

HB 1570 - Virginia Public Procurement Act; project labor agreements.

Chief Patron: Wiley

Status: Failed

A BILL to repeal § 2.2-4321.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Public Procurement Act; project labor agreements.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Virginia Public Procurement Act; project labor agreements. Repeals the provision of the Virginia Public Procurement Act that authorizes any public body, including any state or local government, when engaged in procuring products or services or letting contracts for construction, manufacture, maintenance, or operation of public works, to require bidders to enter into or adhere to project labor agreements on the public works projects.

Last Event

02/05/2025 House Left in Labor and Commerce

HB 1615 - Transportation infrastructure and projects; noise analysis.

Chief Patron: Feggans

Status: Failed

A BILL to amend and reenact § 33.2-276 of the Code of Virginia, relating to transportation infrastructure and projects; noise analysis.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Transportation infrastructure and projects; noise analysis. Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board or the Department of Transportation to begin a noise analysis within one year of receipt of a valid petition for a noise analysis. The bill also requires a noise analysis for any retrofit noise abatement project undertaken or considered by the Board or the Department.

Last Event

02/04/2025 House Left in Transportation

HB 1664 - Photo speed monitoring devices; placement and operation by certain localities.

Chief Patron: Jones

Status: Failed

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-882.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to photo speed monitoring devices; placement and operation by certain localities.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Photo speed monitoring devices; placement and operation by certain localities. Allows localities without a law-enforcement agency to place and operate photo speed monitoring devices. The bill requires such localities to authorize by ordinance officers of the law-enforcement agency with jurisdiction within such locality to issue the summons and to swear to or affirm the certificate stating that the information produced by such photo speed monitoring device shows evidence of a vehicle speed violation.

Last Event

02/04/2025 House Left in Transportation

HB 1666 - Photo speed monitoring devices; location.

Chief Patron: Jones

Status: Failed

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-882.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to photo speed monitoring devices; location.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Photo speed monitoring devices; location. Allows a locality to provide by ordinance for the placement and operation of a photo speed monitoring device by the law-enforcement agency of such locality for the purposes of recording vehicle speed violations on any highway in such locality (i) that is located in a high-injury network as designated by the Department of Transportation or (ii) where such placement is supported by Department of Transportation speed or vehicle incident data as determined by such governing body. The bill requires the placement of at least two conspicuous signs within 1,000 feet of any location other than a school crossing zone, highway work zone, or high-risk intersection segment at which a photo speed monitoring device is used, indicating the use of the device. Under current law, one conspicuous sign within 1,000 feet is required at a school crossing zone, highway work zone, or high-risk intersection segment at which such device is used.

Last Event

02/04/2025 House Left in Transportation

HB 1750 - Department of Transportation; maintenance on components of the Interstate System.

Chief Patron: Ennis

Status: Failed

A BILL to amend and reenact § 33.2-301 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Department of Transportation; maintenance on components of Interstate System.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Department of Transportation; maintenance on components of the Interstate System. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to perform nonemergency work on the Interstate System with its own employees or agents. Current law requires nonemergency maintenance on components of the Interstate System to be carried out by contractors unless the Commissioner of Highways provides good and sufficient reasons for not doing so.

Last Event

02/04/2025 House Left in Transportation

HB 1789 - Procurement; cancellation of bids.

Chief Patron: Orrock

Status: Failed

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-4319 of the Code of Virginia, relating to procurement; cancellation of bids.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Procurement; cancellation of bids. Provides that a public body may include a statement in an Invitation to Bid, a Request for Proposal, or any other solicitation of an intention to cancel any such invitation, request, or solicitation if, in the estimation of the public body, all responsive bids exceed by at least 50 percent the current price for such goods or services as offered to the private sector.

Last Event

02/04/2025 House Left in General Laws

HB 1887 - Mineral Mine Safety Act; definition of "surface mineral mine"; mine inspectors; certificate renewal; use of cyanide or cyanide compound.

Chief Patron: Bloxom

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 45.2-1101, 45.2-1109, 45.2-1119, 45.2-1200, and 45.2-1203 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Mineral Mine Safety Act; definition of "surface mineral mine"; mine inspectors; certificate renewal; use of cyanide or cyanide compound.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Mineral Mine Safety Act; definition of "surface mineral mine"; mine inspectors; certificate renewal; use of cyanide or cyanide compound. Amends the definition of "surface mineral mine" in the Mineral Mine Safety Act to exclude excavation or grading when conducted solely in aid of onsite farming or construction and under certain conditions enumerated in the bill. The bill amends the definition of "mining" in existing law, relating to the exemption from permits for a mining operation, to extend the required completion time from six months to one year for excavation or grading conducted to construct or expand a farm pond for agricultural irrigation or provision of water for livestock. The bill also amends the qualification requirements for mineral mine inspectors, removes references to the defunct Board of Mineral Mining Examiners, and prohibits the issuance of any permit for a mineral mining or processing operation that includes the use of cyanide or a cyanide compound.

Last Event

02/05/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

HB 1922 - Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program; established, report.

Chief Patron: Ward

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-1604, 2.2-1605, 2.2-1610, 2.2-4310, 2.2-4310.3, and 23.1-1017 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 16.1 of Title 2.2 an article numbered 4, consisting of sections numbered 2.2-1618 through 2.2-1622, relating to the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program established.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program established. Establishes the Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program with a statewide goal of 42 percent of certified small SWaM business, as such term is defined in the bill, utilization in all discretionary spending by executive branch agencies and covered institutions in procurement orders, prime contracts, and subcontracts, as well as a target goal of 50 percent subcontracting to small SWaM businesses in instances where the prime contractor is not a small SWaM business for all new capital outlay construction solicitations that are issued. The bill provides that executive branch agencies and covered institutions are required to increase their small SWaM business utilization rates by three percent per year until reaching the 42-percent target or, if unable to do so, to implement achievable goals to increase their utilization rates. In addition, the bill provides for a small SWaM business set-aside for executive branch agency and covered institution purchases of goods, services, and construction, requiring that purchases up to \$100,000 be set aside for award to certified small SWaM businesses.

The bill creates the Division of Procurement Enhancement within the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity for purposes of collaborating with the Department of General Services, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, the Department of Transportation, and covered institutions to further the Commonwealth's efforts to meet the goals established under the Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program, as well as implementing initiatives to enhance the development of small businesses, microbusinesses, women-owned businesses, minority-owned businesses, and service disabled veteran-owned businesses in the Commonwealth.

Finally, the bill requires the Director of the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to conduct, or contract with an independent entity to conduct, a disparity study every five years, with the next disparity study due no later than January 1, 2026. The bill specifies that such study shall evaluate the need for enhancement and remedial measures to address the disparity between the availability and the utilization of women-owned and minority-owned businesses. The provisions of the bill other than those requiring such study have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026, and apply to covered institutions beginning July 1, 2026.

Last Event

02/05/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

HB 1948 - Abandoned Mine Land Grant Retention Fund established.

Chief Patron: Bulova

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 45.2-1032.1, relating to Abandoned Mine Land Grant Retention Fund established.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Abandoned Mine Land Grant Retention Fund established. Establishes the Abandoned Mine Land Grant Retention Fund and requires any eligible designated funds received under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to be deposited into the Fund. The bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Energy to provide grants for certain projects described in the federal Act relating to the protection of public health, safety, and property from the adverse effects of coal mining practices.

Last Event

01/24/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

HB 1980 - Employment health and safety standards; heat illness prevention.

Chief Patron: Hernandez

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 40.1-44.2, relating to the protection of employees; standards for heat illness prevention.

SUMMARY AS PASSED HOUSE:

Employment health and safety standards; heat illness prevention. Requires the Safety and Health Codes Board to adopt regulations establishing reasonable standards designed to protect employees from heat illness and establish a list of high-hazard industries, as defined in the bill. The bill authorizes a person aggrieved by a violation of its provisions or the regulations promulgated thereunder to seek to obtain injunctive relief, to recover statutory damages of \$1000, or both, in an action commenced within one year of the cause of action. The bill requires the Safety and Health Codes Board, in consultation with the Department of Labor and Industry, to develop a list of high-hazard industries by January 1, 2026, and to develop and adopt regulations requiring employers in high-hazard industries to implement standards for heat illness prevention by May 1, 2026.

Last Event

02/04/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

HB 1982 - Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund; allocations, Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission.

Chief Patron: Askew

Status: Failed

A BILL to amend and reenact § 33.2-1526.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund; Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund; Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission.

Creates a new allocation from the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund for the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, adjusts the amounts of certain other allocations from such Fund, and removes the light rail system operated by the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads from eligibility for funds from such other allocations from such Fund. The bill requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to withhold 20 percent of the funds from such new allocation unless the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads submits to it certain information annually. The bill directs the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, for fiscal year 2027, to reserve and utilize certain funds in amounts necessary to provide certain supplemental operating assistance to certain transit providers that would experience a reduction in allocable funds due to the reallocations in this bill. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Last Event

02/04/2025 House Left in Appropriations

HB 2038 - Insecure uncrewed aircraft systems; prohibition on procurement and use, report.

Chief Patron: Anthony

Status: Failed

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-4321.4 and by adding in Chapter 55.3 of Title 2.2 sections numbered 2.2-5514.2 and 2.2-5514.3, relating to prohibition on procurement and use of insecure uncrewed aircraft systems.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Prohibition on procurement and use of insecure uncrewed aircraft systems; report. Prohibits, beginning on July 1, 2025, any public body from purchasing, leasing, or otherwise procuring an insecure uncrewed aircraft system (UAS), as that term is defined in the bill. The bill further prohibits, beginning on July 1, 2029, any public body from using, whether directly or through work with or on behalf of another public body, an insecure UAS. The bill directs the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) to establish cybersecurity standards for the certification of secure UAS and maintain a list of approved UAS manufacturers and models on its website.

The bill also requires the Joint Commission on Technology and Science, in collaboration with stakeholders, to review cybersecurity standards and make recommendations every two years to ensure alignment with emerging UAS technologies, evolving cybersecurity threats, the operational and safety needs of public bodies, and public safety priorities within the Commonwealth.

Finally, the bill establishes the Uncrewed Aircraft Replacement Grant Program, to be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, to award grants to aid public bodies with the transition from insecure UAS to secure UAS.

Last Event

02/05/2025 House Left in General Laws

HB 2041 - Speed safety cameras; placement and operation.

Chief Patron: Seibold

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-208, 46.2-882, and 46.2-882.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to speed safety cameras; placement and operation.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Speed safety cameras; placement and operation. Changes the terms "photo speed monitoring device" to "speed safety camera" and "high-risk intersection segment" to "high-risk speed corridor" in provisions related to vehicle speed violations. The bill authorizes localities to provide by ordinance for the placement and operation of a speed safety camera by the law-enforcement agency of such locality in certain locations and requires signs to be placed indicating the use of the camera. For any new speed safety camera placed, the bill provides for a warning by mail instead of a summons and no civil penalty for alleged vehicle speed violations within the first 30 days of such camera's operation. The bill creates additional requirements for localities and law-enforcement agencies regarding periodic review and provision of information to the public related to the use of speed safety cameras, including publicizing locations of new speed safety cameras. The bill requires a locality in which speed safety cameras are placed and operated to create an advisory group to identify issues and public concerns regarding such speed safety cameras.

Last Event

02/05/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on Transportation

HB 2046 - High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use by public bodies, report.

Chief Patron: Anthony

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-2007 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 2.2 a chapter numbered 55.6, consisting of sections numbered 2.2-5517 through 2.2-5522, relating to high-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use by public bodies; work group; report.

SUMMARY AS PASSED HOUSE:

High-risk artificial intelligence; development, deployment, and use by public bodies; work group; report. Creates requirements for the development, deployment, and use of high-risk artificial intelligence systems, as defined in the bill, by public bodies. The bill also directs the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth (CIO) to develop, publish, and maintain policies and procedures concerning the development, procurement, implementation, utilization, and ongoing assessment of systems that employ high-risk artificial intelligence systems that are consistent with the requirements created by the bill. The bill directs the CIO to convene a work group to examine the impact on and the ability of local governments to comply with the requirements of the bill. The substantive requirements of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Last Event

02/05/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

HB 2074 - Portable changeable message signs; certain vehicles authorized to be equipped with signs.

Chief Patron: McClure

Status: In Senate

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-920.1:1, relating to portable changeable message signs; certain vehicles.

SUMMARY AS PASSED HOUSE:

Portable changeable message signs; certain vehicles. Authorizes certain towing, traffic management, and highway maintenance vehicles to be equipped with a portable changeable message sign that may be used without prior authorization from the Department of Transportation, provided that certain conditions are met.

Last Event

02/06/2025 Senate Reported from Transportation (14-Y 0-N)

HB 2091 - Workforce Development and Advancement, Department of; powers and duties.

Chief Patron: Shin

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-2037 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Department of Workforce Development and Advancement; powers and duties.

SUMMARY AS PASSED HOUSE:

Department of Workforce Development and Advancement; powers and duties. Requires the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement to ensure that all state workforce development programs and state workforce education and training programs (i) address an industry need identified on a high-demand occupation or field list created by the Department and the Virginia Board of Workforce Development and Advancement and (ii) include a job placement component in their implementation and operating plans. Publicly funded workforce development and workforce education and training programs may apply for an exemption from such requirements, and the Commissioner shall approve or disapprove such application within 45 days of receipt. The bill provides that if the Commissioner does not provide a response within 45 days of receipt, the waiver request will be deemed approved. The bill also provides that if a program is denied an exemption by the Commissioner, such program may appeal the decision to the Secretary of Labor within 10 days of the date of denial by the Commissioner and the Secretary of Labor will make a final determination within 30 days of receipt of the appeal.

Last Event

02/04/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

HB 2098 - Labor & employment provisions; application of law, protection of employees, definition of employer.

Chief Patron: Maldonado

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 40.1-2, 40.1-2.1, and 40.1-27.4 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 40.1-22.2 and 40.1-29.01, relating to labor and employment provisions; application of law; protection of employees; definition of employer.

SUMMARY AS PASSED HOUSE:

Labor and employment provisions; application of law; payment of wages; definition of employer. Clarifies that the exemption for the Commonwealth or any of its agencies, institutions, or political subdivisions, or any public body under Title 40.1 does not apply when expressly provided otherwise. The bill provides a definition of "public body" for Title 40.1. Additionally, the bill provides that for the purposes of certain requirements related to the payment of wages, "employer" includes the Commonwealth and its agencies, institutions, and political subdivisions, school boards, or any public body.

Last Event

02/04/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

HB 2138 - Commissioner of Hwys.; prequalification program for self-bonding program, removes certain reports.

Chief Patron: Zehr

Status: In Senate

A BILL to amend and reenact § 33.2-232 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal the second and third enactments of Chapter 783 of the Acts of Assembly of 2012, relating to Commissioner of Highways; prequalification program for self-bonding program; certain reports; repealed.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Commissioner of Highways; prequalification program for self-bonding program; certain reports; repealed. Removes (i) the biennial report requirement for the Commissioner of Highways regarding the use of funds in the Innovation and Technology Transportation Fund; (ii) the requirement for a prequalification program agreed upon by the Commissioner of Highways and the Department of the Treasury for the self-bonding program for transportation-related construction projects; and (iii) reporting requirements for the Department of Transportation regarding certain information related to performance or payment bonds, waivers, and self-bonding program enrollment.

Last Event

02/06/2025 Senate Reported from Transportation (8-Y 6-N)

HB 2481 - Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors.

Chief Patron: Krizek

Status: Failed

A BILL to amend and reenact § 65.2-400 of the Code of Virginia, relating to workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors. Provides that, for the purposes of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act, "occupational disease" includes injuries or diseases from conditions resulting from repetitive and sustained physical stressors, including repetitive and sustained motions, exertions, posture stresses, contact stresses, vibrations, or noises. The bill provides that such injuries or diseases are covered under the Act and that such coverage does not require that such repetitive or sustained physical stress occurred over a particular time period, provided that the time period over which such physical stress occurred can be reasonably identified.

Last Event

02/04/2025 House Left in Appropriations

HB 2482 - Virginia Public Procurement Act; competitive sealed bidding.

Chief Patron: Krizek

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 43 of Title 2.2 a section numbered 2.2-4302.3, relating to Virginia Public Procurement Act; additional public works contract requirements.

SUMMARY AS PASSED HOUSE:

Virginia Public Procurement Act; additional public works contract requirements. Provides that public bodies shall require the contractor and its subcontractors for any capital outlay project, as defined in the bill, to complete certain safety training programs, maintain records of compliance with applicable laws, and participate in approved apprenticeship training programs. The bill provides exemptions from such requirements for reasons related to lack of availability of apprentices and high costs. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

Last Event

02/05/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

HB 2490 - Small business set-asides; Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to study.

Chief Patron: Henson

Status: Failed

A BILL to direct the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to study small business set-asides; report.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Study; Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; small business set-asides; report. Directs the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to study small business set-asides and their effectiveness in promoting the growth and economic development of small businesses through participation in government contracting. For purposes of the study, "small business" includes women-owned and minority-owned businesses.

Last Event

02/04/2025 House Left in Rules

HB 2510 - Safety and Health Codes Board; THC impairment standard for certain work sites.

Chief Patron: Taylor

Status: Failed

A BILL to direct the Safety and Health Codes Board to adopt regulations to establish a THC impairment standard and testing protocol at certain work sites.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Safety and Health Codes Board; THC impairment standard for certain work sites. Directs the Safety and Health Codes Board to promulgate regulations to establish a THC impairment standard and testing protocol to be used exclusively on manufacturing and utility work sites and to commence the rulemaking process no later than October 1, 2025.

Last Event

02/05/2025 House Left in Labor and Commerce

HB 2550 - Noise abatement monitoring systems; counties in Planning District of (No. Va.) to place, etc.

Chief Patron: Sullivan

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-208 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 10 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-1051.1, relating to noise abatement monitoring systems; local authority; civil penalties.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Noise abatement monitoring systems; local authority; civil penalties. Authorizes counties in Planning District 8 to place and operate noise abatement monitoring systems, defined in the bill, for the purpose of recording and enforcing exhaust system violations, also defined in the bill. The bill provides that the operator of a vehicle is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$100, but the violation shall not be reported on the driver's operating record or to the driver's insurance agency. Under the bill, the civil penalty will be paid to the locality in which the violation occurred to be used for the cost of administering the noise abatement monitoring system program and for transportation safety initiatives. The bill contains the same data privacy and storage requirements as are in current law for photo speed monitoring devices. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2027.

Last Event

02/07/2025 House Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2550)

HB 2561 - Employee protections; minimum wage and overtime wages, civil actions, misclassification of workers.

Chief Patron: Lopez

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-3907, 40.1-28.7:7, 40.1-28.12, 40.1-29, 40.1-29.2, and 40.1-29.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to employee protections; minimum wage and overtime wages; civil actions; misclassification of workers.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Employee protections; minimum wage and overtime wages; civil actions; misclassification of workers.

Provides that an employer that violates minimum wage or overtime wages provisions is liable to the employee for the applicable remedies, damages, or other relief available in an action brought pursuant to the civil action provisions currently available for the nonpayment of wages. Such provisions currently available provide that an employee may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover payment of the wages, and the court is required to award the wages owed, an additional equal amount as liquidated damages, plus prejudgment interest thereon, and reasonable attorney fees and costs. Under current law, if the court finds that the employer knowingly failed to pay wages to an employee, the court is required to award the employee an amount equal to triple the amount of wages due and reasonable attorney fees and costs, and such actions are required to be commenced within three years after the cause of action accrued.

The bill also increases from 300 days to two years the amount of time a complainant has to file an allegation of discriminatory practice with the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Law alleging a violation of the Virginia Human Rights Act or federal statutes governing discrimination in employment that also falls under the jurisdiction of the Virginia Human Rights Act.

Additionally, the bill provides that a civil action brought by an individual against his employer for failing to properly classify the individual as an employee under current law shall be commenced within three years after the cause of action accrued.

Last Event

02/06/2025 House Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2561)

HB 2630 - Trees; replacement during development process in localities, tree canopy fund.

Chief Patron: Willett

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-961.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to replacement of trees during development process in localities; tree canopy fund.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Replacement of trees during development process in localities; tree canopy fund. Allows localities by ordinance to establish a tree canopy fund to collect, maintain, and distribute fees collected from developers that cannot provide for full tree canopy requirements where the development project is situated. The bill requires the ordinance to establish cost units that are based on average costs of two-inch caliper nursery stock trees. The bill allows a locality to use moneys from the fund to (i) plant and maintain trees on public or private property or (ii) make disbursements to a community-based organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to § 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is operated for tree planting, stewardship, or community-beautification missions that benefit the community at large. The bill requires any funds collected by localities to be spent within five years of the collection date.

Last Event

02/05/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

HB 2638 - Trees; conservation and replacement during development process.

Chief Patron: Hope

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 15.2-961 and 15.2-961.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to conservation and replacement of trees during development process.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Conservation and replacement of trees during development process. Expands certain existing local government authority to conserve or replace trees during the development process by expanding such authority statewide. The bill allows localities to establish higher tree canopy replacement percentages based on density per acre. The bill also alters the current process for granting exceptions to a local ordinance by altering a provision that requires the granting of an exception when strict application of the ordinance would result in unnecessary or unreasonable hardship to the developer and requiring that the locality concur with such alteration. The bill permits localities to monitor and assess the condition and coverage of tree canopies at development sites during the time period up to 20 years' maturity of the planted trees. The bill makes numerous technical amendments.

Last Event

02/05/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

HB 2740 - Asphalt recycling equipment; tax credit for purchase of reprocessing existing asphalt materials.

Chief Patron: Lopez

Status: Failed

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 58.1-439.7:1, relating to tax credit; purchase of asphalt recycling equipment for reprocessing existing asphalt materials from pavements and roadways; report.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Tax credit; purchase of asphalt recycling equipment for reprocessing existing asphalt materials from pavements and roadways; report. Creates a nonrefundable tax credit for taxable years 2025 and 2026 in an amount equal to 20 percent of the purchase price, as defined in the bill, paid during the taxable year for asphalt recycling equipment. The bill defines asphalt recycling equipment as machinery and equipment that is used to reclaim, recycle, or reprocess existing asphalt materials from pavements and roadways in the Commonwealth and that has been certified by the Department of Environmental Quality as being integral to the recycling process. The bill provides a \$3 million aggregate annual cap on the number of credits to be distributed, as administered by the Department of Taxation, and an annual cap of 40 percent of the taxpayer's liability for taxes for any taxable year. Any credit not used for the taxable year in which the purchase price for recycling machinery was paid may be carried over for the next 10 years until the total credit amount is used.

Finally, the bill requires the Department of Taxation, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Transportation, to submit a report to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Finance and Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than December 1, 2025, on the number of claims for such credit and any impact to environmental quality and pavement performance resulting from the use of asphalt recycling equipment.

Last Event

02/04/2025 House Left in Finance

HJ 449 - Hybrid and electric trucks; Department of Transportation to study options for taxation.

Chief Patron: Austin

Status: Failed

Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to study options for taxation of hybrid and electric trucks.

Report.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Study; Department of Transportation; taxation of hybrid and electric trucks; report. Requests the Department of Transportation to study options for taxation of hybrid and electric trucks to account for the shortfall in gas and diesel tax revenues that will result from the use of such vehicles.

Last Event

02/04/2025 House Left in Rules

HJ 450 - Constitutional amendment; right to work (first reference).

Chief Patron: Green

Status: Failed

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia by adding in Article I a section numbered 11-A, relating to the right to work.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Constitutional amendment (first reference); right to work. Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia that declares that any agreement or combination between any employer and any labor union or labor organization whereby persons not members of such union or organization are denied the right to work for the employer, or whereby such membership is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer, or whereby any such union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any enterprise, constitutes an illegal combination or conspiracy and is void.

Last Event

02/05/2025 House Left in Privileges and Elections

HJ 492 - Constitutional amendment; right to work (first reference).

Chief Patron: O'Quinn

Status: Failed

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia by adding in Article I a section numbered 11-A, relating to the right to work.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Constitutional amendment (first reference); right to work. Provides that it is unlawful for any person, corporation, association, or the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions to deny or attempt to deny employment to any person because of such person's membership in, affiliation with, resignation from, or refusal to join or affiliate with any labor union or employee organization.

Last Event

02/05/2025 House Left in Privileges and Elections

SB 759 - Contracts assigning rights to earned wages; legal rate of interest.

Chief Patron: Locke

Status: Failed

A BILL to amend and reenact § 6.2-303 of the Code of Virginia, relating to contracts assigning rights to earned wages; legal rate of interest.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Contracts assigning rights to earned wages; legal rate of interest. Provides that any contract entered into on or after July 1, 2025, pursuant to which a person receives a cash advance for assigning to a company or other entity a portion of such person's rights to receive earned wages, salary, commissions, or other compensation for services shall be considered a loan and that any additional funds such person is obligated to pay under the terms of the contract shall be considered interest. The bill provides that such contract shall be subject to the legal rate of interest.

Last Event

01/27/2025 Senate Stricken at request of Patron in Commerce and Labor (15-Y 0-N)

SB 788 - Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors.

Chief Patron: Head

Status: Failed

A BILL to amend and reenact § 65.2-400 of the Code of Virginia, relating to workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors. Provides that, for the purposes of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act, "occupational disease" includes injuries or diseases from conditions resulting from repetitive and sustained physical stressors, including repetitive and sustained motions, exertions, posture stresses, contact stresses, vibrations, or noises. The bill provides that such injuries or diseases are covered under the Act and that such coverage does not require that such repetitive or sustained physical stress occurred over a particular time period, provided that (i) the time period over which such physical stress occurred can be reasonably identified and documented and (ii) exposure to such repetitive and sustained physical stressors in the course of employment is the primary cause, as defined in the bill, of the injury or disease.

Last Event

01/20/2025 Senate Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (9-Y 6-N)

SB 803 - Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors.

Chief Patron: McDougle

Status: Incorporated

A BILL to amend and reenact § 65.2-400 of the Code of Virginia, relating to workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors. Provides that, for the purposes of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act, "occupational disease" includes injuries or diseases from conditions resulting from repetitive and sustained physical stressors, including repetitive and sustained motions, exertions, posture stresses, contact stresses, vibrations, or noises. The bill provides that such injuries or diseases are covered under the Act and that such coverage does not require that such repetitive or sustained physical stress occurred over a particular time period, provided that (i) the time period over which such physical stress occurred can be reasonably identified and documented and (ii) exposure to such repetitive and sustained physical stressors in the course of employment is the primary cause, as defined in the bill, of the injury or disease. The bill's provisions apply only to injuries or diseases arising on or after July 1, 2026.

Last Event

01/20/2025 Senate Incorporated by Commerce and Labor (SB788-Head) (14-Y 0-N)

SB 852 - Photo speed monitoring devices; proof of violation affirmed by retired law-enforcement officials.

Chief Patron: Craig

Status: In Subcommittee

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-882.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to photo speed monitoring devices; use in highway work zones, school crossing zones, and high-risk intersection segments; proof of violation; retired law-enforcement officials.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Photo speed monitoring devices; proof of violation; retired law-enforcement officials. Allows a retired sworn law-enforcement officer, defined in the bill, to swear to or affirm a certificate for a vehicle speed violation enforced by a photo speed monitoring device.

Last Event

02/06/2025 House Assigned Trans sub: Innovations (Ad Hoc)

SB 929 - Abandoned Mine Land Grant Retention Fund established.

Chief Patron: Hackworth

Status: Failed

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 45.2-1032.1, relating to Abandoned Mine Land Grant Retention Fund established.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Abandoned Mine Land Grant Retention Fund established. Establishes the Abandoned Mine Land Grant Retention Fund and requires any eligible designated funds received under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to be deposited into the Fund. The bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Energy to provide grants for certain projects described in the federal Act relating to the protection of public health, safety, and property from the adverse effects of coal mining practices.

Last Event

02/05/2025 Senate Left in Finance and Appropriations

SB 969 - Mineral Mine Safety Act; definition of "surface mineral mine"; mine inspectors; certificate renewal; use of cyanide or cyanide compound.

Chief Patron: Stuart

Status: In Committee

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 45.2-1101, 45.2-1109, 45.2-1119, 45.2-1200, and 45.2-1203 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Mineral Mine Safety Act; definition of "surface mineral mine"; mine inspectors; certificate renewal; use of cyanide or cyanide compound.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Mineral Mine Safety Act; definition of "surface mineral mine"; mine inspectors; certificate renewal; use of cyanide or cyanide compound. Amends the definition of "surface mineral mine" in the Mineral Mine Safety Act to exclude excavation or grading when conducted solely in aid of onsite farming or construction and under certain conditions enumerated in the bill. The bill amends the definition of "mining" in existing law, relating to the exemption from permits for a mining operation, to extend the required completion time from six months to one year for excavation or grading conducted to construct or expand a farm pond for agricultural irrigation or provision of water for livestock. The bill also amends the qualification requirements for mineral mine inspectors, removes references to the defunct Board of Mineral Mining Examiners, and prohibits the issuance of any permit for a mineral mining or processing operation that includes the use of cyanide or a cyanide compound.

Last Event

02/04/2025 House Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

SB 1059 - Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund; claim limits, license threshold amounts.

Chief Patron: Hackworth

Status: In House

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-1100, 54.1-1119, and 54.1-1123 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund; claim limits; license threshold amounts.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund; claim limits; license threshold amounts. Increases from \$20,000 to \$30,000 per claim the individual limit of claims against the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund based upon an unpaid judgment arising out of the improper or dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor in connection with a single transaction involving contracting and increases from \$40,000 to \$100,000 during any biennium the aggregate claim limit against a single licensed contractor. The bill also raises the thresholds for the value of single contracts or projects and the total value of all construction, removal, repair, or improvements undertaken by a contractor in a 12-month period that govern each class of contractor's licenses.

Last Event

02/06/2025 House Read second time

SB 1082 - Commonwealth Transportation Special Structures Program Revenue Bond Act of 2025; created.

Chief Patron: McDougle

Status: In Subcommittee

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 33.2-1524, 33.2-1700, 33.2-1701, 33.2-1708, and 33.2-1709 of the Code of Virginia, relating to transportation; Commonwealth Transportation Special Structures Program Revenue Bond Act of 2025.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Transportation; Commonwealth Transportation Special Structures Program Revenue Bond Act of 2025. Authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board to issue revenue bonds to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of Virginia Special Structures Program Revenue Bonds." The bill provides that such bonds shall be payable solely (i) first from revenues received from the Special Structure Fund; (ii) second and to the extent required, from revenues legally available from the Transportation Trust Fund; and (iii) then to the extent required, from any other legally available funds.

Last Event

02/06/2025 House Assigned Approps sub: Transportation & Public Safety

SB 1340 - Commissioner of Hwys.; prequalification program for self-bonding program, removes certain reports.

Chief Patron: Marsden

Status: In House

A BILL to amend and reenact § 33.2-232 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal the second and third enactments of Chapter 783 of the Acts of Assembly of 2012, relating to Commissioner of Highways; prequalification program for self-bonding program; certain reports; repealed.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Commissioner of Highways; prequalification program for self-bonding program; certain reports; repealed. Removes (i) the biennial report requirement for the Commissioner of Highways regarding the use of funds in the Innovation and Technology Transportation Fund; (ii) the requirement for a prequalification program agreed upon by the Commissioner of Highways and the Department of the Treasury for the self-bonding program for transportation-related construction projects; and (iii) reporting requirements for the Department of Transportation regarding certain information related to performance or payment bonds, waivers, and self-bonding program enrollment.

Last Event

02/06/2025 House Reported from Transportation (20-Y 0-N)

SB 1433 - Mobile machinery and equipment; tax credit for purchase.

Chief Patron: Marsden

Status: Failed

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 58.1-439.7:1, relating to tax credit for purchase of mobile machinery and equipment used by road contractors for processing recyclable asphalt materials on pavements and roadways.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Tax credit for purchase of mobile machinery and equipment used by road contractors for processing recyclable asphalt materials on pavements and roadways. Creates a nonrefundable tax credit for taxable years 2025 through 2029 in an amount equal to 20 percent of the purchase price paid, as defined in the bill, during the taxable year for machinery and equipment used to reclaim, recycle, or reprocess existing asphalt materials from pavements and roadways. The bill requires a taxpayer to submit invoices with an income tax return verifying the amount of purchase price paid for such machinery and equipment. The bill provides a \$3 million aggregate annual cap on the number of credits to be distributed, as administered by the Department of Taxation. Any credit not used for the taxable year in which the purchasing price for recycling machinery was paid may be carried over for the next 10 years until the total credit amount is used.

Last Event

01/28/2025 Senate Stricken at request of Patron in Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)

SJ 271 - Constitutional amendment (first reference); right to work.

Chief Patron: Obenshain

Status: Failed

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia by adding in Article I a section numbered 11-A, relating to the right to work.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Constitutional amendment (first reference); right to work. Provides that it is unlawful for any person, corporation, association, or the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions to deny or attempt to deny employment to any person because of such person's membership in, affiliation with, resignation from, or refusal to join or affiliate with any labor union or employee organization.

Last Event

01/21/2025 Senate Passed by indefinitely in Privileges and Elections (8-Y 7-N)

Counts: HB: 27 HJ: 3 SB: 10 SJ: 1