



Legislative Subcommittee Meeting

Legislative Bills Docket

January 17, 2020

PRINCIPLES (Consent)

.....**Non-Discrimination**

HB21 Virginia Human Rights Act; prohibited discrimination, sexual orientation and gender identity.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Assigned GL sub: Professions/Occupations and Administrative Process (January 15, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Joseph C. Lindsey

Summary: Virginia Human Rights Act; prohibited discrimination; sexual orientation and gender identity. Adds discrimination on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity as an unlawful discriminatory practice under the Virginia Human Rights Act. The bill also creates a cause of action if any person employed by an employer who employs more than five but fewer than 15 persons is discharged by such employer on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. The bill defines "sexual orientation" and "gender identity." The bill contains technical amendments.

HB1049 Discrimination; sexual orientation and gender identity.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Assigned GL sub: Housing/Consumer Protection (January 15, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Mark H. Levine

Summary: 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 also adds discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity to the list of unlawful discriminatory housing practices. The bill contains technical amendments.

..... **Single Use Plastics**

HB1347 Expanded polystyrene food service containers; prohibition on dispensing, civil penalty.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Assigned ACNR sub: Natural Resources (January 15, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Kenneth R. Plum

Summary: Expanded polystyrene food service containers; prohibition; civil penalty. Prohibits the dispensing by a food vendor of prepared food to a customer in a single-use expanded polystyrene food service container, as defined in the bill. The bill requires certain chain restaurants to stop using such containers by July 1, 2023, and sets the date for compliance by all food vendors as July 1, 2025. The bill exempts certain institutions, including correctional facilities and public schools, from the definition of "food vendor" and provides a process by which a locality may grant consecutive one-year exemptions to individual food vendors on the basis of undue economic hardship. The bill provides a civil penalty of \$50 for each day of violation, to be collected in a civil action brought by the Attorney General or the relevant locality. The penalties collected are to be

deposited in the Litter Control and Recycling Fund or to the treasury of the relevant locality, as appropriate. Finally, the bill directs the Department of Environmental Quality to post to its website information on compliance and the filing of complaints.

..... **Distracted Driving**
SB944 Handheld personal communications devices; holding devices while driving a motor vehicle.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Referred to Committee on Transportation (January 13, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Richard L. Saslaw

Summary: Holding handheld personal communications devices while driving a motor vehicle. Prohibits any person from holding a handheld personal communications device while driving a motor vehicle. Current law prohibits (i) the reading of any email or text message and manually entering letters or text in such a device as a means of communicating and (ii) holding a personal communications device while driving in a work zone. The bill expands the exemptions to include handheld personal communications devices that are being held and used (a) as an amateur radio or a citizens band radio or (b) for official Department of Transportation or traffic incident management services. This bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2021.

PRIORITIES (Consent)

..... **Affordable Housing**
HB590 Eligible housing areas; tax credit for participating landlords, expands definition.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Referred to Committee on Finance (January 6, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Elizabeth R. Guzman

Summary: Tax credit for participating landlords; eligible housing areas. Expands the definition of "eligible housing area" for the housing choice voucher tax credit to include Virginia census tracts in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Statistical Area in which less than 10 percent of the population lives below the poverty level. Landlords who rent qualified housing units within such areas are eligible for an income tax credit. Current law only applies to such areas within the Richmond and Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

HB1014 Income tax, state; housing choice vouchers, eligible housing areas.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Referred to Committee on Finance (January 7, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Charniele L. Herring

Summary: Income tax credits for housing choice vouchers; eligible housing areas. Expands the definition of "eligible housing area" for purposes of the housing choice voucher tax credit to include

the City of Alexandria. Landlords who rent qualified housing units within such areas are eligible for an income tax credit. Current law only applies to certain areas within the Richmond Metropolitan Statistical Area and the Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News Metropolitan Statistical Area.

SB200 Income tax, state; housing choice vouchers, eligible housing areas.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Moved from Finance to Finance and Appropriations due to a change of the committee name (January 8, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: George L. Barker

Summary: Income tax credits for housing choice vouchers; eligible housing areas. Expands the definition of "eligible housing area" for purposes of the housing choice voucher tax credit to include the City of Alexandria. Landlords who rent qualified housing units within such areas are eligible for an income tax credit. Current law only applies to certain areas within the Richmond Metropolitan Statistical Area and the Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News Metropolitan Statistical Area.

.....**Weapons in Government Buildings**

HB1312 Dangerous weapons; prohibits possessing or transporting in local government buildings.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Committee Referral Pending (January 8, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Kaye Kory

Summary: Local government buildings; dangerous weapons; penalty. Prohibits the possession or transport of (i) guns or other weapons designed or intended to propel a missile or projectile of any kind; (ii) frames, receivers, mufflers, silencers, missiles, projectiles, or ammunition designed for use with a dangerous weapon; or (iii) certain other dangerous weapons in any building owned or used by a locality for governmental purposes in the Commonwealth. A violation is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. Currently, the possession or transport of such weapons is prohibited in any courthouse.

SB505 Firearms, ammunition, etc.; control by localities in local government buildings.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Incorporated by Judiciary (SB35-Surovell) (13-Y 0-N) (January 13, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: John S. Edwards

Summary: Control of firearms by localities; local government buildings. Authorizes a locality to adopt an ordinance prohibiting firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof in any building owned or used by such locality for governmental purposes. The bill requires such ordinance to include a provision for security measures designed to reasonably prevent unauthorized access of such buildings by a person with a firearm, ammunition, or components or combination thereof. The bill requires a locality to post notice of any such prohibition at all entrances of buildings used for governmental purposes.

SB506 Firearms; control by localities.**SUPPORT**

Last Action: Incorporated by Judiciary (SB35-Surovell) (13-Y 0-N) (January 13, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: John S. Edwards

Summary: Control of firearms by localities. Grants localities authority to adopt or enforce an ordinance, resolution, or motion governing the possession, carrying, storage, or transporting of firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof in the locality. Various provisions limiting such authority are repealed. Provisions limiting the authority of localities and state governmental entities to bring lawsuits against certain firearms manufacturers and others are also repealed.

The bill also changes from mandatory to optional the existing requirement that a locality adopting an ordinance regarding the disposition of certain acquired firearms offer for sale by public auction or sealed bids to a person licensed as a dealer any firearm received by the locality, and provides that if an individual surrendering a firearm requests in writing that the firearm be destroyed, such firearm shall be destroyed by the locality.

SB615 Firearms; control by localities in local government buildings and parks.**SUPPORT**

Last Action: Incorporated by Judiciary (SB35-Surovell) (13-Y 0-N) (January 13, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: R. Creigh Deeds

Summary: Control of firearms by localities; local government buildings and parks. Authorizes a locality to adopt an ordinance prohibiting firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof in any building owned or used by such locality for governmental purposes and in public parks owned by the locality. The bill requires such ordinance to include a provision for security measures designed to reasonably prevent unauthorized access of such buildings or parks by a person with a firearm, ammunition, or components or combination thereof. The bill requires a locality to post notice of any such prohibition at all entrances of buildings used for governmental purposes and at the main entrances to public parks owned by this locality.

HB1382 Firearms; control in local government buildings, waiver of sovereign immunity.**OPPOSE**

Last Action: Committee Referral Pending (January 8, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Jeffrey L. Campbell

Summary: Control of firearms in local government buildings; waiver of sovereign immunity. Provides that any locality that adopts an ordinance or policy that generally prohibits firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof in any building owned or used by such locality for governmental purposes shall waive its sovereign immunity protection with regard to any civil claim for damages brought by an individual who claims his injuries are the result, at least in part, of such ordinance or policy. In such instance, a locality will be subject to an ordinary negligence standard for its invitees.

SB319 Public property, etc.; security on premises where firearms are prohibited.

OPPOSE

Last Action: Moved from Courts of Justice to Judiciary due to a change of the committee name (January 8, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Amanda F. Chase

Summary: Security of public property. Provides that any property owned by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, or used by a public body, where firearms have been prohibited by law shall have law-enforcement officers or armed security officers on the premises to provide security services.

HB421 Firearms, ammunition, etc.; control by localities by governing possession, etc., within locality.

WATCH

Last Action: Committee Referral Pending (January 3, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Marcia S. "Cia" Price

Summary: Control of firearms by localities. Grants localities authority to adopt or enforce an ordinance, resolution, or motion governing the possession, carrying, storage, or transporting of firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof in the locality. Various provisions limiting such authority are repealed. Provisions limiting the authority of localities and state governmental entities to bring lawsuits against certain firearms manufacturers and others are also repealed.

The bill also provides an exception to the requirement that an ordinance enacted regarding the disposition of certain firearms acquired by localities must provide that any firearm received be offered for sale by public auction or sealed bids to a person licensed as a dealer. The bill allows such ordinance to provide that if the individual surrendering the firearm requests in writing that the firearm be destroyed, then such firearm will be destroyed by the locality.

..... **School Construction Funding**

HB1274 School Construction Fund and Program; created and established.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Assigned Education sub: Pre-K-12 (January 13, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Israel D. O'Quinn

Summary: Department of Education; School Construction Fund and Program. Establishes the School Construction Fund as a special nonreverting fund in the state treasury and requires the Department of Education to establish the School Construction Program for the purpose of providing grants from the Fund, subject to certain conditions, to school boards that leverage federal, state, and local programs and resources to finance the design and construction of new school buildings and facilities or the modernization and maintenance of existing school buildings and facilities.

SB341 Construction management and design-build contracting; use by state and local public bodies.

WATCH

Last Action: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology (January 6, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Mamie E. Locke

Summary: Construction management and design-build contracting; use by state and local public bodies. Authorizes all state and local public bodies to use construction management contracts for projects with a cost expected to exceed \$26 million. For projects where the cost is not expected to exceed \$26 million, state and local public bodies must make written determination that competitive sealed bidding is not practicable or fiscally advantageous, document the basis for the determination to use construction management or design-build, and follow statutorily mandated procedures. The bill also amends the definition of "complex project."

SB5 Board of Education; uniform minimum standards modern; public school buildings.

OPPOSE

Last Action: Rereferred to Finance and Appropriations (January 9, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: William M. Stanley, Jr.

Summary: Board of Education; uniform minimum standards for modern public school buildings. Requires the Board of Education to prescribe by regulation uniform minimum standards for the erection of modern public school buildings and the modernization of existing public school buildings for the purpose of promoting positive educational outcomes for each public elementary and secondary school student. The bill requires such regulations to include uniform minimum modern public school building standards that promote (i) the delivery of instruction that complies with the Standards of Learning by addressing enrollment capacity and available space and (ii) the health and safety of each enrolled student. The bill requires each school board to annually (a) assess and report to the Board the extent to which each public school building in the local school division complies with such uniform minimum standards and (b) submit to the Board a long-range plan for compliance with such uniform minimum standards, including an assessment of the cost of such compliance, in any case in which the school board determines that a public school building in the local school division does not comply with such standards.

..... **Carbon Free Resources**

HB20 Va. Alternative Energy & Coastal Protection Act; DEQ to implement final carbon trading regulation.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Assigned ACNR sub: Chesapeake (January 14, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Joseph C. Lindsey

Summary: Virginia Alternative Energy and Coastal Protection Act. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to implement the final carbon trading regulation as approved by the State Air Pollution Control Board in order to establish a carbon dioxide cap and trade program that limits and reduces the total carbon dioxide emissions released by electric generation facilities and that

complies with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative model rule. The measure authorizes the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality to establish, implement, and manage an auction program to sell allowances into a market-based trading program. The measure requires revenues from the sale of carbon allowances, to the extent permitted by Article X, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, to be deposited in an interest-bearing account and to be distributed without further appropriation (i) to assist counties, cities, towns, residents, and businesses affected by recurrent flooding, sea-level rise, and flooding from severe weather events; (ii) to support energy efficiency programs; (iii) to support renewable energy programs; (iv) to provide economic development, education, and workforce training programs for families and businesses in Southwest Virginia for the purpose of revitalizing communities negatively affected by the decline of fossil fuel production; (v) to the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund to fund the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program and (vi) for administrative expenses. The measure states that development of new utility-owned and utility-operated generating facilities utilizing energy derived from sunlight, or from onshore or offshore wind, to achieve the reduction in carbon dioxide emissions is in the public interest and directs Dominion Virginia Power and Appalachian Power to achieve a minimum of 50 percent of the reduction in carbon dioxide emissions through the development of such utility-owned and utility-operated generating facilities utilizing energy derived from sunlight, or from onshore or offshore wind. The measure provides that any retail customer that purchases electric energy from a supplier other than the incumbent electric utility serving the exclusive service territory in which such retail customer is located shall pay a non-bypassable surcharge. The measure also requires the Department to establish an allowance set-aside for any electric generation facility subject to a cap and trade program that operates according to a long-term contract as of January 1, 2020, that prohibits the recovery of allowance costs.

HB912 Distributed renewable energy; promotes establishment of solar and other renewable energy.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources (January 7, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Marcus B. Simon

Summary: Distributed renewable energy. Promotes the establishment of distributed renewable solar and other renewable energy. The measure (i) removes the one percent cap on the total amount of renewable energy that can be net metered in a utility's service territory, (ii) authorizes third-party power purchase agreements for all customer classes throughout the Commonwealth, (iii) allows local governments and certain other public bodies to install solar or wind facilities of up to five megawatts on government-owned property and use the electricity for government-owned buildings, (iv) allows all net metering customers to attribute output from a single solar array to multiple meters, (v) allows the owner of a multifamily residential building or the common areas of a condominium to install a renewable energy generation facility and sell the electricity to tenants or condominium unit owners, (vi) removes the restriction on customers installing a net-metered

generation facility larger than that required to meet their previous 12 months' demand, (vii) raises the cap for net-metered nonresidential generation facilities from one megawatt to two megawatts, and (viii) removes the ability of utilities to assess standby charges. The measure also amends the Commonwealth Energy Policy to include provisions supporting distributed generation of renewable energy.

..... **Access to Voting**

HB209 Absentee voting; no excuse required.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Assigned P & E sub: Elections (January 13, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Kathleen Murphy

Summary: Absentee voting; no excuse required. Permits any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot in any election in which he is qualified to vote. The bill removes the current list of statutory reasons under which a person may be entitled to vote by absentee ballot and removes references to those reasons from other sections of the Code.

HB878 Voter identification; signed statement in lieu of required form of identification, penalty.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Assigned P & E sub: Elections (January 14, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Mark D. Sickles

Summary: Voter identification; signed statement in lieu of required form of identification; penalty. Permits a voter who does not show one of the required forms of identification when offering to vote to sign a statement that he is the named registered voter he claims to be in order to be permitted to cast a ballot. Such statement is signed subject to felony penalties for making false statements, punishable as a Class 5 felony. A voter who does not show one of the required forms of identification and does not complete or sign the statement shall be offered a provisional ballot according to the provisions of current law. The bill adds language regarding identification requirements for certain voters subject to the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002.

..... **Proof of Identity**

HB565 Driver privilege cards; penalty.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Assigned Transportation sub: Transportation Innovations and General Topics (January 15, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Robert S. Bloxom, Jr.

Summary: Driver privilege cards; penalty. Authorizes the issuance of new driver privilege cards by the Department of Motor Vehicles to an applicant who (i) has reported income from Virginia sources on an individual tax return filed with the Commonwealth in the preceding 12 months, (ii) is not in violation of the insurance requirements for the registration of an uninsured motor vehicle, and (iii) presents an unexpired passport. The bill provides that driver privilege cards shall confer the same privileges and shall be subject to the same provisions as driver's licenses and permits;

however, driver privilege cards shall not (a) confer voting privileges, (b) permit an individual to waive any part of the driver examination, or (c) have their issuance be contingent upon the applicant's ability to produce proof of legal presence in the United States. The bill provides for the term "driver's license" to consistently refer to all driver's licenses, permits, driver privilege cards, and special identification cards issued by the Commonwealth or the comparable law of another jurisdiction. The bill allows the issuance of a limited-duration driver's license and special identification card to an applicant presenting valid documentary evidence that a federal court or federal agency having jurisdiction over immigration has authorized the applicant to be in the United States for a period of at least 30 days from the date of application. The bill authorizes the Tax Commissioner to provide to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles information sufficient to verify that an applicant for a driver privilege card or permit reported income from Virginia sources on an individual tax return filed with the Commonwealth in the preceding 12 months. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2021.

..... **Minimum Wage**

HB615 Minimum wage; increases to \$10.10 per hour effective January 1, 2021, etc.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Committee Referral Pending (January 6, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Kenneth R. Plum

Summary: Minimum wage. Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$10.10 per hour effective January 1, 2021, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Effective January 1, 2022, the minimum wage shall be adjusted biennially to reflect annual increases in the consumer price index over the two most recent calendar years. The measure also provides that the Virginia minimum wage applies to persons whose employment is covered by the FLSA and to persons employed by the Commonwealth, its agencies or political subdivisions, or a public body.

..... **Statewide NVTAFunding**

HB1414 Transportation; amends numerous laws related to funds, safety programs, revenue sources, etc.

WATCH

Last Action: Assigned Transportation sub: Motor Vehicles (January 14, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Eileen Filler-Corn

Summary: Transportation. Amends numerous law related to transportation funds, revenue sources, construction, and safety programs.

The bill adopts numerous structural changes to the transportation funding system in the Commonwealth. Most transportation revenues are directed to a new Commonwealth Transportation Fund and the existing Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund. Funds are then disbursed, based on codified formulas, to subfunds established to meet the varying transportation needs of different modes of transportation. The bill contains transitional provisions phasing in the new funding structure over a period of four years.

The existing gas tax based on a percentage of the wholesale price of gasoline and diesel fuel is converted to a cents-per-gallon tax. A rate of \$0.282 per gallon of gasoline will be phased in over three years, and then indexed every year thereafter. The regional gas tax will be converted to a rate of \$0.076 per gallon of gasoline.

Registration fees for motor vehicles will be lowered. The Department of Motor Vehicles will implement a Highway Use Fee for alternative fuel and fuel efficient vehicles. Alternatively, a person whose vehicles would be subject to this new fee may elect to instead enroll in a mileage-based user fee program to be developed by the Department.

In Northern Virginia, the regional transportation improvement fee, used to support WMATA, is lowered to \$0.10 per \$100 for the recordation of conveyance of a deeds. A new regional congestion fee is imposed at a rate of \$0.15 per \$100 for the recordation of conveyance of a deed. The regional transient occupancy tax is raised from \$2 to \$3.

The bill authorizes the use of transportation bonds to complete the final section of Corridor Q of the Appalachian Development Highway System, and authorizes a bond issuance for improvements in the Interstate 81 and Interstate 66 corridors.

The bill establishes a new Virginia Passenger Rail Authority.

The bill adopts several safety initiatives, including: (i) making it illegal to possess an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, (ii) requiring all passengers in a vehicle to wear safety belts and making failure to wear a safety belt a primary offense, (iii) prohibiting the use of handheld personal communication devices, (iv) establishing a speed monitoring program in highway safety corridors that uses a vehicle sensor to take a picture of a vehicle traveling more than 10 miles over the speed limit, subjecting the driver to a monetary fine, and (v) allowing localities to lower the speed limit below 25 miles per hour in business and residential districts. The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles will establish an advisory committee to oversee education and enforcement of policies such as the seatbelt and hands-free provisions.

The bill also creates numerous new transportation safety programs, including an Interstate Operations and Enhancement Program, a Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program, the Robert O. Norris Bridge and Statewide Special Structures Program, and a Transit Incentive Program.

(END CONSENT)

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

..... **Housing**
HB756 Va. Residential Landlord & Tenant Act; tenants participation in Eviction Diversion Pilot Program.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Assigned GL sub: Housing/Consumer Protection (January 15, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Lashrecse D. Aird

Summary: Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; Eviction Diversion Pilot Program; option to pay a redemption tender. Allows a tenant who has exercised his right of redemption prior to July 1, 2020, to participate in the Eviction Diversion Pilot Program. The bill repeals a 2019 enactment clause excluding such tenants from participation.

HB765 Zoning; affordable housing, residential district classification.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Committee Referral Pending (January 7, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Robert D. Orrock, Sr.

Summary: Zoning; affordable housing. Provides that a locality, within the residential district classifications of its zoning ordinance, may include districts specifically designated for affordable housing.

..... **Elections**

HB761 Elections; preclearance of certain covered practices required.

WATCH

Last Action: Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional Amendments (January 13, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Schuyler T. VanValkenburg

Summary: Elections; preclearance of certain covered practices required. Requires the governing body of any county, city, or town to submit, prior to enacting or seeking to administer any voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or any standard, practice, or procedure with respect to voting, that is a covered practice, such qualification, prerequisite, standard, practice, or procedure by either (i) instituting an action in the Court of Appeals for a declaratory judgment that such qualification, prerequisite, standard, practice, or procedure neither has the purpose nor will have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color or membership in a language minority group or (ii) submitting such qualification, prerequisite, standard, practice, or procedure to the Office of the Attorney General. No qualification, prerequisite, standard, practice, or procedure that is a covered practice shall be given effect until (a) the circuit court has entered such judgment, (b) the Attorney General has not interposed an objection within 60 days of the governing body's submission, or (c) upon good cause shown and to facilitate an expedited approval within 60 days of the governing body's submission, the Attorney General has affirmatively indicated that no such objection will be made. The bill is modeled after the Section 5 preclearance requirement of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended. The bill defines "covered

practice" as any change to the method of election in a locality, any change to jurisdiction boundaries, any change to election districts or wards, or any change that reduces, consolidates, or relocates voting locations.

..... **Transportation Board Funds**

HB774 Commonwealth Transportation Board; increases revenue-sharing funds.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Referred to Committee on Finance (January 7, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Dave A. LaRock

Summary: Commonwealth Transportation Board; revenue-sharing funds. Increases the maximum matching allocation that the Commonwealth Transportation Board may make to a locality from \$5 million to \$10 million and increases the portion of such funds that such locality may use for the maintenance of highway systems from \$2.5 million to \$5 million.

..... **ABC Licenses**

HB949 Alcoholic beverage control; privileges of local special events licensees.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Referred to Committee on General Laws (January 7, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Michael J. Webert

Summary: Alcoholic beverage control; privileges of local special events licensees. Allows a local special events license to be issued to a local historic district that has been designated by a locality. The bill removes the provision limiting local special events licenses to 12 special events per year.

..... **Public Safety**

HB997 Child care providers; fingerprint-based criminal background checks, repeals sunset.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (January 15, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Kelly K. Convirs-Fowler

Summary: Child care providers; fingerprint-based criminal background checks; sunset and contingency expiration. Repeals the sunset and contingency expiration of 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 due to its operation by a religious institution, 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 agents of such applicants 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 Act, 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.

..... **Broadband**

HB1242 Broadband service; authority of localities to provide.

WATCH

Last Action: Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation (January 8, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Steve E. Heretick

Summary: Authority of localities to provide broadband service. Provides that any locality may establish any department, office, board, commission, agency, or other governmental division or entity that has authority to offer telecommunications, Internet access, broadband, information, and data transmission services.

..... **Procurement**

HB1300 Virginia Public Procurement Act; statute of limitations on actions on construction contracts.

OPPOSE

Last Action: Referred to Committee on General Laws (January 8, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Chris L. Hurst

Summary: Virginia Public Procurement Act; statute of limitations on actions on construction contracts; statute of limitations on actions on performance bonds. Provides that no action may be brought by a public body on any construction, architectural, or engineering contract, including construction management and design-build contracts, unless such action is brought within five years after completion of the work on the project, and provides that no action may be brought by a public body on a warranty or guaranty in such construction contract more than one year from the breach of that warranty, but in no event more than one year after the expiration of such warranty or guaranty. The bill also limits the time frame during which a public body may bring an action against a surety on a performance bond to within one year after completion of the work on the project. 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 guaranties, or (ii) discovery of the defect or breach of warranty that gave rise to the action. The bill contains technical amendments.

\..... **Stormwater**

HB1308 Stormwater management; grandfathered land-disturbing activities.

OPPOSE

Last Action: Assigned ACNR sub: Chesapeake (January 15, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Wendell S. Walker

Summary: Stormwater management; grandfathered land-disturbing activities. Authorizes any land-disturbing activity that was eligible to take place pursuant to technical criteria that were adopted by the State Water Control Board prior to July 1, 2014, to be governed by such criteria until July 1, 2024. Current regulations grandfathered such activities until July 1, 2019.

..... **War Memorials**

HB1537 War veterans; removal, relocation, or altering of monuments.

WATCH

Last Action: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns (January 10, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Delores L. McQuinn

Summary: Memorials for war veterans. Provides that a locality may remove, relocate, or alter any monument or memorial for war veterans located in its public space, regardless of when erected. Current law makes it unlawful to disturb or interfere with such monuments or memorials or to prevent citizens from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation, and care of such monuments or memorials.

..... **Localities**

SB225 Removal of dangerous roadside conditions; local option.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Printed as engrossed 20100283D-E (January 15, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Richard H. Stuart

Summary: Removal of dangerous roadside conditions; local option. Authorizes any locality, by ordinance, to require the owner of any property located within five feet of any public right-of-way to remove any and all trees, tree limbs, shrubs, high grass, or other substance that might dangerously obstruct the line of sight of a driver, be involved in a collision with a vehicle, or interfere with the safe operation of a vehicle.

Amendments:

[Senate amendments](#)

HB1564 Impact fees; residential development.

SUPPORT

Last Action: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns (January 13, 2020)

Primary Sponsor: Mark L. Cole

Summary: Impact fees; residential development. Authorizes any locality to impose impact fees on certain residential developments in order to defray the costs of constructing public facilities necessitated by those developments. Under current law, such impact fees may be imposed only by those localities that have established urban transportation service districts. The amount of the impact fee shall not exceed five percent of the sales price of the residential property, five percent of the assessed value of the property in the event that the property is transferred without a sale, or \$10,000, whichever is less.