



**FAIRFAX COUNTY
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2020 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Fairfax County Legislative Summary 2020 General Assembly

Board of Supervisors Report Key

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Fairfax County Initiatives

*Bills Introduced
at Fairfax County's Request*

Bills	General Assembly Actions	Date of BOS Position
<u>SB 651</u> - Boysko (33) Fairfax County; policemen's pension and retirement board.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Initiate] (20104013D)</p> <p>Summary: Increases from seven to eight the number of members on the policemen's pension and retirement board created in a county that has adopted the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) and increases from two to three the number of members of such board who shall be members of such retirement system and employed by the county police department as sworn police officers and who have been elected by the members of the retirement system who are employed by the police department as sworn police officers.</p>		
<u>SB 652</u> - Boysko (33) Fairfax County; policemen's retirement system.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Initiate] (20104020D)</p> <p>Summary: Authorizes any person who has been a member of another county retirement system and who withdraws therefrom and becomes a member of the policemen's retirement system established by a county that has adopted the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) to purchase membership service credit for service rendered while a member of such other county retirement system by paying into the policemen's retirement system all contributions that would have been due from the person had the person been a member of the policemen's retirement system for each of the years for which membership service credit is sought. The bill contains technical amendments.</p>		
<u>SB 868</u> - Ebbin (30) Public accommodations, etc.: causes of action, sexual orientation and gender identity.	1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Initiate] (20104737D)</p> <p>Summary: Prohibited discrimination; public accommodations, employment, credit, and housing: causes of action; sexual orientation and gender identity. Creates explicit causes of action for unlawful discrimination in public accommodations and employment in the Virginia Human Rights Act. Currently, under the Act there is no cause of action for discrimination in public accommodations, and the only causes of action for discrimination in employment are for (i) unlawful discharge on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, including lactation, by employers employing more than five but fewer than 15 persons and (ii) unlawful discharge on the basis of age by employers employing more than five but fewer than 20 persons. The bill allows the causes of action to be pursued privately by the aggrieved person or, in certain circumstances, by the Attorney General. The bill prohibits discrimination in public and private employment and credit on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. 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. Additionally, the bill prohibits discrimination in public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a veteran and adds discrimination on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, marital status, or status as a veteran as an unlawful housing practice. The bill makes technical amendments.</p>		

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(Oppose or Amend)

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<p><u>HB 151</u> - Samirah (86) Accessory dwelling units; development and use.</p>	<p>12/18/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 1-N)</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Oppose] (20104473D) Summary: Development and use of accessory dwelling units. Provides that all localities shall allow for the development and use of one accessory dwelling unit (ADU) per single-family dwelling (SFD), notwithstanding any contrary provision of a zoning ordinance. The bill defines "accessory dwelling unit" or "ADU" as an independent dwelling unit on a single-family lot with its own living, bathroom, and kitchen space that may be within or attached to SFDs or in detached structures on lots containing SFDs. ADUs may include basements, attics, flats, guest houses, cottages, and converted structures such as garages and sheds. The bill requires localities to regulate the size and design of ADUs through an approval process, as well as regulate fees, parking, and other requirements, provided that the regulations (i) are not so arbitrary, excessive, or burdensome, individually or cumulatively, as to unreasonably restrict the ability of property owners to utilize or create ADUs and (ii) do not require the property owner to occupy the ADU or SFD as his primary residence.</p>		
<p><u>HB 152</u> - Samirah (86) Single-family residential use; middle housing allowed on lots zoned for units.</p>	<p>12/18/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Oppose] (20104474D) Summary: Middle housing allowed on lots zoned for single-family use. Requires all localities to allow development or redevelopment of "middle housing" residential units upon each lot zoned for single-family residential use. Middle housing is defined as two-family residential units, including duplexes, townhouses, cottages, and any similar structure. Such structures shall not require a special use permit or be subjected to any other local requirements beyond those imposed upon other authorized residential uses. Localities may regulate the siting, design, and environmental standards of middle housing residential units, including setback requirements, provided that the regulations do not, individually or cumulatively, discourage the development of all two-family housing types permitted through unreasonable costs or delay.</p>		
<p><u>HB 364</u> – Cole, M. (88) Statewide prioritization process; project selection.</p>	<p>1/2/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Oppose] (20103873D) - See also HB 620 (Cole, J.). Summary: Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board, when evaluating projects under the statewide prioritization process known as SMART SCALE, to evaluate (i) congestion mitigation on the basis of total traffic volumes, not just traffic volumes during weekdays, and (ii) accessibility on the basis of the area of influence of a project for a radius of 55 miles.</p>		
<p><u>HB 619</u> – Cole, J. (28) Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund; allocation to Fredericksburg Regional Transit.</p>	<p>1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>

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<p>[Oppose] (20101564D) Summary: Requires that a minimum of \$1 million annually be allocated to Fredericksburg Regional Transit from the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund. The funding is contingent on localities served by Fredericksburg Regional Transit continuing to support Fredericksburg Regional Transit by at least the amount of funding provided in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.</p>		
<p>HB 620 – Cole, J. (28) Statewide prioritization process; project selection.</p>	<p>1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 364-Cole, M.) by voice vote</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Oppose] (20103914D) - See also HB 364 (Cole, M.). Summary: Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board, when evaluating projects under the statewide prioritization process known as SMART SCALE, to evaluate (i) congestion mitigation on the basis of total traffic volumes, not just traffic volumes during weekdays, and (ii) accessibility on the basis of the area of influence of a project for a radius of 55 miles.</p>		
<p>HB 636 - LaRock (33) Town residents; provision of county services.</p>	<p>1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Oppose] (20100847D) Summary: Provision of county services to town residents. Requires a county to provide the same and equal services to residents of incorporated towns within the county as are provided to other residents of the county. However, if the local governing body of a town adopts a resolution that provides that the town shall provide a specific service and sends a copy of the resolution to the local governing body of the county, a county shall not be required to provide that service to town residents.</p>		
<p>HB 657 - Heretick (79) Comprehensive plan; solar facilities review.</p>	<p>1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources (HAG) 1/15/2020 House: Referred from HAG by voice vote 1/15/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Oppose] (20102662D) - See also SB 893 (Marsden). Summary: Exempts a solar facility that is 150 megawatts or less from the requirement that it be reviewed for substantial accord with a locality's comprehensive plan.</p>		
<p>HB 677 - LaRock (33) Interstate 66; reverse tolling, toll revenue on Interstate 66 and Interstate 395.</p>	<p>1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely (10-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Oppose] (20102275D) Summary: Reverse tolling on Interstate 66; toll revenue on Interstate 66 and Interstate 395. Requires the Department of Transportation, upon completion of the Interstate 66 widening project, to activate reverse tolling on Interstate 66. The bill requires all such tolls and all toll revenue collected on Interstate 66 inside the beltway and the high-occupancy toll lanes on Interstate 395 to be directed to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.</p>		

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HB 948 - Webert (18) License taxes; prohibition on rate increases, prohibition on new taxes.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance 1/20/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (8-Y 0-N)	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Oppose] (20104260D)</p> <p>Summary: License taxes; prohibition on rate increases; prohibition on new taxes. Provides that any locality that levies license taxes shall be prohibited from increasing the rate of those taxes above the rate imposed as of January 1, 2020. The bill also prohibits any locality that does not levy license taxes from levying such a tax in the future.</p>		
HB 1174 - Lopez (49) Public schools; possession of undesignated stock albuterol inhalers, administration.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Education	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Oppose] (20103635D)</p> <p>Summary: Public schools; possession of undesignated stock albuterol inhalers; administration by certain individuals. Requires each local school board to adopt and implement policies for the possession and administration of undesignated stock albuterol inhalers in every school in the local school division, to be administered by any school nurse, employee of the school board, employee of a local governing body, or employee of a local health department who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of albuterol inhalers for any student believed in good faith to be in need of such medication. The bill limits the liability of (i) any such individual who provides, administers, or assists in the administration of an albuterol inhaler for a student believed in good faith to be in need of such medication and (ii) the prescriber of such medication.</p>		
HB 1214 - Simonds (94) Family day homes; licensure threshold.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Education 1/15/2020 House: Referred from Education by voice vote 1/15/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Amend] (20102193D) - Amend to allow Fairfax County to maintain its current local permitting program. See also SB 117 (Favola).</p> <p>Summary: Reduces from five to three the number of children for whom a family day home must obtain a license to provide child care services.</p>		
HB 1293 - Helmer (40) Shirley Gate Road; extension in Fairfax County, funding.	1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 4-N) 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends referring to Committee on Appropriations	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Oppose] (20101490D)</p> <p>Summary: Extension of Shirley Gate Road; funding. Prohibits the use of state funds for the extension of Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax County until the intersection at Popes Head Road and Fairfax County Parkway has been redesigned and the traffic light removed.</p>		

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<p>HB 1389 - LaRock (33) Transportation funds; use of funds for projects.</p>	<p>1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Oppose] (20104309D) Summary: Use of transportation funds in the Commonwealth. Requires affirmative authorization by the General Assembly in an appropriation act for any funds in the Commonwealth, including local and regional funds and toll revenues, to be used for a transportation project physically located outside of the Commonwealth.</p>		
<p>HB 1391 - Leftwich (78) Deeds of trust; fiduciary duties.</p>	<p>1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Oppose] (20102582D) - See also SB 253 (Chafin). Summary: Specifies that a trustee under a deed of trust has only the duties, rights, and obligations imposed and conferred on it by the deed of trust or by statute. This bill is in response to Crosby v. ALG Trustee, LLC, 296 Va. 561 (2018).</p>		
<p>HB 1699 - Aird (63) Temporary detention; DBHDS to study who may evaluate.</p>	<p>1/17/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Rules</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Amend] (20106028D) - Amend to include input from local CSB practitioners and analysis of processes used in other states. See also SB 768 (Barker). Summary: DBHDS; work group to study expanding the category of individuals who may conduct evaluations for temporary detention; report.</p>		
<p>SB 117 - Favola (31) Family day homes; licensure threshold.</p>	<p>12/15/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services (SRSS) 1/17/2020 Stricken at request of Patron in SRSS (12-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Amend] (20102365D) - Amend to allow Fairfax County to maintain its current local permitting program. See also HB 1214 (Simonds). Summary: Reduces from five to three the number of children for whom a family day home must obtain a license to provide child care services.</p>		
<p>SB 151 - Stuart (28) School personnel; staffing ratios, school nurses.</p>	<p>12/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Oppose] (20101419D) - Potential fiscal impact to Fairfax County is \$16.3 million to achieve the goal of one full-time equivalent nurse in every school, and \$22.6 million to achieve the goal of one full-time equivalent nurse per 550 students, based on the current staffing model. Summary: School personnel; staffing ratios; school nurses. Excludes school nurse positions from requirements for student support positions and instead requires each local school board to employ at least one full-time equivalent school nurse position in each elementary school, middle school, and high school in the local school division or at least one full-time equivalent school nurse position per 550 students in grades kindergarten through 12.</p>		

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SB 253 - Chafin (38) Deeds of trust; fiduciary duties.	1/2/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Oppose] (20102906D) - See also HB 1391 (Leftwich). Summary: Specifies that a trustee under a deed of trust has only the duties, rights, and obligations imposed and conferred on it by the deed of trust or by statute. This bill is in response to Crosby v. ALG Trustee, LLC, 296 Va. 561 (2018).</p>		
SB 485 - DeSteph (8) Eminent domain; remnants and remainders.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Oppose] (20104245D) Summary: Repeals the provision of the Code of Virginia declaring that the acquisition of residual parcels when acquiring land for highway rights-of-way is in the public interest and is a public use. The bill provides a property owner with the ability to decide whether acquisition would create an uneconomic remnant or whether the damage to the remainder of a piece of acquired property would equal or exceed the fair market value of the remaining land.</p>		
SB 589 - Hanger, Jr. (24) Zoning administrators; notice of decisions and determinations.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Oppose] (20100255D) Summary: Requires zoning administrators to provide notice of all decisions and determinations to the agents or occupants of property abutting or across the road from the affected property.</p>		
SB 638 - Surovell (36) Affordable housing; location near Metrorail station.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Oppose] (20101041D) Summary: Affordable housing near Metrorail station. Provides that in any locality with an existing or planned Metrorail station, such locality shall require that at least 10 percent of new residential dwelling units in any building that is at least six stories in height be affordable dwelling units, defined in the bill, if the proposed project is within one-half mile of an existing or planned Metrorail station.</p>		
SB 768 - Barker (39) Temporary detention; DBHDS to study who may evaluate.	1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Amend] (20103578D) - Amend to include input from local CSB practitioners and analysis of processes used in other states. See also HB 1699 (Aird). Summary: DBHDS; work group to study expanding the category of individuals who may conduct evaluations for temporary detention; report. Directs the Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental</p>		

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<p>Services to establish a work group to (i) review the current process for conducting evaluations of persons who are subject to emergency custody orders to determine whether they meet the criteria for temporary detention, including any challenges or barriers to timely completion of such evaluations and factors giving rise to delays in completion of such evaluations, and (ii) develop a comprehensive plan to expand the categories of individuals who may conduct evaluations of persons who are subject to emergency custody orders to determine whether they meet the criteria for temporary detention in order to expedite the evaluation process. The work group shall report its findings and conclusions and the comprehensive plan to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare, and Institutions, Senate Committee on Education and Health, and Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century by December 1, 2020.</p>		
<p>SB 893 - Marsden (37) Comprehensive plan; solar facilities review.</p>	<p>1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Oppose] (20102707D) - See also HB 657 (Heretick). Summary: Exempts a solar facility that is 150 megawatts or less from the requirement that it be reviewed for substantial accord with a locality's comprehensive plan.</p>		

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HB 1 - Herring (46) Absentee voting; no excuse required.	11/18/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/21/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (4-Y 2-N)	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20101095D) - Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure bill can be successfully implemented. See also HB 25 (Lindsey) and HB 209 (Murphy). Summary: 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.</p>		
HB 3 - McQuinn (70) Va. Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices, sexual orientation and gender, etc.	11/18/2019 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 1663-Sickles) by voice vote	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20100744D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: 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."</p>		
HB 6 - Bourne (71) Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices.	11/18/2019 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20100177D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Adds discrimination on the basis of a person's source of income to the list of unlawful discriminatory housing practices. The bill defines "source of income" as any source that lawfully provides funds to or on behalf of a renter or buyer of housing, including any assistance, benefit, or subsidy program, whether such program is administered by a governmental or nongovernmental entity.</p>		
HB 16 - Krizek (44) Safety belt system; all occupants of motor vehicles to utilize.	11/19/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20100628D) Summary: Safety belt system use in motor vehicles. Requires all occupants of motor vehicles to utilize a safety belt system. Current law requires the use of safety belts only by (i) occupants under the age of 18, (ii) drivers, and (iii) passengers 18 years of age or older occupying the front seat. The bill changes a violation of safety belt system requirements by a person occupying a front seat from a secondary offense to a primary offense.</p>		

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HB 25 - Lindsey (90) Absentee voting; no excuse required.	11/19/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/21/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 1-Herring) by voice vote	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20100509D) - Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure bill can be successfully implemented. See also HB 1 (Herring) and HB 209 (Murphy). Summary: 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.</p>		
HB 57 - Fowler, Jr. (55) Elections; date of June primary election.	12/2/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/22/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (5-Y 1-N)	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20101716D) - Board historically supported. See also SB 316 (Kiggans). Summary: Changes the date of the primary election held in June from the second Tuesday in June to the third Tuesday in June. The bill also changes candidate filing deadlines to reflect the change of date.</p>		
HB 93 - Kory (38) Flavored tobacco products; sale or distribution prohibited, civil penalty.	12/11/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Finance	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20100213D) - Support efforts to reduce smoking and vaping while ensuring cultural traditions can legally continue. Summary: Sale or distribution of flavored tobacco products prohibited; civil penalty. Prohibits the sale or distribution of flavored tobacco products, defined in the bill, and creates a civil penalty of \$1,000 for a first offense and \$5,000 for a second or subsequent offense.</p>		
HB 173 - Krizek (44) Waterfowl blinds; blinds in locality where certain hunting prohibited.	12/26/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 1/20/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (5-Y 3-N) 1/22/2020 House: Reported from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources with substitute (13-Y 9-N)	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20100497D) Summary: Waterfowl blinds in locality where certain hunting prohibited. Directs the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries not to license any stationary waterfowl blind in any area in which a local governing body prohibits by ordinance the hunting of birds with a firearm.</p>		
HB 209 - Murphy (34) Absentee voting; no excuse required.	12/27/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/21/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 1-Herring) by voice vote	[1/17/2020]

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<p>[Support] (20101232D) - Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure bill can be successfully implemented. See also HB 1 (Herring) and HB 25 (Lindsey).</p> <p>Summary: 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.</p>		
<p>HB 217 - Convirs-Fowler (21) Va. Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices, sexual orientation and gender, etc.</p>	<p>12/27/2019 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 1663-Sickles) by voice vote</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20101469D) - Board has historically supported.</p> <p>Summary: 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."</p>		
<p>HB 275 - Sullivan, Jr. (48) Judges; increases maximum number in judicial district.</p>	<p>12/30/2019 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 1/15/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 1-N) 1/22/2020 House: Reported from Courts of Justice (20-Y 2-N)</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20103853D) - Board has historically supported. See also SB 209 (Petersen).</p> <p>Summary: Maximum number of judges in each judicial district. Increases from 11 to 12 the maximum number of authorized general district court judgeships in the nineteenth judicial district. The Committee on District Courts recommended the additional judgeship in 2018.</p>		
<p>HB 311 - Gooditis (10) Unmanned aerial systems; local regulation.</p>	<p>12/31/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation 1/22/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 742-Bulova) by voice vote</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20101775D) - Support concept of providing authority for political subdivisions to adopt restrictions regarding takeoff and landing of unmanned aerial systems on their property. Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure language of bill accomplishes this goal. See also HB 742 (Bulova).</p> <p>Summary: Local regulation of unmanned aerial systems. Authorizes a political subdivision to adopt time, place, or manner restrictions regarding the takeoff or landing of unmanned aerial systems on property owned by the political subdivision.</p>		
<p>HB 357 - Lopez (49) Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices.</p>	<p>1/1/2020 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>

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<p>[Support] (20101644D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Adds discrimination on the basis of a person's source of income to the list of unlawful discriminatory housing practices. The bill defines "source of income" as any source that lawfully provides funds to or on behalf of a renter or buyer of housing, including any assistance, benefit, or subsidy program, whether such program is administered by a governmental or nongovernmental entity.</p>		
<p>HB 438 - Heretick (79) Workers' compensation; post-traumatic stress disorder, law-enforcement officers and firefighters.</p>	<p>1/3/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20102221D) Summary: Workers' compensation; post-traumatic stress disorder; law-enforcement officers and firefighters. Provides that post-traumatic stress disorder incurred by a law-enforcement officer or firefighter is compensable under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act if a mental health professional examines a law-enforcement officer or firefighter and diagnoses the individual as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of the individual's undergoing a qualifying event, which includes an event occurring in the line of duty on or after July 1, 2020, in which a law-enforcement officer or firefighter views a deceased minor, witnesses the death of a person or an incident involving the death of a person, witnesses an injury to a person who subsequently dies, has physical contact with and treats an injured person who subsequently dies, transports an injured person who subsequently dies, or witnesses a traumatic physical injury that results in the loss of a vital body part or a vital body function that results in permanent disfigurement of the victim. Other conditions for compensability include (i) if the post-traumatic stress disorder resulted from the law-enforcement officer or firefighter acting in the line of duty and, in the case of a firefighter, such firefighter complied with certain federal Occupational Safety and Health Act standards; (ii) if the law-enforcement officer's or firefighter's undergoing a qualifying event was a substantial factor in causing his post-traumatic stress disorder; (iii) if such qualifying event, and not another event or source of stress, was the primary cause of the post-traumatic stress disorder; and (iv) if the post-traumatic stress disorder did not result from any disciplinary action, work evaluation, job transfer, layoff, demotion, promotion, termination, retirement, or similar action of the officer or firefighter. The measure establishes procedural requirements on employers that contest a claim for such benefits. The measure also establishes requirements for resilience and self-care technique training.</p>		
<p>HB 572 - Keam (35) Distributed renewable energy; promotes the establishment thereof.</p>	<p>1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources (HAG) 1/15/2020 House: Referred from HAG by voice vote 1/15/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20101906D) - Board has historically supported. 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 multi-family 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-</p>		

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<p>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 three 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.</p>		
<p>HB 726 - Reid (32) Comprehensive plan; extends time for approval by locality.</p>	<p>1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20104803D) - See also SB 746 (Bell). Summary: Comprehensive plan. Extends the time by which a governing body is required to approve or disapprove a locality-initiated comprehensive plan amendment from 90 to 180 days.</p>		
<p>HB 742 - Bulova (37) Unmanned aerial systems; local regulation.</p>	<p>1/6/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation 1/22/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>[1/10/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20102308D) - Support concept of providing authority for political subdivisions to adopt restrictions regarding takeoff and landing of unmanned aerial systems on their property. Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure language of bill accomplishes this goal. See also HB 311 (Gooditis). Summary: Local regulation of unmanned aerial systems. Authorizes a political subdivision to adopt time, place, or manner restrictions regarding the takeoff or landing of unmanned aerial systems on property owned by the political subdivision.</p>		
<p>HB 785 - Watts (39) Local taxing authority; equalizes city and county taxing authorities.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20104813D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Local taxing authority. Equalizes city taxing authority and county taxing authority by granting a county the same authority to impose taxes on cigarettes, admissions, transient room rentals, meals, and travel campgrounds without limitation on the rate that may be imposed.</p>		
<p>HB 812 - Ward (92) Handguns; limitation on purchases, penalty.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20103354D) - See also SB 69 (Locke). Summary: 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 makes such an offense 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 whose handgun has been stolen or irretrievably lost or who are trading in a handgun, and (vi) purchases of antique firearms.</p>		

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<p>HB 891 - Sickles (43) Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; establishes sale of insurance, etc., for platforms.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20105150D) - Support efforts to provide taxation parity with existing rental vehicles services. See also SB 749 (Cosgrove). Summary: Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; regulation; insurance; taxation. Establishes taxation, insurance coverage, sale of insurance, disclosure, safety recall, airport operation, and recordkeeping requirements for peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms, as defined in the bill.</p>		
<p>HB 892 - Sickles (43) Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; definition, taxation.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20102554D) - Support efforts to provide taxation parity with existing vehicle rental services. See also SB 750 (Cosgrove). Summary: Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; taxation. Provides that peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms, as defined in the bill, are renters for the purposes of taxation.</p>		
<p>HB 912 - Simon (53) Distributed renewable energy; promotes establishment of solar and other renewable energy.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 1/15/2020 House: Referred from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by voice vote 1/15/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20103986D) - Board has historically supported. 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.</p>		

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HB 977 - Krizek (44) County food and beverage tax; allowable tax rate, removal of referendum requirement.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Finance	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20105088D) Summary: County food and beverage tax; allowable tax rate; removal of referendum requirement. Removes the four percent limit on the tax rate that counties may impose on food and beverages. The bill also removes the requirement that a county hold a referendum before imposing such a tax.</p>		
HB 1078 - Hope (47) Virginia Public Procurement Act; process for competitive negotiation, etc.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20104594D) Summary: Virginia Public Procurement Act; process for competitive negotiation; including employment of persons with a disability as a factor in evaluating proposals. Provides that a public body may include a proposer's employment of persons with disabilities to perform the specifications of the contract as a factor in evaluating a proposal.</p>		
HB 1083 - Hayes, Jr. (77) Minors; allowing access to firearms, Class 6 felony.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20102956D) - See also SB 581 (Howell). Summary: Allowing access to firearms by minors; penalty. Provides that any person who recklessly leaves a loaded, unsecured firearm in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of any person under the age of 18 is guilty of a Class 6 felony. Current law provides that any person who recklessly leaves a loaded, unsecured firearm in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of any child under the age of 14 is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.</p>		
HB 1184 - Lopez (49) Distributed energy generation; promotes establishment of distributed solar energy.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 1/22/2020 House: Referred from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by voice vote 1/22/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20104922D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Distributed energy generation. Promotes the establishment of distributed solar and other renewable energy. The measure (i) increases the cap on the total amount of renewable energy that can be net metered in a utility's service territory from one percent to 10 percent, (ii) authorizes third-party power purchase agreements</p>		

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<p>for all customer classes throughout the Commonwealth, (iii) allows local governments and certain other public bodies to install solar 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 solar 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 three 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 solar energy and states that the distributed generation of solar electricity is in the public interest, and the State Corporation Commission shall so find if required to make a finding regarding whether such construction or purchase is in the public interest.</p>		
<p>HB 1227 - LaRock (33) Unmanned aerial systems; local regulation.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation 1/22/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB 742-Bulova) by voice vote</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20105013D) - Support concept of providing authority for political subdivisions to adopt restrictions regarding takeoff and landing of unmanned aerial systems on their property. Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure language of bill accomplishes this goal. Summary: Local regulation of unmanned aerial systems. Authorizes a political subdivision to adopt time, place, or manner regulations regarding the takeoff or landing of unmanned aerial systems on property owned by the political subdivision, provided such regulations are narrowly tailored to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Takeoff and landing regulations adopted by a political subdivision shall not apply to persons authorized by federal regulations to operate an unmanned aircraft system provided such system is operated in an otherwise lawful manner and consistent with federal regulations. A political subdivision shall annually report to the Department of Aviation any regulations adopted pursuant to this section.</p>		
<p>HB 1534 - Samirah (86) Town taxes; collection by county.</p>	<p>1/10/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20105339D) - See also SB 649 (Boysko). Summary: Collection of town taxes by county. Authorizes the board of supervisors of any county that has adopted the urban county executive form of government to enter into agreements with towns located partially or wholly within such county for the collection and enforcement of real or personal property taxes by the county official responsible for assessment or collection of taxes. The authority granted to such counties is similar to authority granted to Loudoun County under existing law.</p>		
<p>HB 1552 - Levine (45) Tethering animals; adequate shelter and space.</p>	<p>1/11/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20105457D) - The County supports the expanded authority for the care of companion animals but does not support the tethering provisions. See also SB 272 (Bell).</p>		

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Summary: Provides that outdoor tethering of an animal does not meet the requirement that an animal be given adequate shelter if it occurs (i) between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., except when the animal is engaged in conduct related to an agricultural activity; (ii) when no owner is on the property; (iii) when the temperature is 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, or 85 degrees Fahrenheit or higher; (iv) during a heat advisory; or (v) during a severe weather warning. The bill increases certain minimum tether length requirements to meet the requirement that an animal be given adequate space by requiring that a tether be at least 15 feet in length or four times the length of the animal, whichever is greater. Current law requires the tether to be at least 10 feet in length or three times the length of the animal, whichever is greater. The bill also authorizes the governing body of any locality to adopt, and make more stringent, ordinances that parallel certain state provisions related to care of companion animals.

<p>HJ 1 - Foy (2) United States Constitution; ratifies and affirms Equal Rights Amendment.</p>	<p>11/18/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/14/2020 House: Reported from Privileges and Elections (13-Y 9-N) 1/15/2020 House: VOTE: Adoption (59-Y 41-N) 1/15/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/21/2020 Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections (10-Y 5-N)</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
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[Support] (20105798D-H1) - Board has historically supported. See also SJ 1 (McClellan).
Summary: Constitution of the United States; Equal Rights Amendment. Ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States 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.

<p>SB 11 - Ebbin (30) Disposable paper and plastic bags; local taxation per bag when provided to consumers.</p>	<p>11/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
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[Support] (20100728D) - Support effort to reduce waste from plastic bags, but revenue generated should be directed to localities as they are responsible for solid waste management.
Summary: Local disposable paper and plastic bag tax. Authorizes any locality to impose a tax of five cents per bag on disposable paper bags or disposable plastic bags provided to consumers by certain retailers, with certain bags being exempt from the tax. The bill allows every retailer that collects the tax to retain one cent of the five-cent tax.

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<p><u>SB 35</u> - Surovell (36) Firearms, etc.; permitted events.</p>	<p>11/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/13/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 615 (Deeds) 1/13/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 450 (Edwards) 1/13/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 505 (Edwards) 1/13/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 506 (Edwards) 1/13/2020 Senate: Reported from Judiciary with substitute (9-Y 5-N) 1/16/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 19-N)</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20105646D-S1) - Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure bill can be successfully implemented. Summary: Control of firearms by localities; permitted events. Authorizes any locality by ordinance to prohibit the possession or carrying of firearms, ammunition, or components or any combination thereof in (i) any building, or part thereof, owned or used by such locality for governmental purposes; (ii) in any public park owned by the locality; or (iii) in any public street, road, alley, sidewalk or public right-of-way or any other place of whatever nature that is open to the public and is being used by or is adjacent to a permitted event or an event that would otherwise require a permit. 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 any firearm received by the locality pursuant to gun buy-back program shall be destroyed by the locality unless the person surrendering such firearm requests in writing that such surrendered firearm be sold. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill incorporates SB 450, SB 505, SB 506, and SB 615.</p>		
<p><u>SB 40</u> - DeSteph (8) Line of Duty Act; eligible dependents.</p>	<p>11/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20100676D) Summary: Provides that children born or adopted after the death or disability of an employee covered by the Line of Duty Act are eligible for health insurance coverage if such coverage does not result in a premium increase. Under current law, such children are not eligible regardless of the effect on premiums.</p>		
<p><u>SB 66</u> - McClellan (9) Va. Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices, sexual orientation and gender, etc.</p>	<p>11/22/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20101054D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: 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."</p>		

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SB 69 - Locke (2) Handguns; limitation on purchases, penalty.	11/22/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/13/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 22 (Saslaw) 1/13/2020 Senate: Reported from Judiciary with substitute (9-Y 5-N) 1/16/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (21-Y 19-N)	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20105654D-S1) - See also HB 812 (Ward). Summary: 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. This bill incorporates SB 22.</p>		
SB 111 - Howell (32) Absentee voting; no excuse required.	12/12/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/14/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 45 (Spruill) 1/14/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 137 (Stuart) 1/14/2020 Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections with substitute (11-Y 4-N) 1/15/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 696 (Mason) 1/15/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 879 (Locke) 1/20/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (31-Y 9-N)	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20105793D-S1) - Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure bill can be successfully implemented. Summary: 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.</p>		
SB 149 - Howell (32) Courthouse and courtroom security; assessment.	12/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/13/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20101599D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Increases from \$10 to \$20 the maximum amount a local governing body may assess against a convicted defendant as part of the costs in a criminal or traffic case in district or circuit court to fund courthouse and courtroom security.</p>		

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<p><u>SB 193</u> - Favola (31) Single-use plastic and expanded polystyrene products; local prohibition, local tax.</p>	<p>12/29/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/20/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20101425D) - Support effort to reduce waste from plastic bags, but revenue generated should be directed to localities as they are responsible for solid waste management. Summary: Single-use plastic and expanded polystyrene products; local prohibition; local tax. Authorizes a locality to prohibit by ordinance the purchase, sale, or provision, whether free or for a cost, of certain single-use products that are not recyclable or compostable and for which there is a suitable and cost-effective compostable or recyclable alternative product available, with certain exceptions. The bill also authorizes any locality to impose a five-cent per item tax on single-use plastics and polystyrene products provided to customers by certain retailers, with certain products being exempt from the tax. The bill directs revenue from the local tax to be used by the locality imposing the tax for cleanup or education programs designed to reduce waste. The bill allows every restaurant or retailer that collects the tax to retain one cent of the five-cent tax if the tax is paid in a timely manner.</p>		
<p><u>SB 198</u> - Locke (2) Disposable plastic shopping bags; local option.</p>	<p>12/29/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/20/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20101662D) - Support effort to reduce waste from plastic bags, but revenue generated should be directed to localities as they are responsible for solid waste management. Summary: Allows any locality by ordinance to prohibit the distribution, sale, or offer for sale of disposable plastic shopping bags to consumers. The bill exempts from any such prohibition reusable bags of a certain thickness, bags that are used to carry certain products, such as ice cream or newspapers, and garbage bags that are sold in multiples.</p>		
<p><u>SB 209</u> - Petersen (34) Judges; increases maximum number in judicial district.</p>	<p>12/30/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/15/2020 Senate: Reported from Judiciary (14-Y 0-N) 1/15/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20102142D) - Board has historically supported. See also HB 275 (Sullivan). Summary: Maximum number of judges in each judicial district. Increases from 11 to 12 the maximum number of authorized general district court judgeships in the nineteenth judicial district. The Committee on District Courts recommended the additional judgeship in 2018.</p>		
<p><u>SB 272</u> - Bell (13) Tethering animals; adequate shelter and space.</p>	<p>1/3/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20103262D) - The County supports the expanded authority for the care of companion animals but does not support the tethering provisions. See also HB 1552 (Levine).</p>		

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Summary: Provides that outdoor tethering of an animal does not meet the requirement that an animal be given adequate shelter if it occurs (i) between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., except when the animal is engaged in conduct related to an agricultural activity; (ii) when no owner is on the property; (iii) when the temperature is 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, or 85 degrees Fahrenheit or higher; (iv) during a heat advisory; or (v) during a severe weather warning. The bill increases certain minimum tether length requirements to meet the requirement that an animal be given adequate space by requiring that a tether be at least 15 feet in length or four times the length of the animal, whichever is greater. Current law requires the tether to be at least 10 feet in length or three times the length of the animal, whichever is greater. The bill also authorizes the governing body of any locality to adopt, and make more stringent, ordinances that parallel certain state provisions related to care of companion animals.

SB 276 - Barker (39) Safety belt system; use in motor vehicles.	1/3/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation	[1/17/2020]
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[Support] (20103297D)
Summary: Safety belt system use in motor vehicles. Requires all occupants of motor vehicles to utilize a safety belt system. Current law requires the use of safety belts only by (i) occupants under the age of 18, (ii) drivers, and (iii) passengers 18 years of age or older occupying the front seat. The bill changes a violation of safety belt system requirements from a secondary offense to a primary offense.

SB 277 - Barker (39) Income tax, state and corporate; deduction for commuter benefits provided by an employer.	1/3/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations	[1/17/2020]
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[Support] (20103304D)
Summary: Income tax deduction for commuter benefits provided by an employer. Establishes, starting in taxable year 2020, an individual and corporate income tax deduction for commuter benefits, defined in the bill, provided by an employer to its employees. The deduction is available only to the employer and is limited to \$265 per employee.

SB 297 - Favola (31) Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention Fund; created, report.	1/3/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary 1/13/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Rehabilitation and Social Services 1/17/2020 Senate: Reported from Rehabilitation and Social Services with amendment (14-Y 0-N) 1/17/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations	[1/17/2020]
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[Support] (20103455D)
Summary: Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention Fund; report. Creates the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention Fund, which shall be administered by the Department of Social Services, in coordination with the Department of Health and the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, and used to develop and support programs that prevent sexual and domestic violence through strategies that (i) promote healthy practices related to relationships, sexuality, and social-emotional development and (ii) counteract the factors associated with the initial perpetration of sexual and domestic violence.

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SB 316 - Kiggans (7) Elections; date of June primary election.	1/5/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/21/2020 Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections (14-Y 1-N)	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20103661D) - Board has historically supported. See also HB 57 (Fowler). Summary: Changes the date of the primary election held in June from the second Tuesday in June to the third Tuesday in June. The bill also changes candidate filing deadlines to reflect the change of date.</p>		
SB 435 - Surovell (36) Waterfowl blinds; blinds in locality where certain hunting prohibited.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources 1/14/2020 Senate: Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources with substitute (14-Y 0-N) 1/20/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20105779D-S1) Summary: Waterfowl blinds in locality where certain hunting prohibited. Directs the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries not to license any stationary waterfowl blind in any area in which a local governing body prohibits by ordinance the hunting of birds with a firearm.</p>		
SB 475 - Bell (13) Virginia Public Procurement Act; use of best value contracting.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20102619D) Summary: Virginia Public Procurement Act; use of best value contracting; construction and professional services. Authorizes any public body to procure construction on a best value procurement basis using a numerical scoring system consisting of the following: (i) technical solution, 30 percent; (ii) past performance, 30 percent, including (a) price history of cost overruns, (b) schedule history of on-time delivery, and (c) contractor performance ratings from the immediately preceding five-year period; and (iii) price, 40 percent. The Request for Proposal shall contain a notice to potential offerors that the procurement decision will be made on a best value procurement basis. The Request for Proposal shall describe (1) the criteria that will be considered in evaluating the proposals and (2) the numerical scoring system that will be used in evaluating the proposals, including identification of the factors and weight values set forth in the bill.</p>		
SB 484 - Favola (31) Local taxing authority; equalizes city and county taxing authorities.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20104703D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Local taxing authority. Equalizes city taxing authority and county taxing authority by granting a county the same authority available to impose excise taxes on cigarettes, admissions, transient room rentals, meals, and travel campgrounds without limitation on the rate that may be imposed. The bill retains a restriction that applies to counties under current law and requires that any transient occupancy tax revenue attributable to a rate of between two and five percent must be used for tourism marketing.</p>		

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<p><u>SB 532</u> - Edwards (21) Third-party power purchase agreements; regulation of retail sales of electricity under agreements.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20102819D) Summary: Third-party power purchase agreements. Exempts sellers under third-party power purchase agreements from being defined as a public utility, public service corporation, public service company, or electric utility solely because of the sale of electricity or ownership or operation of a distributed generation facility. The measure provides that the sale of electricity generated at a distributed energy facility by a person that is not a public utility, public service corporation, or public service company to a customer that is purchasing or leasing the distributed energy facility under the terms of a third-party power purchase agreement does not constitute the retail sale of electricity. The measure proscribes State Corporation Commission regulation of the sale of electric energy that is generated on site by a distributed generation facility pursuant to a third-party power purchase agreement. The measure also repeals the pilot program initially enacted in 2013 that authorized Dominion Energy to enter into certain third-party power purchase agreements providing financing of certain renewable generation facilities.</p>		
<p><u>SB 561</u> - Vogel (27) Workers' compensation; post-traumatic stress disorder, law-enforcement officers and firefighters.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor 1/13/2020 Senate: Incorporates SB 924 (Cosgrove) 1/13/2020 Senate: Reported from Commerce and Labor with substitute (12-Y 3-N) 1/13/2020 Senate: Re-referred to Finance and Appropriations</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20105715D-S1) Summary: Workers' compensation; post-traumatic stress disorder; law-enforcement officers and firefighters. Provides that post-traumatic stress disorder incurred by a law-enforcement officer or firefighter is compensable under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act if a mental health professional examines a law-enforcement officer or firefighter and diagnoses the individual as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of the individual's undergoing a qualifying event, which includes an event occurring in the line of duty on or after July 1, 2020, in which a law-enforcement officer or firefighter views a deceased minor, witnesses the death of a person or an incident involving the death of a person, witnesses an injury to a person who subsequently dies, has physical contact with and treats an injured person who subsequently dies, transports an injured person who subsequently dies, or witnesses a traumatic physical injury that results in the loss of a vital body part or a vital body function that results in permanent disfigurement of the victim. Other conditions for compensability include (i) if the post-traumatic stress disorder resulted from the law-enforcement officer or firefighter acting in the line of duty and, in the case of a firefighter, such firefighter complied with certain federal Occupational Safety and Health Act standards; (ii) if the law-enforcement officer's or firefighter's undergoing a qualifying event was a substantial factor in causing his post-traumatic stress disorder; (iii) if such qualifying event, and not another event or source of stress, was the primary cause of the post-traumatic stress disorder; and (iv) if the post-traumatic stress disorder did not result from any disciplinary action, work evaluation, job transfer, layoff, demotion, promotion, termination, retirement, or similar action of the officer or firefighter. The measure establishes procedural requirements on employers that contest a claim for such benefits. The measure also establishes requirements for resilience and self-care technique training.</p>		

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SB 581 - Howell (32) Minors; allowing access to firearms, Class 6 felony.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20102952D) - See also HB 1083 (Hayes). Summary: Allowing access to firearms by minors; penalty. Provides that any person who recklessly leaves a loaded, unsecured firearm in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of any person under the age of 18 is guilty of a Class 6 felony. Current law provides that any person who recklessly leaves a loaded, unsecured firearm in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of any child under the age of 14 is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.</p>		
SB 631 - Surovell (36) Abandoned and stolen shopping carts; local regulation.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/20/2020 Senate: Reported from Local Government with amendments (8-Y 7-N) 1/22/2020 Senate: Committee amendments agreed to	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20104457D) - The County supports expanded local authority but has concerns about its ability to implement this authority, and the fine on individuals. Summary: Provides that Fairfax County and Arlington County may, by ordinance, provide that it is unlawful for any person to place, leave, or abandon on any real property in the county, or within specified districts within the county, any shopping cart. The bill requires such ordinance to provide that any such shopping cart that remains on the real property after a notice of violation is given to the owner of such shopping cart shall be presumed to be abandoned and subject to removal from the real property by the county or its agents without further notice. In the event that any such shopping cart is so removed, the cost of removal, including the cost of disposal, shall be charged to the owner of the shopping cart. The bill also authorizes such ordinance to prohibit possession of a shopping cart outside of the designated premises when the owner has posted notice of such prohibition. Such ordinance may provide for a civil penalty of not more than \$500.</p>		
SB 649 - Boysko (33) Town taxes; collection by county.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/13/2020 Senate: Reported from Local Government (13-Y 0-N) 1/17/2020 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (38-Y 0-N)	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20105082D) - See also HB 1534 (Samirah). Summary: Collection of town taxes by county. Authorizes the board of supervisors of any county that has adopted the urban county executive form of government to enter into agreements with towns located partially or wholly within such county for the collection and enforcement of real or personal property taxes by the county official responsible for assessment or collection of taxes. The authority granted to such counties is similar to authority granted to Loudoun County under existing law.</p>		
SB 710 - McClellan (9) Distributed renewable energy; establishment of solar renewable energy, etc.	1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	[1/17/2020]

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<p>[Support] (20104871D) - Board has historically supported. Summary: Distributed renewable energy. Promotes the establishment of distributed renewable solar and other renewable energy. The measure (i) increases from one percent to 10 percent the systemwide 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 three 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.</p>		
<p>SB 746 - Bell (13) Comprehensive plan; extends time for approval by locality.</p>	<p>1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Local Government 1/20/2020 Senate: Reported from Local Government with amendments (12-Y 3-N) 1/22/2020 Senate: Committee amendments agreed to</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20105016D) - See also HB 726 (Reid). Summary: Comprehensive plan. Extends the time by which a governing body is required to approve or disapprove a locality-initiated comprehensive plan amendment from 90 to 180 days.</p>		
<p>SB 749 - Cosgrove, Jr. (14) Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; establishes sale of insurance, etc., for platforms.</p>	<p>1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20105235D) - Support efforts to provide taxation parity with existing vehicle rental services. See also HB 891 (Sickles). Summary: Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; regulation; insurance; taxation. Establishes taxation, insurance coverage, sale of insurance, disclosure, safety recall, airport operation, and recordkeeping requirements for peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms, as defined in the bill.</p>		
<p>SB 750 - Cosgrove, Jr. (14) Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; definition, taxation.</p>	<p>1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20102741D) - Support efforts to provide taxation parity with existing vehicle rental services. See also HB 892 (Sickles). Summary: Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; taxation. Provides that peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms, as defined in the bill, are renters for the purposes of taxation.</p>		

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SB 759 - Marsden (37) Photo speed monitoring devices; civil penalty.	1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20105147D)</p> <p>Summary: Speed monitoring devices; civil penalty. Authorizes law-enforcement officers to operate photo speed monitoring devices, defined in the bill, in or around school crossing zones and highway work zones for the purpose of recording images of vehicles that are traveling at speeds of at least 10 miles per hour above the posted school crossing zone or highway work zone speed limit within such school crossing zone or highway work zone when such highway work zone is indicated by conspicuously placed signs displaying the maximum speed limit and the use of such photo speed monitoring device. The bill provides that the operator of a vehicle shall be liable for a monetary civil penalty, not to exceed \$125, if such vehicle is found to be traveling at speeds of at least 10 miles per hour above the posted highway work zone or school crossing zone speed limit by the photo speed monitoring device. The bill provides that if the summons for a violation is issued by mail the violation shall not be reported on the driver's operating record or to the driver's insurance agency, but if the violation is personally issued by an officer at the time of the violation, such violation shall be part of the driver's record and used for insurance purposes. The bill provides that the civil penalty will be paid to the locality in which the violation occurred.</p>		
SB 848 - Ebbin (30) Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; changes report date.	1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20102147D)</p> <p>Summary: Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; report date. Changes from November 1 to December 15 the annual reporting date of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding the performance of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.</p>		
SJ 1 - McClellan (9) United States Constitution; ratifies and affirms Equal Rights Amendment.	11/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/9/2020 Senate: Incorporates SJ 5 (Saslaw) 1/9/2020 Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections with substitute (10-Y 5-N) 1/16/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 1/17/2020 House: Reported from Privileges and Elections (13-Y 9-N)	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Support] (20105431D-S1) - Board has historically supported. See also HJ 1 (Carroll Foy).</p> <p>Summary: Constitution of the United States; Equal Rights Amendment. Ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that was proposed by Congress in 1972.</p>		

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<p><u>SJ 32</u> - Bell (13) Electric vehicles; DEQ to study the impact of and develop Clean Transportation Plan, report.</p>	<p>1/6/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support w/ Amend.] (20104293D) - Support with amendment to encourage consideration of the impact on transportation revenue resulting from the increase in use of electric vehicles. Summary: Study; Department of Environmental Quality; Clean Transportation Plan; report. Requests the Department of Environmental Quality to study the impact of electric vehicles and develop a Clean Transportation Plan.</p>		
<p><u>SJ 57</u> - Lewis, Jr. (6) JLARC; costs of education, report.</p>	<p>1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Support] (20103928D) - Board has historically supported. Fairfax County's Legislative Program includes support for adequate K-12 education funding. Summary: Study; JLARC; costs of education; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the true cost of education in the Commonwealth and provide an accurate assessment of the costs to implement the Standards of Quality.</p>		

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HB 283 – Cole, J. (28) Highway construction and maintenance; time limitations.	12/30/2019 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/23/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket (10-Y 0-N)	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Monitor] (20101687D) Summary: Time limitations for highway construction and maintenance. Prohibits construction or maintenance that blocks a lane of travel on a primary or interstate highway between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.</p>		
HB 983 - Delaney (67) Traffic incident management vehicles; equipped with certain lights.	1/7/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/16/2020 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (10-Y 0-N) 1/21/2020 House: Reported from Transportation (22-Y 0-N)	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Monitor] (20104763D) Summary: Traffic incident management vehicles. Authorizes traffic incident management vehicles, defined in the bill, operated by persons who meet certain training requirements to be equipped with flashing red or red and white secondary warning lights.</p>		
HB 1511 - McQuinn (70) Towing fees; raises to \$30 additional fee that can be charged for towing a vehicle at night, etc.	1/8/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Monitor] (20104626D) - See also SB 916 (Marsden). Summary: Towing fees. The bill raises from \$25 to \$30 the additional fee that can be charged for towing a vehicle at night, on weekends, or on a holiday. The bill requires localities in Planning District 8 and Planning District 16 to set such additional fee at between \$25 and \$30. Current law requires such localities to set such additional fee at \$25.</p>		
HB 1586 - Watts (39) Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; allocation of funds.	1/14/2020 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations	[1/17/2020]
<p>[Monitor] (20105593D) Summary: Provides that increases in service approved by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board shall not be included in the calculation of the annual increase in total operating expenses included in an approved WMATA budget.</p>		
SB 31 - Petersen (34) Eminent domain; costs for petition for distribution of funds, interest rate.	11/18/2019 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary	[1/17/2020]

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<p>[Monitor] (20100604D) Summary: Eminent domain; costs for petition for distribution of funds; interest rate; recordation of certificate. Provides that the costs of filing a petition with the court for the distribution of the funds due pursuant to an eminent domain proceeding shall be taxed against the condemnor. The bill also provides that the interest rate on the funds represented by a certificate of deposit from the date of filing of the certificate until the funds are paid into the court shall not be less than the judgment rate of interest. Finally, the bill reorganizes for clarity the provisions governing what happens upon recordation of a certificate by the Commissioner of Highways in a condemnation proceeding.</p>		
<p>SB 644 - Boysko (33) Traffic incident management vehicles; exempt from certain regulations.</p>	<p>1/7/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/23/2020 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Transportation (6-Y 9-N)</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Monitor] (20102092D) Summary: Traffic incident management vehicles. Adds traffic incident management vehicles, defined in the bill, operated by persons who meet certain training requirements to a list of vehicles exempt from certain traffic regulations at or en route to the scene of a traffic accident or similar incident. The bill also allows such vehicles to be equipped with sirens and flashing red or red and white secondary warning lights.</p>		
<p>SB 916 - Marsden (37) Towing fees; raises to \$30 additional fee that can be charged for towing a vehicle at night, etc.</p>	<p>1/8/2020 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/23/2020 Senate: Reported from Transportation (11-Y 2-N)</p>	<p>[1/17/2020]</p>
<p>[Monitor] (20104641D) - See also HB 1511 (McQuinn). Summary: Towing fees. The bill raises from \$25 to \$30 the additional fee that can be charged for towing a vehicle at night, on weekends, or on a holiday. The bill requires localities in Planning District 8 and Planning District 16 to set such additional fee at between \$25 and \$30. Current law requires such localities to set such additional fee at \$25.</p>		

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