreement by military personnel; and (vii) remedies for the landlord's failure to deliver possession. Also makes these changes to landlord and tenant law: (a) clarifies the lease termination process; (b) allows the landlord to provide renter's insurance coverage and require the tenant to pay the premium if a tenant allows his insurance to lapse; (c) establishes protection for landlords who provide tenant information to a federal census official; (d) authorizes a landlord or property manager to appear in court to seek final rent and damages related to a dwelling unit; and (e) clarifies remedies for a tenant's failure to prepare the dwelling unit for pesticide applications.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Oppose

HB 890 Switchblade knife; person who has a valid concealed handgun permit authorized to carry, etc.

Patron: Webert

Summary as introduced:

Carrying a switchblade knife; exception. Authorizes any person who has a valid concealed handgun permit to carry a switchblade knife concealed when such knife is carried for the purpose of engaging in a lawful profession or lawful recreational activity the performance of which is aided by the use of a switchblade knife.

01/16/18 House: Assigned Courts sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Oppose

HB 900 Forfeiture of property used in connection with commission of crimes; finding of guilt required.

Patrons: Freitas and Cole

Summary as introduced:

Forfeiture of property used in connection with the commission of crimes; finding of guilt required. Requires that any action for the forfeiture of property used in connection with the commission of a crime be stayed until the person whose property is the subject of the forfeiture action has been found guilty of the crime authorizing the forfeiture, regardless of whether he has been sentenced. The bill provides that property may be forfeited even though no finding of guilt is made if (i) the owner of the property is a fugitive from justice, (ii) there is no identifiable owner of the property, (iii) the property has been abandoned, (iv) the owner denied ownership of the property during the prosecution of the offense, (v) the owner agrees to the forfeiture, (vi) the forfeiture is ordered by the court pursuant to a plea agreement, or (vii) the owner has not submitted a written demand for the return of the property within 21 days from the date the property was seized. The bill also provides that all forfeited cash and negotiable instruments and proceeds from the sale of forfeited property used in connection with crimes involving the manufacture, sale, or distribution of controlled substances or marijuana be deposited into the Drug Offender Assessment and Treatment Fund, which is used for various drug assessment and drug treatment activities conducted by the Departments of Corrections, Juvenile Justice, Criminal Justice Services, the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program, and the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia. Under current law, such forfeited property is deposited into a Department of Criminal Justice Services fund and used to promote state and local law-enforcement activities. The bill also provides that all forfeited cash, negotiable instruments, and proceeds from the sale of forfeited property seized by a federal agency and received by any state or local agency pursuant to federal law be deposited into the Drug Offender Assessment and Treatment Fund.

01/16/18 House: Assigned Courts sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Oppose

HB 921 Virginia Public Procurement Act; allows public bodies to utilize cooperative procurement.

Patron: Lopez

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Public Procurement Act; cooperative procurement; construction. Allows public bodies to utilize cooperative procurement for (i) public utility and infrastructure projects and (ii) the demolition of buildings, where the expected cost is less than \$500,000.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Support

HB 925 Industrial waste permits; local enforcement.

Patron: Bulova

Summary as introduced:

Local enforcement of industrial waste permits. Authorizes any locality that owns or operates a permitted municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) to adopt and administer an industrial and high-risk runoff program. The bill limits the ability of the State Water Control Board (the Board), unless it is required to do so by federal law, to impose certain regulatory conditions on any locality that administers such a program, and it prohibits the Board from modifying existing MS4 permits to avoid such limitation. The bill authorizes the Board to require a locality to report an industrial or commercial facility if it becomes aware of a violation of an industrial stormwater management requirement.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

City Position: Support

HB 948 Virginia Housing Trust Fund; revenue deposits.

Patron: Lopez

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Housing Trust Fund; revenue deposits. Provides that 20% of annual recordation tax revenue in excess of \$325 million shall be deposited into the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

City Position: Support

HB 957 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; definition of "custodian."

Patron: Yancey

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Freedom of Information Act; definition of "custodian." Defines "custodian," for the

purposes of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, as the official in charge of a public body or entity that has created, prepared, or revised a public record or that maintains or possesses a public record. The bill allows for more than one custodian per record.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Oppose

HB 971 Fair Housing Law; unlawful discrimination, gender identity.

Patron: Guzman

Summary as introduced:

Fair Housing Law; unlawful discrimination; gender identity. Adds discrimination based on gender identity as an unlawful housing practice under the Virginia Fair Housing Law. The bill also defines "gender identity."

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Support

HB 981 Disposable paper and plastic bags; local taxation.

Patron: Rodman

Summary as introduced:

Local disposable paper and plastic bag tax. Authorizes any locality to impose a five-cent per bag tax on disposable paper bags or disposable plastic bags provided to customers by certain retailers, with certain bags being exempt from the tax. Revenues from the local tax would be collected by the Tax Commissioner and distributed monthly to the county or city imposing the tax to be used by such locality for pollution and litter mitigation. The bill requires each county or city adopting an ordinance to impose the tax to provide a certified copy of the ordinance to the Tax Commissioner at least six months prior to the date the tax is to become effective. The bill also allows every retailer that collects the tax to retain one cent of the five-cent tax.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

City Position: Support

HB 1004 Stormwater; localities shall provide for full waiver.

Patron: Byron

Summary as introduced:

Regulation of stormwater; airports. Provides that localities shall provide for full waivers of certain stormwater charges for public use airport runways and taxiways.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

City Position: Oppose

HB 1019 Firearms, etc.; permitted events.

Patrons: Toscano, Levine and Sullivan; Senator: Deeds

Summary as introduced:

Control of firearms; permitted events. Authorizes any locality by ordinance to prohibit the possession or carrying of firearms, ammunition, or components or any combination thereof in a public space during a permitted event, or an event that would otherwise require a permit. This bill contains technical amendments.

01/17/18 House: Assigned MPPS sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 1028 Real estate settlement; choice of settlement service provider.

Patrons: Convirs-Fowler, Gooditis and Simon

Summary as introduced:

Real estate settlement; choice of settlement service provider. Provides that a purchaser or borrower in a transaction related to real estate in the Commonwealth shall have the right to select the settlement agent, mortgage lender or broker, and any other vendor associated with the financing or settlement of such real estate. Currently, such right is limited to the choice of settlement agent. The bill also prohibits the seller or any other party associated with a real estate transaction from requiring the use of, or offering anything of value for the use of, a particular mortgage lender or broker or any other vendor as a condition of the sale.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Support

HB 1029 Deputy sheriffs and law-enforcement officers; disclosure of information regarding former officers.

Patrons: Price, Plum and Simon

Summary as introduced:

Disclosure of information regarding former deputy sheriffs and law-enforcement officers. Provides that any sheriff or chief of police, any director or chief executive of any agency or department employing deputy sheriffs or law-enforcement officers, and the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services shall disclose to a prospective law-enforcement or jail employer (i) any information related to an arrest or prosecution of a former appointee or employee, including expunged information; (ii) any information related to a civil suit regarding a former appointee's or employee's employment or performance of his duties; and (iii) any information obtained during the course of any internal investigation related to a former appointee's or employee's alleged criminal conduct, use of excessive force, or other official misconduct. The bill provides that disclosure is required only if the prospective employer

presents a written waiver signed by the former appointee or employee that explicitly authorizes the disclosure and the agency receiving the request is not prohibited from the disclosure of such information pursuant to a binding nondisclosure agreement or otherwise prohibited by law. The bill provides immunity to such sheriff, chief of police, and director or chief executive and to the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services for disclosing information in compliance with the provisions of this bill.

01/17/18 House: Assigned MPPS sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 1051 Communications sales and use tax; services subject to taxation.

Patron: Watts

Summary as introduced:

Communications sales and use tax; services subject to taxation. Applies the communications sales and use tax to services related to the streaming of audio and visual data, and prepaid calling. The bill also clarifies that the tax applies to communications services regardless of whether customers are charged a subscription fee, a periodic fee, or an actual usage fee.

01/09/18 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

City Position: Support

HB 1052 Firearms; Control of by localities, lawful demonstrations and protests.

Patron: Watts

Summary as introduced:

Control of firearms by localities; lawful demonstrations and protests. Allows a locality to adopt an ordinance that prohibits the possession or transportation of firearms, ammunition, or components or a combination thereof during a demonstration, march, parade, protest, rally, or other similar event. The ordinance shall not apply to a law-enforcement officer, armed security officer, member of the Armed Forces of the United States, member of the Armed Forces Reserves, or member of the National Guard acting in the performance of his lawful duties.

01/17/18 House: Assigned MPPS sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 1080 Employment; break to express breast milk.

Patron: Yancey

Summary as introduced:

Employment; break to express breast milk. Requires employers, including the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions, to provide reasonable unpaid break time each day to an employee who needs to express breast milk for the employee's nursing child for one year after the child's

birth. An employer is also required to make reasonable efforts to provide a room or other location in close proximity to the work area, other than a toilet stall, where such an employee can express breast milk in privacy. An employer shall not be held to have violated these requirements if it has made reasonable efforts to comply with them. The measure applies to employees who are exempt under § 7 of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The FLSA requires employers to provide such benefits for non-exempt employees.

01/18/18 House: Assigned C & L sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 1084 Virginia Public Procurement Act; statute of limitations on actions on construction contracts.

Patron: Yancey

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Public Procurement Act; statute of limitations on actions on construction contracts; statute of limitations on actions on performance bonds. Provides that unless otherwise specified in the contract, no action may be brought by a public body on any construction contract unless such action is brought within five years after completion of the contract, including the expiration of all warranties and guarantees. The bill also limits the time frame during which a public body, other than the Department of Transportation, may bring an action against a surety on a performance bond to within one year after completion of the contract, including the expiration of all warranties and guarantees. Current law allows a public body, other than the Department of Transportation, to bring such an action within one year after (i) completion of the contract, including the expiration of all warranties and guarantees, or (ii) discovery of the defect or breach of warranty that gave rise to the action.

01/10/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Oppose

HB 1101 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; right to speak at open meetings.

Patrons: Robinson and Kory

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Freedom of Information Act; right to speak at open meetings. Requires that every public body, except for governing boards of public institutions of higher education, afford an opportunity for public comment during any open meeting. The bill provides, however, that if a public body holds more than four meetings in a calendar year, such public body may, by recorded vote, limit the number of meetings at which an opportunity for public comment is afforded to four meetings per calendar year. The bill requires that the notice given by a public

body prior to a meeting include information as to the approximate point during the meeting when public comment will be received. In current law, this requirement applies only to public bodies where at least one member has been appointed by the Governor. The bill permits public bodies to choose the approximate point during the meeting when public comment will be received and permits public bodies to adopt reasonable rules governing the public comment portion of the meeting, including imposing reasonable restrictions on time, place, and manner, but prohibits public bodies from limiting public comment to only written comments.

01/10/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Oppose

HB 1137 Commuter Rail Operating and Capital Fund; established.

Patrons: Sickles, Filler-Corn, Boysko, Delaney, Guzman, Hope, Hurst, Krizek, Plum, Rasoul, Simon and Thomas; *Senators:* Ebbin and Marsden

Summary as introduced:

Commuter Rail Operating and Capital Fund. Establishes the Commuter Rail Operating and Capital Fund to be used by the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, with the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, on projects that expand and improve commuter rail service.

01/19/18 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 1150 Pavement sealants containing coal tar prohibited.

Patron: Wilt

Summary as introduced:

Pavement sealants containing coal tar prohibited. Prohibits the sale and distribution of any pavement sealant that contains coal tar on or after July 1, 2020, except that a retailer may continue to sell any existing inventory that remains in stock on that date. The bill prohibits the use of such sealants beginning July 1, 2021. Any person who violates either prohibition shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$250.

01/10/18 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

City Position: Support

HB 1163 Fire protection; applicant preemployment information with fire departments.

Patron: Ingram

Summary as introduced:

Fire protection; applicant preemployment information with fire departments. Allows any fire

department to require applicants for employment to submit to fingerprinting and to provide personal descriptive information to be forwarded through the Central Criminal Records Exchange and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information regarding such applicant. Current law requires only Arlington County Fire Department to obtain such information and makes the requirement mandatory instead of discretionary.

01/17/18 House: Assigned MPPS sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Support

HB 1180 Place of religious worship; carrying dangerous weapon.

Patron: LaRock

Summary as introduced:

Carrying dangerous weapon to place of religious worship; repeal. Repeals the statutory prohibition on carrying a gun, pistol, bowie knife, dagger, or other dangerous weapon, without good and sufficient reason, to a place of worship while a meeting for religious purposes is being held at such place.

01/10/18 House: Referred to Committee on Rules

City Position: Oppose

HB 1207 Department of Social Services; investigative and enforcement proceedings; information provided.

Patron: Heretick

Summary as introduced:

Department of Social Services; investigative and enforcement proceedings; information provided to entities who are the subject of a complaint involving abuse or neglect. Gives persons who are the subject of a complaint involving abuse or neglect have a right to be provided with (i) unredacted copies of notes and reports relating to the investigation and the names of the reporter and collateral witnesses and (ii) all other information that the Department of Social Services or local department intends to rely upon, in whole or in part, in reaching a determination regarding the complaint. The Department or local department may withhold from disclosure (a) the reporter's name, (b) the identity of a collateral witness, (c) the identity of any other person providing information, or (d) any other information connected to the investigation only upon a specific determination that such disclosure would endanger the well-being of a child or the life or safety of the reporter or collateral witness. The bill provides that the decision to withhold the name, identity, or other information may be appealed to the circuit court with the local department having the burden of proving by clear and convincing

evidence that the disclosure would endanger the well-being of a child or the life or safety of the reporter or collateral witness or any other person providing information.

01/18/18 House: Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Oppose

HB 1245 Workers' compensation; presumption of compensability for certain diseases.

Patrons: Hugo, Webert, Bulova, Carroll Foy, Helsel, Kory, Landes, Morefield, Mullin, Pogge, Sickles, Simon, Sullivan and Thomas; Senator: Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Workers' compensation; presumption of compensability for certain diseases. Adds cancers of the colon, brain, or testes to the list of cancers that are presumed to be an occupational disease covered by the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act when firefighters and certain employees develop the cancer. The measure removes the compensability requirement that the employee who develops cancer had contact with a toxic substance encountered in the line of duty.

01/19/18 House: Assigned C & L sub: Subcommittee #2

City Position: Oppose

HB 1247 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; right to speak at open meetings.

Patron: Cline

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Freedom of Information Act; right to speak at open meetings. Requires that every public body afford an opportunity for public comment during any open meeting. The bill requires that the notice given by a public body prior to a meeting include information as to the approximate point during the meeting when public comment will be received. The bill permits public bodies to choose the approximate point during the meeting when public comment will be received and permits public bodies to adopt reasonable rules governing the public comment portion of the meeting, including imposing reasonable restrictions on time, place, and manner.

01/10/18 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

City Position: Oppose

HB 1255 Concealed handgun; eligibility to carry openly within Commonwealth.

Patrons: Cline and Freitas

Summary as introduced:

Concealed handgun permits. Allows anyone who is otherwise eligible to obtain a concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun without a permit.

01/10/18 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

City Position: Oppose

HB 1257 Sanctuary policies; enforcement of federal immigration laws.

Patron: Cline

Summary as introduced:

Sanctuary policies prohibited. Prohibits a locality from adopting any ordinance, procedure, or policy that restricts the enforcement of federal immigration laws to less than the full extent permitted by federal law. State funding to the extent permitted by state and federal law shall be reduced to any locality found to have violated the provisions of the bill.

01/10/18 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Oppose

HB 1258 Wireless communications infrastructure; zoning.

Patrons: Kilgore, Kory, Byron, Heretick and Marshall; *Senators:* Ruff and Stanley

Summary as introduced:

Zoning for wireless communications infrastructure. Establishes parameters regarding applications for zoning approvals for certain wireless support structures. Applications for certain new wireless support structures that are 50 feet or less above ground level and for the co-location on an existing structure of a wireless facility that is not a small cell facility are exempt from requirements that they obtain a special exception, special use permit, or variance, though a locality may require administrative review for the issuance of any zoning permits or an acknowledgement that zoning approval is not required for such projects. Aspects of the zoning approval process addressed in this measure include periods for approval or disapproval of applications, a requirement that applications are deemed approved if not approved or disapproved within the applicable period; application fees; a prohibition against unreasonably discriminating between applicants and other wireless services providers, providers of telecommunications services, and nonpublic providers of cable television and electric services; and limits on the number of new wireless support structures that can be installed in a specific location. The measure also prohibits a locality, in its receiving, consideration, and processing of an application for zoning approval, from engaging in certain activities.

01/10/18 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

City Position: Oppose

HB 1266 Arrests; law-enforcement agency to report, etc.

Patron: Toscano

Summary as introduced:

Report of arrests; fingerprints; trespass; disorderly conduct. Requires that a law-enforcement

agency make a report of any arrest of a person for trespassing or disorderly conduct to the Central Criminal Records Exchange and that such report be accompanied by the fingerprints and photograph of the person arrested. Under current law, such a report is required for all other misdemeanors punishable by confinement in jail under Title 18.2 (Crimes and Offenses Generally). This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission.

01/18/18 House: Assigned Courts sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 1283 Utility easements; pole attachments.

Patron: LaRock

Summary as introduced:

Utility easements; pole attachments. Gives a public service company that has acquired a prescriptive easement that is used to provide electrical service the right to grant to a provider of broadband or other telecommunications services the right to attach its wires and appurtenant facilities to the public service company's poles, subject to the conditions that the public service company not charge pole attachment fees for five years and that the public utility and telecommunication service provider equally share the costs of making the poles ready.

01/10/18 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

City Position: Oppose

HB 1298 Towing advisory boards; appointment prior to entering into contract regarding regulations.

Patron: Aird (by request)

Summary as introduced:

Towing advisory boards. Makes discretionary the requirement that the governing body of a locality appoint a towing advisory board prior to adopting an ordinance or entering into a contract regarding local towing regulations. Current law makes such requirement mandatory.

01/19/18 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #1

City Position: Support

HB 1319 Mass transit; makes numerous changes to administration of and revenues for transit.

Patron: Sullivan

Summary as introduced:

Mass transit in the Commonwealth. Makes numerous changes to the administration of and revenues for mass transit in the Commonwealth, specifically as it relates to the membership and funding of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the disbursement of funds

in the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund, and the authority of the Commonwealth Transportation Board to issue bonds for transit capital. The bill sets a floor on the average price of fuel used to calculate the regional motor sales tax as the price of gas on February 20, 2013, the same floor that is used to calculate the state fuels tax. The bill also raises the regional congestion relief fee and the regional transient occupancy tax in the Northern Virginia region to raise additional revenues for mass transit.

01/10/18 House: Referred to Committee on Rules

City Position: Support

HB 1335 Protective orders; issuance upon convictions for certain felonies; penalty.

Patrons: Bourne, Bagby, Levine, Mullin, Plum, Rasoul, Simon and Watts

Summary as introduced:

Protective orders; issuance upon convictions for certain felonies; penalty. Authorizes a court to issue a protective order upon convicting a defendant for a felony offense of (i) violating a protective order, (ii) homicide set forth in Article 1 (§ 18.2-30 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, (iii) kidnapping set forth in Article 3 (§ 18.2-47 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, (iv) assaults and bodily woundings set forth in Article 4 (§ 18.2-51 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, (v) extortion set forth in Article 6 (§ 18.2-59 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, or (vi) criminal sexual assault set forth in Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2. The bill provides that the duration of such protective order can be for any period of time, including up to the lifetime of the defendant, that the court deems necessary to protect the health and safety of the victim and may only prohibit (a) acts of family abuse or of violence, force, or threat against the victim or criminal offenses that may result in injury to the person or property of the victim and (b) such contacts by the defendant with the victim as the court deems necessary for the health or safety of the victim. The bill provides that a violation of a protective order issued upon conviction of one of the enumerated offenses is punishable as contempt of court or in the same manner as criminal violations of other protective orders are punished.

01/10/18 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

HB 1356 State transient occupancy tax.

Patron: Reid

Summary as introduced:

State transient occupancy tax. Expands the 2% regional transient occupancy tax in Northern Virginia statewide. Thirty-five percent of the revenue generated from the tax shall be used to

fund the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and the remaining amount shall be used to fund transit and transportation projects throughout the Commonwealth.

01/11/18 House: Referred to Committee on Rules

City Position: Support

HB 1412 Mental health awareness; training for firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

Patron: Helsel

Summary as introduced:

Mental health awareness training; firefighters and emergency medical services personnel. Requires fire departments and emergency medical services agencies to develop curricula for mental health awareness training for their personnel. The bill provides that such personnel who receive the training shall receive appropriate continuing education credits.

01/15/18 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

City Position: Support

HJ 2 United States Constitution; ratifies Equal Rights Amendment.

Patrons: Kory, Ayala, Carroll Foy, Filler-Corn, Adams, D.M., Aird, Carter, Delaney, Herring, Hurst, Plum, Rasoul, Rodman, Roem, Sullivan, VanValkenburg and Ward; Senators: Deeds, Saslaw and Surovell

Summary as introduced:

United States Constitution; Equal Rights Amendment. Ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution that was proposed by Congress in 1972. The joint resolution advocates the position that the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment remains viable and may be ratified notwithstanding the expiration of the 10-year ratification period set out in the resolving clause, as amended, in the proposal adopted by Congress.

11/26/17 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

City Position: Support

HJ 4 United States Constitution; ratifies Equal Rights Amendment.

Patrons: Lopez and Hurst

Summary as introduced:

United States Constitution; Equal Rights Amendment. Ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution that was proposed by Congress in 1972. The joint resolution advocates the position that the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment remains viable and may be ratified notwithstanding the expiration of the 10-year ratification period set out in the resolving clause, as amended, in the proposal adopted by Congress.

11/28/17 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

City Position: Support

HJ 13 Permitting process; localities encouraged to develop a more uniform and streamlined process.

Patron: Yancey

Summary as introduced:

Encouraging localities to develop a more uniform and streamlined permitting

process. Expresses the sense of the General Assembly that localities be encouraged to develop a more uniform and streamlined permitting process. Such an effort would benefit from having the Virginia Association of Counties and the Virginia Municipal League take the lead in developing a model application and permitting process while utilizing the best practices from localities throughout the Commonwealth.

12/19/17 House: Referred to Committee on Rules

City Position: Oppose

HJ 129 United States Constitution; ratifies Equal Rights Amendment.

Patrons: Robinson, Kory, McGuire and Price

Summary as introduced:

United States Constitution; Equal Rights Amendment. Ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution that was proposed by Congress in 1972. The joint resolution advocates the position that the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment remains viable and may be ratified notwithstanding the expiration of the 10-year ratification period set out in the resolving clause, as amended, in the proposal adopted by Congress.

01/12/18 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

City Position: Support

SB 1 Firearms; mechanical devices designed to increase rate of fire, penalty.

Patrons: Ebbin, Wexton, Deeds, Edwards, Favola and Lewis; Delegate: Kory

Summary as introduced:

Mechanical devices designed to increase the rate of fire of firearms; penalty. Prohibits the manufacture, import, sale or offer to sell, possession, transfer, or transportation of any device used to increase the rate of fire of any semi-automatic firearm beyond the capability of an unaided person to operate the trigger mechanism of that firearm. A violation is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.

01/15/18 Senate: Rereferred to Finance

City Position: Support

SB 6 Absentee voting; late applications and in-person voting in certain circumstances.

Patrons: Ebbin; *Delegates:* Kory and Levine

Summary as introduced:

Absentee voting; late applications and in-person voting in certain circumstances. Provides that a registered voter who becomes obligated after noon on the Friday immediately preceding an election to travel outside of his county or city for a business purpose, for a hospitalization, or for the death of a member of his immediate family is entitled to apply for an absentee ballot and to vote absentee in-person. Such a registered voter is required to apply in person not later than 2:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceding the election. Currently, the provisions for late applications and in-person absentee voting apply only to those registered voters who become obligated after noon on the Saturday immediately preceding the election.

11/20/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

City Position: Support

SB 41 Sick leave; use for care of immediate family members.

Patrons: Favola and McClellan; *Delegates:* Kory and Levine

Summary as introduced:

Use sick leave for the care of immediate family members. Requires employers with a sick leave program to allow an employee to use his sick leave for the care of an immediate family member. The measure applies only to employers that have 25 or more employees and that provide paid sick leave that allows an employee to be absent from work in the event of the employee's own incapacity, illness, or injury. The measure applies only to employees who work for at least 30 hours per week, and it caps the amount of sick leave that may be used for the care of immediate family members at five days per calendar year.

11/21/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

City Position: Support

SB 44 Kinship Guardianship Assistance program; established.

Patrons: Favola; *Delegate:* Delaney

Summary as introduced:

Kinship Guardianship Assistance program. Creates the Kinship Guardianship Assistance program (the program) to facilitate child placements with relatives and ensure permanency for children for whom adoption or being returned home are not appropriate permanency options. The bill sets forth eligibility criteria for the program, payment allowances to kinship guardians,

and requirements for kinship guardianship assistance agreements. The bill also requires the Board of Social Services to promulgate regulations for the program.

01/12/18 Senate: Rereferred to Finance

City Position: Support

SB 48 Concealed handgun; eligibility to carry openly within Commonwealth.

Patron: Black

Summary as introduced:

Concealed handgun permits. Allows any person who is otherwise eligible to obtain a concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun without a permit anywhere he may lawfully carry a handgun openly within the Commonwealth.

01/15/18 Senate: Rereferred to Finance

City Position: Oppose

SB 67 Intake process, etc.; statements made by child to an intake officer or probation officer.

Patrons: Favola and Marsden; *Delegate:* Kory

Summary as introduced:

Statements made by child to an intake officer or probation officer. Provides that a statement made by a child during or after the intake process, or during or after a mental health screening or other court-ordered evaluation or assessment, and prior to a hearing on the merits of a petition filed against the child, shall not be admissible at any stage of the proceedings. Current law limits such period of time to those statements made during the intake process, or during a mental health screening or assessment, and prior to a hearing on the merits of a petition filed against the child.

11/30/17 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Oppose

SB 79 Firearms; prohibited at certain preschools and child day centers.

Patrons: Lucas, Howell and Locke; *Delegates:* Adams, D.M., Ayala, Carr, Guzman, Hope, Jones, J.C., Kory, Levine, Lindsey, Lopez, Plum, Simon and Tyler

Summary as introduced:

Firearms on school property. Adds public, private, or religious preschools and child day centers that are not operated at the residence of the provider or of any of the children to the list of schools where possessing a firearm on school property or on a school bus is prohibited. Under current law, the list of such schools only includes public, private, or religious K-12 schools.

01/17/18 Senate: Rereferred to Finance

City Position: Support

SB 97 Driving with animal; driver not to operate vehicle with an animal on his lap.

Patrons: Marsden; Delegate: Kory

Summary as introduced:

Driving with animal prohibited. Prohibits any person, while operating a moving motor vehicle, to (i) have an animal on his lap, (ii) permit an animal to impede his free access to and use of vehicle controls, or (iii) obstruct his vision.

12/12/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

City Position: Support

SB 117 Value engineering; raises minimum project cost.

Patron: Favola

Summary as introduced:

Value engineering. Raises the minimum project cost requiring the use of value engineering from \$5 million to \$15 million; exempts projects that utilize (i) a design-build contract or (ii) the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 from the value engineering requirements.

12/15/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

City Position: Support

SB 118 Dissemination of juvenile records; emergency medical services agency applicants.

Patron: Favola

Summary as introduced:

Dissemination of juvenile record information; emergency medical services agency applicants. Provides that juvenile record information maintained in the Central Criminal Records Exchange may be disseminated (i) to the State Health Commissioner or his designee for the purpose of screening any person who applies to be a volunteer with or an employee of an emergency medical services agency and (ii) to the county, city, or town manager or chief law-enforcement officer located in a locality that has adopted an ordinance to conduct investigations of employment applicants for the purpose of screening any person who applies to be a volunteer with or an employee of an emergency medical services agency.

12/15/17 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Oppose

SB 121 Child care providers; criminal history background check, repeals sunset.

Patrons: Wexton, Hanger, Mason and McClellan; Delegate: Filler-Corn

Summary as introduced:

Child care providers; criminal history background check; repeal sunset and contingency. Repeals the expiration date and contingency on the requirement that the

following individuals undergo fingerprint-based national criminal history background checks: (i) applicants for employment by, employees of, applicants to serve as volunteers with, and volunteers with any licensed family day system, child day center exempt from licensure pursuant to § 63.2-1716, registered family day home, or family day home approved by a family day system; (ii) applicants for licensure as a family day system, registration as a family day home, or approval as a family day home by a family day system, as well as their agents and any adult living in such family day home; and (iii) individuals who apply for or enter into a contract with the Department of Social Services under which a child day center, family day home, or child day program will provide child care services funded by the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 2014, as well as the applicant's current or prospective employees and volunteers, agents, and any adult living in the child day center or family day home.

01/18/18 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)

City Position: Support

SB 122 Juvenile record information; emergency medical services agency applicants.

Patrons: Wexton; *Delegates:* Boysko, Delaney, Gooditis and Reid

Summary as introduced:

Dissemination of juvenile record information; emergency medical services agency applicants. Provides that juvenile record information maintained in the Central Criminal Records Exchange may be disseminated (i) to the State Health Commissioner or his designee for the purpose of screening any person who applies to be a volunteer with or an employee of an emergency medical services agency and (ii) to the county, city, or town manager or chief law-enforcement officer located in a locality that has adopted an ordinance to conduct investigations of employment applicants for the purpose of screening any person who applies to be a volunteer with or an employee of an emergency medical services agency.

12/18/17 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Oppose

SB 125 Value engineering; raises minimum project cost.

Patron: Black

Summary as introduced:

Value engineering. Raises the minimum project cost requiring the use of value engineering from \$5 million to \$15 million; exempts projects that utilize (i) a design-build contract or (ii) the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 from the value engineering requirements.

12/18/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

City Position: Support

[SB 131](#) Voter registration; notice and public access not required for certain voter registration events.

Patron: Edwards

Summary as introduced:

Voter registration; notice and public access not required for certain voter registration events. Provides that voter registration conducted in a high school and voter registration events sponsored or conducted by an entity or organization which the general registrar or an assistant registrar attends as an invitee are not required to be open to the public. Currently, opportunities for voter registration are required to be provided at sites open to the public. The bill also provides that notice is not required for voter registration that is not open to the public.

12/19/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

City Position: Support

[SB 131](#) Voter registration; notice and public access not required for certain voter registration events.

Patron: Edwards

Summary as introduced:

Voter registration; notice and public access not required for certain voter registration events. Provides that voter registration conducted in a high school and voter registration events sponsored or conducted by an entity or organization which the general registrar or an assistant registrar attends as an invitee are not required to be open to the public. Currently, opportunities for voter registration are required to be provided at sites open to the public. The bill also provides that notice is not required for voter registration that is not open to the public.

12/19/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

City Position: Support

[SB 141](#) Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; use of certain revenues by localities.

Patron: Petersen

Summary as introduced:

Use of certain revenues by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. Allows revenues of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority distributed to localities to be used, as determined solely by the applicable locality, to fund new sidewalk projects that reduce congestion.

12/27/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

City Position: Support

SB 147 Commonwealth Transportation Board; factors for project selection.

Patron: Edwards

Summary as introduced:

Commonwealth Transportation Board; factors for project selection. Requires travel time reliability to be one of the factors used by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in its statewide prioritization process for project selection.

12/28/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

City Position: Oppose

SB 149 Outdoor amphitheater or concert venue;

Patron: Edwards

Summary as introduced:

Smoking in outdoor amphitheater or concert venue; penalty. Authorizes any locality, by ordinance, to designate nonsmoking areas within an outdoor amphitheater or concert venue owned by the locality. The bill requires such ordinance to provide for adequate signage designating such areas and provides that a violation of such ordinance is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$25 paid into the Virginia Health Care Fund.

12/28/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government

01/19/18 Senate: Read second time and engrossed

City Position: Support

SB 165 Voter identification; accepted forms of identification.

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. Under current law, an employee of any such private entity is permitted to use his employee identification card for purposes of voting, provided that the card contains a photograph of the voter; the bill allows a resident or other person who receives services from such private entity to use a valid identification card issued by the private entity for purposes of voting, provided that the card contains a photograph of the voter.

12/28/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

City Position: Support

SB 175 Dogs or cats; public animal shelters required to notify intent to euthanize.

Patrons: Stanley and Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Public animal shelters; dogs and cats; euthanasia notice. Requires a public animal shelter to wait three days before euthanizing a dog or cat when a person has notified the shelter of his intent to adopt or take custody of the particular animal. The shelter must make reasonable efforts to accomplish the release of the dog or cat but is not required to hold the animal if it has reason to believe that the animal has seriously injured a human or the animal meets certain other specified conditions for euthanasia.

12/28/17 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

City Position: Support

SB 186 Unmanned aircraft by a locality; search warrant, exception.

Patron: Black

Summary as introduced:

Unmanned aircraft by a locality; search warrant; exception. Authorizes a state or local government department, agency, or instrumentality having jurisdiction over criminal law-enforcement or regulatory violations to utilize an unmanned aircraft system without a search warrant when such system is utilized to support any locality for a purpose other than law enforcement.

12/29/17 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

SB 195 Virginia Residential Rent-to-Own Real Estate Contracts Act; created.

Patron: Locke

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Residential Rent-to-Own Real Estate Contracts Act; civil penalties. Creates the Virginia Residential Rent-to-Own Real Estate Contracts Act that establishes contract requirements and prohibitions for installment land contracts and lease-option contracts as defined in the bill. Under the bill, a violation by a person who sells, or proposes to sell, real property under an installment land contract or lease-option contract constitutes a fraudulent act or practice for purposes of applying the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

01/01/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

City Position: Support

SB 196 Decertification of law-enforcement officers; Criminal Justice Services Board.*Patron:* Locke*Summary as introduced:*

Decertification of law-enforcement officers; Criminal Justice Services Board; statewide professional standards of conduct. Requires the Criminal Justice Services Board (the Board) to adopt, by July 1, 2019, statewide professional standards of conduct applicable to all certified law-enforcement officers and certified jail officers. The bill requires any sheriff, chief of police, or agency administrator to notify the Board in writing within 48 hours of becoming aware that any certified law-enforcement or jail officer currently employed by his agency has been found to have engaged in serious misconduct. The bill authorizes the Board to initiate decertification proceedings against any former law-enforcement or jail officer who has engaged in serious misconduct as defined in such statewide professional standards of conduct. The bill has a delayed effective date of October 1, 2019.

01/01/18 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support**SB 197 Landlord and tenant law; notice requirements, landlord's acceptance of rent with reservation.***Patron:* Locke*Summary as introduced:*

Landlord and tenant law; notice requirements; landlord's acceptance of rent with reservation. Changes the landlord and tenant law notice requirements for landlords to accept full or partial rent while continuing to proceed with a court action to obtain an order of possession and subsequent eviction by creating a single notice and removing the requirement for second notice for the time period between entry of an order of possession and prior to eviction. The bill provides that the landlord may accept full or partial payment of rent and still receive an order of possession and proceed with eviction if the landlord states in the written notice to the tenant that any payment of rent, damages, money judgment, award of attorney fees, and court costs would be accepted with reservation and not constitute a waiver of the landlord's right to evict the tenant from the dwelling unit. The bill also (i) provides that if a dwelling unit is a public housing unit or other housing unit subject to regulation by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, written notice of acceptance of rent with reservation need not be given to any public agency paying a portion of the rent under the rental agreement and (ii) removes language providing that if the landlord enters into a new

rental agreement with the tenant prior to eviction, an order of possession obtained prior to the entry of such new rental agreement is not enforceable.

01/01/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

City Position: Oppose

SB 202 Public employment; prohibits discrimination on basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Patrons: Ebbin and Wexton; *Delegates:* Levine and Reid

Summary as introduced:

Nondiscrimination in public employment. Prohibits discrimination in public employment on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, as defined in the bill. The bill also codifies for state and local government employment the current prohibitions on discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, or status as a veteran.

01/02/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

City Position: Support

SB 207 Statewide prioritization process project selection; cost of project to be considered.

Patrons: Stuart; *Delegates:* Cole and Thomas

Summary as introduced:

Statewide prioritization process project selection. Requires the total cost of a transportation project to be considered in evaluating projects under the statewide prioritization process. The bill requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to evaluate congestion mitigation on the basis of total traffic volumes, not just traffic volumes during weekdays. The bill imposes restrictions on projects receiving funding from the High Priority Projects Program that are evaluated under the statewide prioritization process.

01/02/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

City Position: Oppose

SB 255 License taxes; interest rate for certain refunds.

Patron: Dance

Summary as introduced:

License taxes; interest rate for certain refunds. Authorizes a locality to establish the interest rate for a tax refund due to a taxpayer's overstatement of gross receipts for purposes of determining the amount due for a business license tax at a rate lower than that required for

interest on delinquent taxes. Current law requires that the interest rate for a refund of any local tax be at the same rate as set for interest on delinquent taxes.

01/05/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

City Position: Support

SB 304 Emergency medical services vehicles; temporary permit.

Patron: Marsden

Summary as introduced:

Emergency medical services vehicles; temporary permit. Provides that a temporary permit for an emergency medical services vehicle that does not meet required standards is valid for a period of 90 days from the end of the month of issue. Under current law, such permit is valid for a period not to exceed 60 days.

01/17/18 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

City Position: Support

SB 308 Driving under the influence of alcohol; highways.

Patrons: Stuart; Delegate: Cole

Summary as introduced:

Driving under the influence; highways. Provides that it is unlawful for a person driving or operating any motor vehicle on a highway to be under the influence. Current law prohibits the driving or operating of a motor vehicle while under the influence, without limiting such driving or operating to a highway.

01/08/18 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Oppose

SB 336 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; right to speak at open meetings.

Patrons: Peake; Delegate: Kory

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Freedom of Information Act; right to speak at open meetings. Requires that every public body afford an opportunity for public comment during any open meeting. The bill requires that the notice given by a public body prior to a meeting include information as to the approximate point during the meeting when public comment will be received. The bill permits public bodies to choose the approximate point during the meeting when public comment will be received and permits public bodies to adopt reasonable rules governing the public comment portion of the meeting, including imposing reasonable restrictions on time, place, and manner.

01/08/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

City Position: Oppose

SB 340 Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund; publicly owned treatment works, nutrient reduction.

Patrons: Peake and Reeves

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund; publicly owned treatment works; nutrient reduction. Requires the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality to prioritize cost effective technologies to reduce nutrient loads of total phosphorus, total nitrogen, or nitrogen-containing ammonia over other water quality improvement methods in distributing grants from the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund subsequent to satisfaction of nutrient reductions of regulations, permits, or the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Watershed Implementation Plan. The bill places certain limitations on grants for technologies to reduce nitrogen-containing ammonia. The bill also requires the Department of Environmental Quality to prepare a preliminary estimate of the amount and timing of Water Quality Improvement Grants required to fund projects to reduce loads of nitrogen-containing ammonia at certain levels based on an estimate of the anticipated range of costs for all publicly owned treatment works if the State Water Control Board were to adopt the 2013 Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

01/17/18 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

City Position: Support

SB 367 Stormwater; localities to provide for partial waiver of service charges for management at airports.

Patron: Newman

Summary as introduced:

Regulation of stormwater; airports. Allows localities to provide for a partial waiver of service charges for stormwater management to airports for that portion of the property that is used for runways and taxiways.

01/09/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government

City Position: Oppose

SB 381 School buses; passing while stopped, injury to another person, penalty.

Patron: Chafin

Summary as introduced:

Passing a stopped school bus; injury to another person; penalty. Provides that any person who

unlawfully passes a stopped school bus while driving a motor vehicle and causes serious bodily injury to another person is guilty of a Class 5 felony.

01/09/18 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

SB 391 Housing; installation and maintenance of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in rental property.

Patron: Barker

Summary as introduced:

Housing; installation and maintenance of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Creates a statewide standard for the installation and maintenance of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in rental property. The bill requires a landlord to (i) install a smoke alarm without retrofitting the installation site and (ii) certify annually that smoke alarms have been installed and maintained in good working order in a residential dwelling unit pursuant to the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§ 27-94 et seq.) and the Uniform Statewide Building Code (§ 36-97 et seq.). The landlord is also required to install a carbon monoxide alarm upon request by a tenant; the installation and subsequent maintenance must be in compliance with the Statewide Fire Prevention Code and the Uniform Statewide Building Code. A tenant of a rental dwelling unit with a smoke alarm or both smoke and carbon monoxide alarms shall not tamper or remove such alarms. Under the bill, a reasonable accommodation must be made for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, upon request. Localities that have enacted a fire and carbon monoxide alarm ordinance must conform such ordinances with these state standards by July 1, 2019. The bill also requires the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the Department of Fire Programs, to develop a form for landlords for use in certifying inspections that summarizes smoke alarm maintenance requirements for landlords and tenants. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.

01/09/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

City Position: Support

SB 405 Wireless communications infrastructure; zoning.

Patrons: McDougle, Dance, Ruff and Stanley; *Delegates:* Byron, Heretick and Kory

Summary as introduced:

Zoning for wireless communications infrastructure. Establishes parameters regarding applications for zoning approvals for certain wireless support structures. Applications for certain new wireless support structures that are 50 feet or less above ground level and for the co-location on an existing structure of a wireless facility that is not a small cell facility are

exempt from requirements that they obtain a special exception, special use permit, or variance, though a locality may require administrative review for the issuance of any zoning permits or an acknowledgement that zoning approval is not required for such projects. Aspects of the zoning approval process addressed in this measure include periods for approval or disapproval of applications, a requirement that applications are deemed approved if not approved or disapproved within the applicable period; application fees; a prohibition against unreasonably discriminating between applicants and other wireless services providers, providers of telecommunications services, and nonpublic providers of cable television and electric services; and limits on the number of new wireless support structures that can be installed in a specific location. The measure also prohibits a locality, in its receiving, consideration, and processing of an application for zoning approval, from engaging in certain activities.

01/10/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

City Position: Oppose

SB 410 Steady-burning blue or red lights on law-enforcement vehicles.

Patron: McDougle

Summary as introduced:

Steady-burning blue or red lights on law-enforcement vehicles. Permits law-enforcement vehicles to be equipped with steady-burning blue or red lights in addition to being equipped with flashing, blinking, or alternating blue, blue and red, blue and white, or red, white, and blue combination warning lights of types approved by the Superintendent of State Police.

01/09/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

City Position: Support

SB 423 Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices.

Patrons: Wexton; *Delegate:* Simon

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices; sexual orientation and gender identity. Adds discrimination on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity as an unlawful housing practice. The bill defines sexual orientation and gender identity.

01/09/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

City Position: Support

SB 426 Victims of domestic violence; list of local resources.

Patrons: Wexton, Dunnavant and Vogel; *Delegates:* Adams, D.M., Boysko, Delaney, Hope, Krizek, Levine, Lindsey, Mullin, Plum, Rasoul, Rodman, Simon, Tyler and Watts

Summary as introduced:

Victims of domestic violence; list of local resources. Provides that upon issuance of an emergency, preliminary, or permanent protective order, the court or magistrate shall provide the petitioner with a list of local resources, including contact information for any sexual and domestic violence victim service provider, crime victim and witness assistance program, legal aid or legal services office, crisis intervention hotline, individual support services provider, support groups, or emergency companion services, emergency housing services, or transportation services provider.

01/09/18 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

City Position: Support

[SB 461](#) **Direct service providers; disclosure of information by employers.**

Patron: Dance

Summary as introduced:

Direct service providers; disclosure of information by employers. Provides that a current or former employer of a direct service provider may disclose information about the direct service provider's employment to a prospective employer of the direct service provider upon receipt of written, signed consent of the direct service provider and establishes requirements related to such written consent.

01/09/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

City Position: Support

[SB 513](#) **Enhanced Public Safety Telephone Services Act; implementation of 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) services.**

Patrons: Suetterlein and Ebbin

Summary as introduced:

Enhanced Public Safety Telephone Services Act. Establishes requirements regarding the implementation of next generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) service. By July 1, 2023, the 9-1-1 Services Board (the Board) is required to develop and implement NG9-1-1 transition plans to migrate public service answering points and originating service providers from E-911 to NG9-1-1. The measure alters the formula and criteria for the Board's distribution of funds from the Wireless E-911 Fund. The measure also repeals provisions regarding (i) notices that providers of Voice over Internet protocol service are required to give to subscribers regarding access to E-911 service; (ii) plans for access by Voice over Internet protocol service subscribers to obtain E-911 service; and (iii) the Board's Wireless Carrier E-911 Cost Recovery Subcommittee.

01/09/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

City Position: Support**SB 678 Speed monitoring systems; locality may, by ordinance, establish.***Patron:* Deeds*Summary as introduced:*

Speed monitoring systems. Provides that a locality may, by ordinance, establish a speed enforcement program utilizing an automated speed monitoring system that creates recorded images of vehicles traveling at least 10 miles per hour in excess of the maximum applicable speed limit. The penalty imposed for violating applicable speed limits where such violation is established by recorded images produced by a speed monitoring system cannot exceed \$50. The bill provides that a locality may install and operate a speed monitoring system only at residence districts, school crossing zones, and highway work zones. The procedures for operating a speed monitoring system and issuing summons to violators and the rights of such violators, including the right to appeal to circuit court, parallel those currently in place for red light violations recorded by photo-monitoring systems at traffic lights.

01/10/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

City Position: Support**SB 688 Va. Public Procurement Act; cooperative procurement, stream restoration & stormwater management.***Patron:* Ruff*Summary as introduced:*

Virginia Public Procurement Act; cooperative procurement; stream restoration and stormwater management. Excludes the purchase of (i) stream restoration and (ii) stormwater management practices, and all associated and necessary construction and maintenance, from the prohibition on using cooperative procurement to purchase construction.

01/10/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

City Position: Support**SB 797 Protective orders; possession of firearms; penalty.***Patrons:* Howell and Wexton; *Delegate:* Levine*Summary as introduced:*

Protective orders; possession of firearms; penalty. Provides that it is a Class 6 felony for a person who is subject to a permanent protective order (i.e., a protective order with a maximum duration of two years) for subjecting another person to an act of violence, force, or threat to possess a firearm while the order is in effect, which is equivalent to the existing penalty for

possession of a firearm by a person subject to a permanent protective order for family abuse. The bill also provides that such person may continue to possess and transport a firearm for 24 hours after being served with the order for the purposes of selling or transferring the firearm to another person.

1/17/18 Senate: Rereferred to Finance

City Position: Support

SB 822 Collection of delinquent amounts due locality.

Patron: Edwards

Summary as introduced:

Collection of delinquent amounts due locality. Amends provisions that currently allow the treasurer in any locality to employ the services of private collection agents to assist with the collection of delinquent local taxes by also including "other charges." The bill also changes from six months to three months the period for which certain taxes or other charges must be delinquent prior to certain collection efforts.

01/15/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

City Position: Support

SB 856 Mass transit; makes numerous changes to administration of and revenues for transit.

Patron: Saslaw

Summary as introduced:

Mass transit in the Commonwealth. Makes numerous changes to the administration of and revenues for mass transit in the Commonwealth, specifically as it relates to the membership and funding of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the disbursement of funds in the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund, and the authority of the Commonwealth Transportation Board to issue bonds for transit capital. The bill sets a floor on the average price of fuel used to calculate the regional motor sales tax as the price of gas on February 20, 2013, the same floor that is used to calculate the state fuels tax. The bill also raises the regional congestion relief fee and the regional transient occupancy tax in the Northern Virginia region to raise additional revenues for mass transit.

01/17/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

City Position: Support