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HB 1639 - Head - Medical Assistance Services, Department of; payment for certain services to hospice patients.	(H) Committee on Appropriations (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1639ER)	02/19/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to implement a process for direct payment of nursing facility or ICF/MR services for hospice patients receiving services in a nursing facility or ICF/MR if such patient would be eligible for medical assistance for nursing facility or ICF/MR services had he not elected to receive hospice care. The bill provides that payments made to a nursing facility or ICF/MR shall be the full amount that would be paid to the nursing facility or ICF/MR if the individual was not receiving hospice services, and shall not reflect any discount to such rates.</p>			
HB 1640 - Ransone - Health carriers; services provided by nurse practitioners.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1640ER)	02/19/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Requires health insurers and health service plan providers whose policies or contracts cover services that may be legally performed by licensed nurse practitioners to provide equal coverage for such services when rendered by a licensed nurse practitioner.</p>			
HB 1661 - Head - Health benefits; formation by a sponsoring association as a nonprofit agricultural organization.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Placed on Calendar	02/19/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Directs the State Corporation Commission to adopt regulations that allow for the creation of association health plans that are consistent with certain regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor. The proposed regulation broadens the criteria under Title I of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) to allow employers to form an association solely for the purpose of sponsoring a group health plan for its employer members. Currently, employer groups are prohibited from forming associations for the sole purpose of providing group health coverage. The measure also provides that a health benefit plan sponsored by a nonprofit agricultural organization for its members is not insurance and is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Insurance if the health benefit plan meets certain requirements, including that it provides dues-paying members in all localities with membership opportunities and that it be administered by a third-party administrator. The measure includes provisions that exempt certain transactions regarding multiple employer welfare arrangements from insurer licensing requirements.</p>			
HB 1674 - Mullin - Abuse and neglect of incapacitated adults; informed consent.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Signed by President	02/15/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Clarifies, for the purposes of the informed consent exemption to abuse and neglect of incapacitated adults, that the informed consent of the incapacitated person must have been given when such person was not incapacitated. The bill provides that its provisions are declaratory of existing law.</p>			
HB 1692 - Rodman - Medical assistance services; determination of income, personal needs allowance.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Provides that, when determining the income of a recipient of medical assistance services who is receiving long-term care in a medical institution or intermediate care facility, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall disregard a personal needs allowance in an amount that is at least \$150 and that the amount of the personal needs allowance shall be adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index, all urban consumers (CPI-U).</p>			
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<p>HB 1815 - Hope - Assisted living facilities; emergency electrical power source, disclosure to prospective residents.</p>	<p>Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services</p>	<p>(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1815ER)</p>	<p>02/19/19</p>
<p>notes: Directs the State Board of Social Services to include in regulations governing assisted living facilities a requirement that each licensed assisted living facility with six or more residents disclose to each prospective resident, or his legal representative, in writing in a document that is separate and distinct from any other documents provided to the prospective resident or his legal representative and as evidenced by the written acknowledgement of the resident or his legal representative, whether the facility has an on-site emergency electrical power source for the provision of electricity during an interruption of the normal electric power supply and, if the assisted living facility does have an on-site emergency electrical power source, (i) the items for which such on-site emergency electrical power source will supply power in the event of an interruption of the normal electric power supply and (ii) whether staff of the assisted living facility have been trained to maintain and operate such on-site emergency electrical power source to ensure the provision of electricity during an interruption of the normal electrical power supply. The bill also provides that an on-site emergency electrical power source shall include both permanent on-site emergency electrical power sources and portable on-site emergency electrical power sources, provided such portable on-site emergency electrical power source remains on the premises of the assisted living facility at all times.</p>			
<p>HB 1915 - Yancey - Cancer patients; expedited review of adverse coverage determinations.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1915ER)</p>	<p>02/19/19</p>
<p>notes: Provides that a covered person shall not be required to have exhausted his health carrier's internal appeal process before seeking an external review of an adverse determination regarding coverage of treatment if the treatment is to treat his cancer. The measure also provides that a covered person may request an expedited external review if the adverse determination relates to the treatment of a cancer of the covered person.</p>			
<p>HB 1970 - Kilgore - Telemedicine services; payment and coverage of services.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(S) Signed by President</p>	<p>02/15/19</p>
<p>notes: Requires insurers, corporations, or health maintenance organizations to cover remote patient monitoring services as part of their coverage of telemedicine services to the full extent that these services are available. The bill defines remote patient monitoring services as the delivery of home health services using telecommunications technology to enhance the delivery of home health care, including monitoring of clinical patient data such as weight, blood pressure, pulse, pulse oximetry, blood glucose, and other condition-specific data; medication adherence monitoring; and interactive video conferencing with or without digital image upload.</p> <p>The bill requires the Board of Medical Assistance Services to include in the state plan for medical assistance services a provision for the payment of medical assistance for health care services provided through telemedicine services, including remote monitoring services and the use of telemedicine technologies as it pertains to remote patient monitoring services, to the full extent that these services are available.</p> <p>The bill provides that provisions of the Code of Virginia regulating health professions regulated by the Board of Medicine do not prevent or prohibit any practitioner of one of such professions who is located in another state and is in good standing with the applicable regulatory agency in such state from providing telemedicine services within the scope of his practice to a patient located in Virginia.</p> <p>Finally, the bill provides that in cases in which a practitioner of the healing arts is providing telemedicine services, such practice is deemed to occur where the practitioner is located at the time of provision.</p>			
<p>HB 1975 - Rasoul - PACE program; DMAS to develop and implement a plan to provide client education.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>02/18/19</p>

notes: Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to develop and implement a plan to provide choice and education to eligible prospective PACE clients. The plan will ensure that eligible clients receive adequate information regarding the PACE program option at every point of contact with the Department and its contractors.

<p>HB 1987 - Toscano - Aged or incapacitated adults; financial exploitation, authority to refuse transactions.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services</p>	<p>(S) Passed Senate with substitute (40-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>02/19/19</p>
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notes: Allows financial institution staff, pursuant to an internal policy, to refuse to execute a transaction, delay a transaction, or refuse to disburse funds if the financial institution staff (i) believes in good faith that the transaction or disbursement may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to the financial exploitation of an adult or (ii) has actual knowledge that a report was made by any person to the local department of social services or adult protective services hotline stating a good faith belief that the transaction or disbursement may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to the financial exploitation of an adult. The bill requires the financial institution staff to report the suspected financial exploitation to the local department of social services or adult protective services hotline within five business days of refusing to execute a transaction, delaying a transaction, or refusing to disburse funds and allows financial institution staff to continue to refuse to execute a transaction, delay a transaction, or refuse to disburse funds for 10 business days after making the report and for up to 45 business days if requested to do so by the local department or if no response from the local department has been received.

<p>HJ 738 - Rasoul - Commending the Local Office on Aging.</p>		<p>(S) Laid on Clerk's Desk</p>	<p>01/29/19</p>
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notes: WHEREAS, the Local Office on Aging has played a vital role in helping residents of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, and Roanoke Counties as well as the Cities of Covington, Salem, and Roanoke age with dignity by providing education, advocacy, and support; and
 WHEREAS, the mission of the Local Office on Aging (LOA) is to foster independence and healthy aging and to improve the quality of life for older adults, their families, and their caregivers through comprehensive programs and services; and
 WHEREAS, crucial services the LOA provides include the Adopt-a-Senior program, consumer services, in-home services, critical assistance, elder rights advice, family caregiver support, and life-enhancing activities; and
 WHEREAS, LOA staff have achieved significant accomplishments in service to the elderly of the area, including facilitating the Age-Friendly Community program for the Greater Roanoke Valley, focusing on the City of Roanoke; securing and retrofitting a new corporate facility in June 2018; establishing an assisted medical transportation door-to-door program in 2016; and completing an \$80,000 Let's Do Lunch fundraiser for Meals On Wheels; and
 WHEREAS, the LOA is supported by dedicated volunteers, generous community partners, and a distinguished board of directors; and
 WHEREAS, LOA has received a Gold Award and a Shining Light Award from the Roanoke Valley United Way, and grants from the Foundation for Roanoke Valley, the Thomas L. Leivesley, Jr. Foundation, Kiwanis, Wells Fargo, the Glick Foundation, the Sam and Marion Golden Helping Hand Foundation, the Louise R. Lester Foundation, and the United Methodist Church Roanoke District Board of Missions; now%2

<p>HJ 826 - Gilbert - Commending the Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging.</p>		<p>(S) Agreed to by Senate by voice vote</p>	<p>02/18/19</p>
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notes: WHEREAS, Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging provides in-home support to older residents of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties, and the City of Winchester, with a variety of high-quality services that delay or prevent moves to costly long-term care facilities; and
 WHEREAS, Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging (SAAA) was incorporated in July 1975, and is the only comprehensive regional provider of support services that enable older persons to continue living in their own homes; and
 WHEREAS, SAAA operates six senior centers and offers crucial services including information on aging, in-home services, Meals On Wheels, respite centers, transportation, long-term care, an emergency food and shelter grant program, and insurance counseling; and
 WHEREAS, recent major accomplishments for the SAAA include applying for and receiving a grant to open a respite center in Page County, and increased jurisdictional funding in Shenandoah County; and
 WHEREAS, the good work of SAAA has been acknowledged through numerous awards and grants, including from the Shenandoah Community Foundation, the United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley, and the National Lutheran Foundation, and the Subaru Share the Love grant; and
 WHEREAS, SAAA has a dedicated group of key volunteers such as Skip Royston, Martha Watkins, and Diane Brecht, all of whom contribute much of their time to enhance the quality of life for seniors; the

volunteer board of directors, composed of Betsy Pritchard, John Ayes, Richard Bever, Martha Watkins, Dot Pendlly, Charles Thomas, Queenie Kemmer, and Joe Biggs, is key to SAAA's success; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, th

HJ 876 - Hurst - Commending New River Valley Community Services.

(H) Agreed to by House by voice vote

02/18/19

notes: WHEREAS, for 50 years, New River Valley Community Services has provided community-based behavioral health services that promote independence and improved quality of life for the citizens of the New River Valley; and
WHEREAS, New River Valley Community Services offers community-based programs for both children and adults who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse disorders; and
WHEREAS, established in 1969, New River Valley Community Services is part of a statewide system of Community Services Boards, which serves residents throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia; and
WHEREAS, New River Valley Community Services programs serve adults and children in emergencies or in an ongoing capacity, addressing mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse, and prevention through peer groups and psychiatric services, as well as diagnostic evaluations and assessment services; and
WHEREAS, over the course of five decades in operation, the New River Valley Community Services staff have treated their clients with care, sensitivity, and understanding; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend New River Valley Community Services for providing community-based behavioral health services that promote independence and improved quality of life for the citizens of the New River Valley for 50 years; and, be it
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to New River Valley Community Services as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's crucial contributions to the New River Val

HJ 929 - Toscano - Commending the Jefferson Area Board for Aging.

(H) Agreed to by House by voice vote

02/18/19

notes: WHEREAS, the Jefferson Area Board for Aging has helped residents of Charlottesville and the Counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson age with dignity and stay engaged in the community for over 40 years; and
WHEREAS, the Jefferson Area Board for Aging's mission is to provide services and resources promoting the health, quality of life, and independence of seniors, individuals with a disability, and their caregivers, enabling people to live with dignity and choice; and
WHEREAS, to better serve the population, the Jefferson Area Board for Aging provides crucial programs, services, and facilities, including dementia care coordination, community senior centers, insurance counseling, adult care centers, home delivered meals, respite care, intergenerational programming, and affordable housing for seniors; and
WHEREAS, for its important services, the Jefferson Area Board for Aging has received numerous awards from the Commonwealth Council on Aging, Generations United, and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging; the Jefferson Area Board for Aging has been awarded grants to support insurance counseling and has received recognition for its Friends In School Helping program; and
WHEREAS, key Jefferson Area Board for Aging volunteers like Sally Mank assist with Medicare counseling; Joe Bernheim is a crucial Affordable Care Act counselor who serves on the Mountainside Senior Living & Memory Care board; and Dick Gibson contributes as chair of the Jefferson Area Board for Aging's board; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Jefferson Area Board for Aging for h

HJ 939 - Orrock - Commending the Healthy Generations Area Agency on Aging.

(H) Agreed to by House by voice vote

02/18/19

notes: WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, Healthy Generations Area Agency on Aging, formerly known as Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging, has played a vital role in helping local residents age with dignity by providing education, advocacy, and support; and
WHEREAS, the mission of the Healthy Generations Area Agency on Aging is to enhance the quality of life for all older adults through a wide range of programs including emergency assistance, insurance counseling, legal services, congregate meal centers, and a long-term care ombudsman; and
WHEREAS, Healthy Generations Area Agency on Aging's key accomplishments include implementing meal services in partnership with the local homeless shelter by providing a training program to homeless residents in preparation for working in the restaurant industry; and
WHEREAS, Healthy Generations Area Agency on Aging has also implemented a meals program for assisted living facilities and facilities that offer short-term meal options for patients discharged from the hospital; the Healthy Generations Agency on Aging recently partnered with the Rappahannock Adult Activities to offer activities to individuals who have intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Healthy Generations Area Agency on Aging served nearly 2,000 senior citizens, providing over 25,000 meals and nearly 5,000 in-home care hours; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Healthy Generations Area Agency on Aging for over 40 years of playing a vital role in helping local residents age with dignity by providing education, advocacy, and support; and, be it RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk

<p>SB 1077 - Howell - Assisted living facility; Board of Social Service to amend certain regulations.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services</p>	<p>(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 21, 2019</p>	<p>02/14/19</p>
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notes: Requires licensed assisted living facilities with six or more residents to have a temporary emergency electrical power source available on site and to be able to connect to and utilize such power source for the provision of electricity during an interruption of the normal electric power supply. The bill requires that such temporary emergency electrical power sources be sufficient to provide power for (i) any medical equipment necessary to protect the health of residents; (ii) refrigeration equipment necessary to preserve food and medications that require cold storage; (iii) heating, cooling, and lighting in an area that provides at least 60 square feet of floor space per resident; and (iv) at least one elevator if the assisted living facility is equipped with one or more elevators. Under current law, such assisted living facilities must be able to connect to a temporary emergency electrical power source but are not required to maintain such power source on site.

<p>SB 1124 - Favola - Telemedicine; physicians licensed in contiguous jurisdictions.</p>	<p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(S) Incorporated by Education and Health (SB1221-Chafin) (15-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>01/24/19</p>
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notes: Authorizes a person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy who is in good standing with the applicable regulatory agency of a jurisdiction that is contiguous to the Commonwealth to provide health care services to patients located in the Commonwealth through use of telemedicine services.

<p>SB 1351 - Wagner - Benefits consortium; formation by a sponsoring association.</p>	<p>(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>(S) Incorporated by Commerce and Labor (SB1689-Dunnavant) (15-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>01/31/19</p>
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notes: Authorizes an association organized as a nonstock corporation whose members are employers conducting business in the Commonwealth to sponsor a trust. The measure authorizes the trust, called a benefits consortium, to sell benefits plans to its members. To be eligible to sponsor a plan, the association is required to have been actively in existence for 10 years, have at least five members, have been formed for purposes other than obtaining or providing health benefits, and operate as a nonprofit entity. The benefits plans may provide medical prescription drug, dental, and vision coverage for the employees of members and the sponsoring association and their dependents. The benefits may be self-funded or purchased from an insurer. The benefits consortium will be a multiple employer welfare arrangement subject to the provisions of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The measure exempts the benefits consortium from state taxation and insurance regulations.

<p>SJ 356 - Black - Commending the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging.</p>		<p>(H) Laid on Speaker's table</p>	<p>02/15/19</p>
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notes: WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging has played a vital role in helping local residents age with dignity by providing education, advocacy, and support; and WHEREAS, the mission of the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is to foster independence and healthy aging, and improve the quality of life for older adults, their families, and their caregivers through comprehensive programs and services; and WHEREAS, to better serve the population, over the past six years, the Loudoun County AAA opened three new state-of-the-art senior centers and one new adult day center, making a total of four senior centers and three adult day centers; and WHEREAS, the Loudoun County AAA utilizes county services to serve elderly residents and involves almost 800 volunteers, many of whom are over 90-years-old; and WHEREAS, the Loudoun County AAA offers numerous resources including a caregiver support group, a caregiver book club, a community ambassadors program, the Loudoun County Home Improvement Program, a medication disposal drop box, and Loudoun County Public Library outreach to seniors; and WHEREAS, the Loudoun County AAA staff present at conferences and, in service to the community, assisted United States Senator Tim Kaine with a Congressional Field Hearing in Loudoun County on opioid abuse; and WHEREAS, the Loudoun County AAA has won numerous national, state, regional, and local awards recognizing its essential services to the elderly population; most notably, in 2018, a National Achievement

Award from the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials for its Senior Summer Adventure camp; and a National Achievement Award from			
SJ 400 - Edwards - Commending the New River Valley Agency on Aging.		(H) Laid on Speaker's table	02/18/19
<p>notes: WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, the New River Valley Agency on Aging has played a vital role in helping local residents age with dignity by providing education, advocacy, and support; and WHEREAS, the mission of the New River Valley Agency on Aging is to maximize the quality of life of older adults, adults with disabilities, and their care providers through support services, advocacy, and education; and WHEREAS, to better serve constituents, the New River Valley Agency on Aging offers numerous programs including care coordination services, congregate meals, elder abuse prevention, home-delivered meals, homemaker services, information and assistance, legal services, medical transportation, an ombudsman program, and respite care; and WHEREAS, the New River Valley Agency on Aging has saved hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for Medicare recipients through the services provided in the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program, as well as cultivated strong community partnerships to proactively address aging in place in the communities the agency serves, engaging corporate support to contribute toward the service needs of vulnerable older adults; and WHEREAS, the New River Valley Agency on Aging has won awards and recognition for its effective work including the National Area Agencies on Aging's Aging Innovations and Achievement Award, a Carilion Foundation grant to support transportation services, a New River Valley Health Foundation grant to support in-home services, the Commonwealth Council Best Practices award, and funding from the Geriatric Training and Education initiative; and WHEREAS, key volunteers like Deena Flinchum dedicate thousands of hours annually</p>			
SR 117 - McDougle - Commending Bay Aging.		(S) Bill text as passed Senate (SR117ER)	02/19/19
<p>notes: SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117 Offered February 12, 2019 %96%96%96%96%96%96%96%96%96 Patron%96%96McDougle %96%96%96%96%96%96%96%96%96 2019 SESSION WHEREAS, for 40 years, Bay Aging has played a vital role in helping local residents age with dignity by providing education, advocacy, and support; and WHEREAS, the mission of Bay Aging is to deliver the programs and services that people of all ages need to live independently in their communities for as long as possible; and WHEREAS, to better serve the aging populations of the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck, Bay Aging runs numerous support services programs for senior housing, senior centers, and public transportation, among other services; and WHEREAS, Bay Aging's notable accomplishments include establishing a statewide veteran-directed care program and establishing collaborations that contract with health care providers and payers to improve health outcomes and lower health care costs; and WHEREAS, Bay Aging has won numerous awards recognizing its important work, including the Archstone Award for Excellence in Program Innovation; a Bay Rivers Telehealth Rural Health Community Champions award; and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging's Aging Innovations and Achievement Award for Care Transitions; and WHEREAS, Bay Aging has an exceptional and dedicated cadre of 1,400 volunteers of all ages who work alongside staff to assist the aging citizens of the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Bay Aging hereby be commended for its 40 years of work to help residents age with dignity and stay engaged in the community; and, be it RESOLVED FU</p>			

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HB 1639 - Head - Medical Assistance Services, Department of; payment for certain services to hospice patients.	(H) Committee on Appropriations (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1639ER)	02/19/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to implement a process for direct payment of nursing facility or ICF/MR services for hospice patients receiving services in a nursing facility or ICF/MR if such patient would be eligible for medical assistance for nursing facility or ICF/MR services had he not elected to receive hospice care. The bill provides that payments made to a nursing facility or ICF/MR shall be the full amount that would be paid to the nursing facility or ICF/MR if the individual was not receiving hospice services, and shall not reflect any discount to such rates.</p>			
HB 1640 - Ransone - Health carriers; services provided by nurse practitioners.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1640ER)	02/19/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Requires health insurers and health service plan providers whose policies or contracts cover services that may be legally performed by licensed nurse practitioners to provide equal coverage for such services when rendered by a licensed nurse practitioner.</p>			
HB 1661 - Head - Health benefits; formation by a sponsoring association as a nonprofit agricultural organization.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Placed on Calendar	02/19/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Directs the State Corporation Commission to adopt regulations that allow for the creation of association health plans that are consistent with certain regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor. The proposed regulation broadens the criteria under Title I of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) to allow employers to form an association solely for the purpose of sponsoring a group health plan for its employer members. Currently, employer groups are prohibited from forming associations for the sole purpose of providing group health coverage. The measure also provides that a health benefit plan sponsored by a nonprofit agricultural organization for its members is not insurance and is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Insurance if the health benefit plan meets certain requirements, including that it provides dues-paying members in all localities with membership opportunities and that it be administered by a third-party administrator. The measure includes provisions that exempt certain transactions regarding multiple employer welfare arrangements from insurer licensing requirements.</p>			
HB 1680 - Orrock - Certificate of public need; changes to Medical Care Facilities Certificate of Public Need Program.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(H) Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions	02/05/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Makes changes to the Medical Care Facilities Certificate of Public Need Program. The bill (i) removes specialized centers or clinics or that portion of a physician's office developed for the provision of lithotripsy, magnetic source imaging (MSI), or nuclear medicine imaging from the list of reviewable medical care facilities... SEE FULL BILL</p>			
HB 1682 - Ware - Dental services; contracts between carriers and providers, PPO network arrangement, etc.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) VOTE: ADOPTION (98-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Establishes limits on the ability of a health insurer or other person to sell or otherwise grant access, as provided in a dentist's or oral surgeon's provider contract, to a third-party carrier. Access as provided in a provider contract refers to the right to have dental services provided by the participating provider to the</p>			

enrollees of the third-party carrier in accordance with the terms of a provider contract. The measure provides that such access may be granted only if it is expressly permitted by the provider contract and notice is given to the affected participating providers.

HB 1714 - Ware - Balance billing; emergency services.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
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notes: Directs health carriers that provide individual or group health insurance that provide any benefits with respect to services rendered in an emergency department of a hospital to pay directly to an out-of-network health care provider the fair market value for the emergency services, less applicable cost-sharing requirements. The bill provides that direct payment from the health carrier to the out-of-network health care provider precludes the out-of-network health care provider from billing or seeking payment from the covered person for any other amount other than the applicable cost-sharing requirements. The measure defines fair market value as that price that is determined by considering the amounts billed to and accepted from health carriers or managed care plans by similar providers for comparable out-of-network emergency services in the community where the services were rendered, with the exclusion of amounts accepted by providers for patients covered by Medicare or Medicaid. The bill removes from the determination of whether a medical condition is an emergency medical condition the final diagnosis rendered to the covered person.

HB 1812 - Hope - DMAS; waiver eligibility criteria, dependents of foreign service members.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
	(S) Committee on Education and Health		

notes: Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to amend eligibility criteria for the Intellectual Disability waiver and the Individual and Family Developmental Disabilities Support waiver to allow the dependent of a foreign service member to maintain his position on the waiting list following a transfer of the foreign service member to an assignment outside the Commonwealth, so long as the foreign service member maintains the Commonwealth as his legal residence to which he intends to return following completion of the assignment.

HB 1849 - Adams, D.M. - Dental hygienist; remote supervision of a dentist employed by DBHDS.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 22, 2019	02/15/19
	(S) Committee on Education and Health		

notes: Allows a dental hygienist employed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Department) to practice under the remote supervision of a dentist employed by the Department or the Department of Health. Under current law, only a dental hygienist or dentist employed by the Virginia Department of Health may practice or supervise remotely. The bill also adds mobile dentistry programs operated by the Department for adults with developmental disabilities to the list of locations where a dental hygienist may practice under the remote supervision of a licensed dentist and directs the Department to annually submit a report of services provided by such dental hygienists to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

HB 1864 - Rodman - Health insurance; nondiscrimination, gender identity or transgender status.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Left in Commerce and Labor	02/05/19
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notes: Prohibits a health carrier from denying or limiting coverage or imposing additional cost sharing or other limitations or restrictions on coverage, under a health benefit plan for health care services that are ordinarily or exclusively available to covered individuals of one sex, to a transgender individual on the basis of the fact that the individual's sex assigned at birth, gender identity, or gender otherwise recorded is different from the one to which such health services are ordinarily or exclusively available. The measure also prohibits a health carrier from (i) subjecting an individual to discrimination under a health benefit plan on the basis of gender identity or being a transgender individual or (ii) requiring that an individual, as a condition of enrollment or continued enrollment under a health benefit plan, pay a premium that is greater than the premium for a similarly situated covered person enrolled in the plan on the basis of the covered person's gender identity or being a transgender individual. The measure requires health carriers to assess medical necessity according to nondiscriminatory criteria that are consistent with current medical standards.

HB 1915 - Yancey - Cancer patients; expedited review of adverse coverage determinations.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1915ER)	02/19/19
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<p>notes: Provides that a covered person shall not be required to have exhausted his health carrier's internal appeal process before seeking an external review of an adverse determination regarding coverage of treatment if the treatment is to treat his cancer. The measure also provides that a covered person may request an expedited external review if the adverse determination relates to the treatment of a cancer of the covered person.</p>			
HB 1967 - Rasoul - Physicians; allowing for competition and additional entities.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Left in Commerce and Labor	02/05/19
<p>notes: Prohibits hospitals and other entities that employ or provide staff membership or professional privileges to individuals licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth, medical malpractice insurance providers, or health insurance providers from considering active certification of a physician by a medical specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties, the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons, the American Osteopathic Association, the National Board of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, or any other nationally recognized entity providing medical specialty certification as a prerequisite for employment, the granting or continuing of staff membership or professional privileges, issuance of medical malpractice insurance coverage, reimbursement for services provided to a person covered by a health insurance policy, or licensure to practice medicine in the Commonwealth.</p>			
HB 1970 - Kilgore - Telemedicine services; payment and coverage of services.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions <hr/> (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Signed by President	02/15/19
<p>notes: Requires insurers, corporations, or health maintenance organizations to cover remote patient monitoring services as part of their coverage of telemedicine services to the full extent that these services are available. The bill defines remote patient monitoring services as the delivery of home health services using telecommunications technology to enhance the delivery of home health care, including monitoring of clinical patient data such as weight, blood pressure, pulse, pulse oximetry, blood glucose, and other condition-specific data; medication adherence monitoring; and interactive video conferencing with or without digital image upload.</p> <p>The bill requires the Board of Medical Assistance Services to include in the state plan for medical assistance services a provision for the payment of medical assistance for health care services provided through telemedicine services, including remote monitoring services and the use of telemedicine technologies as it pertains to remote patient monitoring services, to the full extent that these services are available.</p> <p>The bill provides that provisions of the Code of Virginia regulating health professions regulated by the Board of Medicine do not prevent or prohibit any practitioner of one of such professions who is located in another state and is in good standing with the applicable regulatory agency in such state from providing telemedicine services within the scope of his practice to a patient located in Virginia.</p> <p>Finally, the bill provides that in cases in which a practitioner of the healing arts is providing telemedicine services, such practice is deemed to occur where the practitioner is located at the time of provision.</p>			
HB 1975 - Rasoul - PACE program; DMAS to develop and implement a plan to provide client education.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions <hr/> (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
<p>notes: Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to develop and implement a plan to provide choice and education to eligible prospective PACE clients. The plan will ensure that eligible clients receive adequate information regarding the PACE program option at every point of contact with the Department and its contractors.</p>			
HB 2004 - Aird - Community health worker; VDH to approve one or more entities to certify workers in the Commonwealth.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
<p>notes: Requires the Department of Health to approve one or more entities to certify community health workers in the Commonwealth and prohibits a person from using or assuming the title of certified community health worker unless he is certified by an entity approved by the Department.</p>			

<p>HB 2169 - Thomas - Physician assistants; licensure by endorsement.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(H) Placed on Calendar</p>	<p>02/19/19</p>
<p>notes: Authorizes the Board of Medicine to issue a license by endorsement to an applicant for licensure as a physician assistant who (i) is the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Commonwealth, (ii) is a graduate of an approved physician assistant education program, and (iii) holds a license as a physician assistant that is in good standing, or that is eligible for reinstatement if lapsed, under the laws of another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States possession or territory.</p>			
<p>HB 2177 - Murphy - Health insurance; formula and enteral nutrition products.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>(H) Left in Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>02/05/19</p>
<p>notes: Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations whose policy, contract, or plan includes coverage for medicines to classify medically necessary formula and enteral nutrition products as medicine and to include coverage for medically necessary formula and enteral nutrition products on the same terms and subject to the same conditions imposed on other medicines covered under the policy, contract, or plan.</p>			
<p>HB 2184 - Kilgore - Volunteer license, special; issuance for limited practice.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(H) Placed on Calendar</p>	<p>02/19/19</p>
<p>notes: Provides that any qualified practitioner of the healing arts or other profession regulated by the Board of Medicine who does not regularly practice his profession in Virginia and who holds a current valid license or certificate to practice his profession in another state, territory, district, or possession of the United States may be issued a special volunteer license to render free health care in conjunction with a publicly supported, all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that sponsors the provision of health care to underserved populations in Virginia, subject to conditions set out in the bill. The bill directs the Board to promulgate regulations to implement the special volunteer license.</p>			
<p>HB 2260 - Robinson - Health insurance; catastrophic health plans.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Finance</p>	<p>(S) Passed Senate (27-Y 11-N)</p>	<p>02/15/19</p>
<p>notes: Authorizes health carriers to offer catastrophic plans on the individual market and to offer such plans to all individuals. The measure provides that a catastrophic plan is deemed to provide an essential health benefits package and to meet certain requirements of federal law. A catastrophic plan is a high-deductible health care plan that provides essential health benefits and coverage for at least three primary care visits per policy year. Under the federal Affordable Care Act, catastrophic plans satisfy requirements that health benefit plans provide minimum levels of coverage only if they cover individuals who are under 30 years of age or who qualify for a hardship exemption or affordability exemption. The measure requires the Commissioner of Insurance to apply to the federal government for a state innovation waiver allowing the implementation of the provision. The provision will become effective 30 days after the Commissioner notifies certain persons that the request has been approved.</p>			
<p>HB 2261 - Guzman - Employees; paid medical and family leave, civil penalties.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>(H) Left in Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>02/05/19</p>
<p>notes: Requires employers with 15 or more employees to provide to each employee paid medical and family leave at a rate of 0.46 hours per 40 hours worked, up to 24 hours in any 12-month period. The measure caps the amount of paid family leave that an employee may accrue at any time at 24 hours and provides that any paid medical and family leave awarded to an employee that is not used within one year is forfeited. The measure provides that existing employees will commence receiving such leave on July 1, 2019, and new employees will commence receiving such leave after they have worked for their employer for 90 days. The bill would require an employer to pay the employee for leave taken, up to the amount of the employee's medical and family leave balance, for a purpose for which the employee would be entitled to unpaid leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. The measure does not require employers to compensate employees for unused medical and family leave upon termination of employment. The measure requires the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to administer and enforce these requirements and to investigate alleged</p>			

violations of these requirements. The measure authorizes the Commissioner to impose a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for a violation.			
HB 2288 - Leftwich - Certificate of public need; definition of "medical care facility."	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(H) Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions	02/05/19
<i>notes:</i> Adds to the list of medical care facilities for which a certificate of public need is required any facility that has common ownership with an affiliated licensed hospital located within 35 miles of the facility and that includes, as part of the facility, a dedicated emergency department as defined in 42 C.F.R. § 489.24(b) that is subject to the requirements of the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act.			
HB 2345 - Toscano - Rates for individual and certain group health benefit plans; minimum loss ratios.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2345ER)	02/19/19
<i>notes:</i> Codifies provisions that currently are set out in regulations adopted by the State Corporation Commission that govern the filing of rates for individual and certain group health benefit plans. The measure authorizes the Commission, upon finding that a premium rate filed will not meet the originally filed and approved loss ratio, to require appropriate rate adjustments, premium refunds, or premium credits as necessary for the coverage to conform with established minimum loss ratio standards.			
HB 2427 - Levine - Health care services; payment estimates.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(H) Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions	02/05/19
<i>notes:</i> Requires hospitals and practitioners licensed by the Board of Medicine to provide a patient or the representative of a patient scheduled to receive a nonemergency procedure, test, or service to be performed by the hospital or practitioner with an estimate of the payment amount for which the patient will be responsible no later than one week after the scheduling of such procedure, test, or service. Currently, only hospitals are required to provide such estimate, and such estimate is required only (i) for elective procedures, tests, or services; (ii) within three days of the procedure, test, or service; and (iii) upon request of the patient or his representative.			
HB 2443 - Wilt - Group health benefit plans; bona fide associations, etc.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) VOTE: ADOPTION (67-Y 30-N)	02/18/19
<i>notes:</i> Replaces references to "bona fide association," as used in provisions applicable to health care plans in the small employer market, with the term "sponsoring association." The measure defines "sponsoring association" as a nonstock corporation that, among other conditions, has been actively in existence for 10 years, has at least five members, has been formed for purposes other than obtaining or providing health benefits, and operates as a nonprofit entity.			
HB 2456 - Landes - DMAS; waiver to implement a direct primary care program, report.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
<i>notes:</i> Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services (the Department) to apply for a § 1115 waiver to allow the Commonwealth to implement a pilot project to provide medical assistance services for eligible recipients and dual eligible recipients by entering into direct primary care contracts with direct primary care providers. The bill requires the Director of the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the status of the waiver application and implementation of the direct primary care pilot program by December 1, 2019, and to report on the effectiveness of the program on access to and cost of health care and the impact of the program on utilization of certain health care services by December 1, 2021.			
HB 2457 - Landes - Medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, or chiropractic, practitioners of; inactive license, charity care.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(H) Placed on Calendar	02/19/19
<i>notes:</i> Provides that the Board of Medicine may issue an inactive license to any doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, or chiropractic who holds a valid license to practice in the Commonwealth upon receipt of a request made upon application for renewal of such license and submission of the required fee. The bill			

provides that a person to whom an inactive license has been issued shall not be required to meet continuing competency requirements and shall not engage in the practice of medicine, except that such person may provide charity care or in-home health care to patients for whom travel is a barrier to receiving health care.			
HB 2474 - Torian - Long-term care; expediting review of applications, report.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
notes: Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to develop and implement an expedited review process for applications for community or institutional long-term care services for individuals diagnosed with a terminal condition.			
HB 2531 - Head - Health Insurance Premium Payment program; enrollment of eligible individuals.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
notes: Requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services to enroll in the Health Insurance Premium Payment program every person who is eligible for medical assistance services provided pursuant to the state plan for medical assistance services and who has a household income that is equal to or greater than 100 percent of the federal poverty level for a household the size of such person's household and meets the criteria for enrollment in such program unless enrolling the person in such program is determined not to be cost effective.			
HB 2538 - Ware - balance billing; emergency and elective services.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
notes: Requires health care facilities and health care providers to determine if providers scheduled to deliver elective services to a covered person are in the network of the covered person's managed care plan. The measure requires that when an elective service provider is determined to be out-of-network, in order for the covered person to assume financial responsibility for the out-of-network provider's charges, the health care facility or provider shall (i) inform the covered person of the out-of-network status of the provider, (ii) provide the covered person with the opportunity to be referred to an in-network provider, and (iii) prepare a document for signature by the covered person in which the covered person or his legal representative assumes financial responsibility for services performed by the out-of-network provider, and the covered person must sign the document described in clause (iii). The bill provides that such requirements will also apply to a health care provider in an office-based setting making a referral for elective radiology or pathology services. The bill identifies post-stabilization services, performed in order to maintain or improve a person's stabilized condition related to an emergency medical condition, as emergency services if (a) the post-stabilization services are pre-approved or related to pre-approved services; (b) for an out-of-network facility, the health carrier does not effectuate transfer of the covered person within a reasonable amount of time after being notified by the facility of the covered person's need for post-stabilization services; (c) for an out-of-network health care professional, the facility is in-network; or (d) the out-of-network facility is unable to reason			
HB 2543 - Byron - Health benefit plans; balance billing for ancillary services.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Left in Commerce and Labor	02/05/19
notes: Prohibits an out-of-network provider from balance billing a covered person for the costs of an ancillary service when an in-network provider referred the covered person to the out-of-network provider unless (i) the referring in-network provider provided the covered person with a notice of liability for the balance; (ii) the out-of-network provider, prior to providing an ancillary service to the covered person, provided a good faith estimate of the out-of-network provider's charges upon request; (iii) the out-of-network provider provided the covered person with a notice of liability for the balance; and (iv) the covered person acknowledged, by signing the out-of-network provider's notice of liability for the balance, that he is aware that using the out-of-network provider may result in his being balance billed. The prohibition on balance billing applies to amounts in excess of the allowed amount, which is the amount that a carrier is obligated to pay, pursuant to the terms of the covered person's health benefit plan, to a covered person for ancillary services provided by an out-of-network provider, net any copayment, deductible, or other cost-sharing amount.			
HB 2544 - Byron - Health benefit plans; balance billing for emergency services.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Failed to report (defeated) in Commerce and	01/31/19

		Labor (5-Y 15-N)	
<p>notes: Establishes that an individual shall not be required to pay to an out-of-network provider for emergency services any amount in excess of the amount the health carrier is required to pay for covered services except applicable deductibles, copayment, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing amounts deemed by the health carrier to be non-covered services. The measure also replaces one of the three tests for determining the benefit the carrier is required to provide to an out-of-network provider of emergency services. The new test is the average of the contracted commercial rates paid by the health carrier for the same emergency service in the geographic region, which test replaces the amount negotiated with in-network providers for the emergency service, or if more than one amount is negotiated, the median of these amounts. The measure also authorizes an out-of-network provider to request the Bureau of Insurance to determine whether the benefits that the health carrier has determined satisfies its obligation to provide benefits for emergency services provided satisfy that obligation.</p>			
<p>HB 2577 - Thomas - Health insurance; coverage for autism spectrum disorder.</p>	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(S) Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)	02/15/19
	(S) Committee on Finance		
<p>notes: Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in individuals of any age. Currently, such coverage is required to be provided for individuals from age two through age 10. The provision applies with respect to insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended on or after January 1, 2020.</p>			
<p>HB 2602 - Jones, S.C. - Consortium Comprehensive Cancer Center Advisory Board; established, report.</p>	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(S) Left in Rules	02/19/19
	(S) Committee on Rules		
<p>notes: Establishes as an independent advisory board in state government an 11-member Consortium Comprehensive Cancer Center Advisory Board, consisting of the President of Virginia Commonwealth University or his designee, the Vice President for Health Sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University or his designee, the President of the University of Virginia or his designee, the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs at the University of Virginia or his designee, one representative of Eastern Virginia Medical School, one representative of Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and Research Institute, and five other nonlegislative citizen members, to study the requirements for designation as a consortium Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute and make recommendations to Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Virginia relating to the process for establishing a joint National Cancer Institute-designated consortium Comprehensive Cancer Center, including recommendations relating to a joint leadership structure, research integration, and programmatic integration. The provisions of the bill sunset on July 1, 2022.</p>			
<p>HB 2639 - Byron - Health care shared savings; incentive programs.</p>	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) VOTE: ADOPTION (97-Y 1-N)	02/18/19
	(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor		
<p>notes: Requires health carriers to establish a comparable health care service incentive program under which savings are shared with a covered person who elects to receive a covered health care service from a lower-cost provider. Incentive payments are not required for savings of \$25 or less. Programs are required to be approved by the Commissioner of Insurance. The measure also requires health carriers to make available an interactive mechanism on their website that enables a covered person to compare costs between providers in-network, calculate estimated out-of-pocket costs, and obtain quality data for those providers, to the extent available. The measure exempts certain health maintenance organizations from these requirements. The measure requires health care facilities and practitioners to provide a covered person an estimate of charges prior to an admission, procedure, or service. All health care providers are required to provide a description of the elective procedure or test, or the applicable standard procedural terminology or medical codes used by the American Medical Association, sufficient to allow a patient to compare care options if the patient is being referred for an elective procedure or test.</p>			
<p>HB 2669 - Roem - Health insurance; coverage for prosthetic devices.</p>	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Left in Commerce and Labor	02/05/19
<p>notes: Requires health insurers, corporations providing health care coverage subscription contracts, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for prosthetic devices, including myoelectric,</p>			

biomechanical, or microprocessor-controlled prosthetic devices that have a Medicare code. The measure repeals the existing requirement that coverage for prosthetic devices be offered and made available. The measure applies to policies, contracts, and plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2020, or at any time thereafter when any term of the policy, contract, or plan is changed or any premium adjustment is made.

<p>HB 2693 - Price - Qualified mental health professionals; regulations for registration.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, March 25, 2019</p>	<p>02/18/19</p>
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notes: Requires the Board of Counseling to promulgate regulations for the registration of persons receiving supervised training in order to qualify as a qualified mental health professional. The bill defines the terms "qualified mental health professional-adult," "qualified mental health professional-child," and "qualified mental health professional-trainee."

<p>HB 2719 - Pillion - Health insurance; small employers.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2719ER)</p>	<p>02/19/19</p>
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<p>SB 1006 - Chase - Health benefit plans; sale by authorized foreign health insurers, effective clause.</p>	<p>(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>(S) Stricken at request of Patron in Commerce and Labor (14-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>01/31/19</p>
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notes: Establishes a procedure by which the State Corporation Commission may authorize health insurers licensed to sell health benefit plans in any other state to sell health benefit plans in Virginia without obtaining a license to engage in the business of insurance in Virginia or complying with other requirements applicable to Virginia-licensed insurers. A health benefit plan sold by an authorized foreign health insurer is not required to include state-mandated health benefits. The measure establishes criteria to be used by the Commission in determining whether to authorize a foreign health insurer to sell, offer, or provide a health benefit plan in the Commonwealth. The measure authorizes the Commission to conduct market conduct and financial condition examinations of any foreign health insurer that has applied for, or has received, authorization to sell health benefit plans in Virginia. The measure also specifies disclosures that an authorized foreign health insurer is required to include in applications and policies. The measure has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2020.

<p>SB 1027 - Sturtevant - Health insurance; catastrophic health plans.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1027ER)</p>	<p>02/18/19</p>
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notes: Authorizes health carriers to offer catastrophic plans on the individual market and to offer such plans to all individuals. The measure provides that a catastrophic plan is deemed to provide an essential health benefits package and to meet certain requirements of federal law. A catastrophic plan is a high-deductible health care plan that provides essential health benefits and coverage for at least three primary care visits per policy year. Under the federal Affordable Care Act, catastrophic plans satisfy requirements that health benefit plans provide minimum levels of coverage only if they cover individuals who are under 30 years of age or who qualify for a hardship exemption or affordability exemption. The measure requires the Commissioner of Insurance to apply to the federal government for a state innovation waiver allowing the implementation of the provision. The provision will become effective 30 days after the Commissioner notifies certain persons that the request has been approved.

<p>SB 1106 - Peake - Physical therapists & physical therapist assistants; licensure, Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1106ER)</p>	<p>02/18/19</p>
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notes: Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. The Compact permits eligible licensed physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to practice in Compact member states, provided they are licensed in at least one member state. In addition, the bill requires each applicant for licensure in the Commonwealth as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant to submit fingerprints

and provide personal descriptive information in order for the Board to receive a state and federal criminal history record report for each applicant. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2020, and directs the Board of Physical Therapy to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.			
SB 1124 - Favola - Telemedicine; physicians licensed in contiguous jurisdictions.	(S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Incorporated by Education and Health (SB1221-Chafin) (15-Y 0-N)	01/24/19
notes: Authorizes a person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy who is in good standing with the applicable regulatory agency of a jurisdiction that is contiguous to the Commonwealth to provide health care services to patients located in the Commonwealth through use of telemedicine services.			
SB 1125 - Cosgrove - Certificate of public need; definition of "medical care facility."	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(H) Failed to report (defeated) in Health, Welfare and Institutions (6-Y 15-N)	02/14/19
notes: Adds to the list of medical care facilities for which a certificate of public need is required any facility that has common ownership with an affiliated licensed hospital located within 35 miles of the facility and that includes, as part of the facility, a dedicated emergency department as defined in 42 C.F.R. § 489.24(b) that is subject to the requirements of the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act.			
SB 1161 - Ruff - Cancer patients; expedited review of adverse coverage determinations.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Title replaced 19106460D-H1	02/15/19
notes: Provides that a covered person shall not be required to have exhausted his health carrier's internal appeal process before seeking an external review of an adverse determination regarding coverage of treatment if the treatment is to treat his cancer. The measure also provides that a covered person may request an expedited external review if the adverse determination relates to the treatment of a cancer of the covered person.			
SB 1177 - McPike - Virginia Health Club Act; automated external defibrillator required in health clubs.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Failed to report (defeated) in Commerce and Labor (11-Y 11-N)	02/14/19
notes: Requires each health club location to have a working automated external defibrillator, which is defined in the bill.			
SB 1178 - Sturtevant - Health carriers; services provided by nurse practitioners.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1178ER)	02/18/19
notes: Requires health insurers and health services plan providers whose policies or contracts cover services that may be legally performed by licensed nurse practitioners to provide equal coverage for such services when rendered by a licensed nurse practitioner.			
SB 1240 - Reeves - Health insurance; short-term, limited-duration plans.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1240ER)	02/18/19
notes: Authorizes health insurance carriers in the Commonwealth to offer short-term, limited-duration health plans. Short-term, limited-duration health plans are defined as plans that have an expiration date that is less than 12 months after the original effective date of the contract, policy, or plan and, taking into account renewals or extensions, have a duration that does not exceed 36 months. Short-term health plans are required to include a specified disclaimer.			
SB 1280 - Barker - Community health worker;	(H) Committee on	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/19/19

VDH to approve one or more entities to certify workers in the Commonwealth.	Appropriations (S) Committee on Education and Health		
notes: Requires the Department of Health to approve one or more entities to certify community health workers in the Commonwealth and prohibits a person from using or assuming the title of certified community health worker unless he is certified by an entity approved by the Department.			
SB 1283 - Barker - State Medical Facilities Plan; revisions.	(H) Committee on Appropriations (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/19/19
notes: Requires the State Medical Facilities Plan task force to review the State Medical Facilities Plan and update or validate existing criteria in the State Medical Facilities Plan at least once every two years. Currently, the task force is required to review and update or validate the State Medical Facilities Plan at least once every four years. The bill also exempts amendments to the State Medical Facilities Plan from the Administrative Procedure Act if the Board of Health (i) provides a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action in accordance with the requirements of § 2.2-4007.01, (ii) provides notice and receives comment as provided in § 2.2-4007.03, and (iii) conducts at least one public hearing on the proposed amendments.			
SB 1287 - Barker - Health insurance; nondiscrimination, gender identity or transgender status.	(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Stricken at request of Patron in Commerce and Labor (13-Y 1-N)	01/31/19
notes: Prohibits a health carrier from denying or limiting coverage or imposing additional cost sharing or other limitations or restrictions on coverage under a health benefit plan for health care services that are ordinarily or exclusively available to covered individuals of one sex to a transgender individual based on the fact that the individual's sex assigned at birth, gender identity, or gender otherwise recorded is different from the one to which such health services are ordinarily or exclusively available. The measure also prohibits a health carrier from (i) subjecting an individual to discrimination under a health benefit plan on the basis of gender identity or being a transgender individual or (ii) requiring that an individual, as a condition of enrollment or continued enrollment under a health benefit plan, pay a premium that is greater than the premium for a similarly situated covered person enrolled in the plan on the basis of the covered person's gender identity or being a transgender individual. The measure requires health carriers to assess medical necessity according to nondiscriminatory criteria that are consistent with current medical standards.			
SB 1344 - Favola - Health insurance; essential health benefits, preventive services.	(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Failed to report (defeated) in Commerce and Labor (4-Y 11-N)	01/31/19
notes: Requires a health carrier offering or providing a health benefit plan, including (i) short-term and catastrophic health insurance policies, and policies that pay on a cost-incurred basis; (ii) association health plans; (iii) plans provided by a multiple-employer welfare arrangement; (iv) plans provided pursuant to a benefits consortium, the members of which are banks and employers that provide products and services to banks; and (v) plans provided pursuant to a not-for-profit benefits consortium consisting of five or more private educational institutions, to provide, as an essential health benefit, coverage that includes preventive care. Essential health benefits include items and services covered in accordance with regulations issued pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in effect as of January 1, 2019.			
SB 1351 - Wagner - Benefits consortium; formation by a sponsoring association.	(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Incorporated by Commerce and Labor (SB1689-Dunnivant) (15-Y 0-N)	01/31/19
notes: Authorizes an association organized as a nonstock corporation whose members are employers conducting business in the Commonwealth to sponsor a trust. The measure authorizes the trust, called a benefits consortium, to sell benefits plans to its members. To be eligible to sponsor a plan, the association is required to have been actively in existence for 10 years, have at least five members, have been formed for purposes other than obtaining or providing health benefits, and operate as a nonprofit entity. The benefits plans may provide medical prescription drug, dental, and vision coverage for the employees of members and the sponsoring association and their dependents. The benefits may be self-funded or purchased from an insurer. The benefits consortium will be a multiple employer welfare arrangement subject to the provisions of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The measure exempts the benefits consortium from state taxation and insurance regulations.			
SB 1353 - Wagner - Group health benefit plans; bona fide associations.	(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Incorporated by Commerce and Labor	01/31/19

		(SB1689-Dunnavant) (15-Y 0-N)	
<p>notes: Replaces references to "bona fide association," as used in provisions applicable to health care plans in the small employer market, with the term "sponsoring association." The measure defines "sponsoring association" as a nonstock corporation that, among other conditions, has been actively in existence for 10 years, has at least five members, has been formed for purposes other than obtaining or providing health benefits, and operates as a nonprofit entity.</p>			
<p>SB 1354 - McDougale - Balance billing; emergency and elective services.</p>	<p>(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>(S) Incorporated by Commerce and Labor (SB1763-Sturtevant) (13-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>01/31/19</p>
<p>notes: Requires health care facilities and health care providers to determine if providers scheduled to deliver elective services to a covered person are in the network of the covered person's managed care plan. The measure requires that when an elective service provider is determined to be out-of-network, in order for the covered person to assume financial responsibility for the out-of-network provider's charges, the health care facility or provider shall (i) inform the covered person of the out-of-network status of the provider, (ii) provide the covered person with the opportunity to be referred to an in-network provider, and (iii) prepare a document for signature by the covered person in which the covered person or his legal representative assumes financial responsibility for services performed by the out-of-network provider, and the covered person must sign the document described in clause (iii). The bill provides that such requirements will also apply to a health care provider in an office-based setting making a referral for elective radiology or pathology services. The bill identifies post-stabilization services, performed in order to maintain or improve a person's stabilized condition related to an emergency medical condition, as emergency services if (a) the post-stabilization services are pre-approved or related to pre-approved services; (b) for an out-of-network facility, the health carrier does not effectuate transfer of the covered person within a reasonable amount of time after being notified by the facility of the covered person's need for post-stabilization services; (c) for an out-of-network health care professional, the facility is in-network; or (d) the out-of-network facility is unable to reason</p>			
<p>SB 1357 - Wagner - Hospitals; price transparency.</p>	<p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(S) Incorporated by Education and Health (SB1004-Chase) (14-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>01/24/19</p>
<p>notes: Requires every hospital to make information regarding the price of certain inpatient and outpatient medical procedures, tests, and services, as determined by the Board of Health, available to the public on a website maintained by the hospital and, upon request, in writing.</p>			
<p>SB 1359 - Wagner - Facilities providing imaging services; shared savings, exemption from certificate of public need.</p>	<p>(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>(S) Stricken at request of Patron in Commerce and Labor (15-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>01/31/19</p>
<p>notes: Provides that a certificate of public need shall not be required for the addition of certain imaging services or for the addition by an existing facility of certain new imaging equipment, provided that the medical care facility complies with quality of care standards and charity care requirements established by the Board of Health. The measure also requires health carriers to establish a comparable imaging service incentive program, subject to approval by the Commissioner of Insurance, under which incentives are offered to a covered person who elects to receive a covered imaging service from a lower-cost provider. The measure requires health carriers to make available an interactive mechanism on their website that enables a covered person to compare costs between providers in-network, calculate estimated out-of-pocket costs, and obtain quality data for those providers, to the extent available.</p>			
<p>SB 1360 - Wagner - Health insurance; balance billing, emergency services.</p>	<p>(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>(S) Incorporated by Commerce and Labor (SB1763-Sturtevant) (14-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>01/31/19</p>
<p>notes: Provides that for emergency services an individual shall not be required to pay out-of-network provider charges in excess of the amount the health carrier is required to pay except applicable deductibles, copayment amounts, coinsurance rates, or amounts deemed by the health carrier to be noncovered services. The measure provides that in the event of a dispute between the health carrier and the out-of-network provider as to the appropriate reimbursement amount, either party may request the State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance to determine the appropriate reimbursement amount.</p>			
<p>SB 1361 - Wagner - Certificate of public need; removes certain programs.</p>	<p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(S) Passed by indefinitely in Education and Health (12-Y 2-N 1-A)</p>	<p>01/31/19</p>
<p>notes: Repeals the certificate of public need program.</p>			

SB 1362 - Wagner - Health benefit plans; balance billing for ancillary services.	(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor with letter (15-Y 0-N)	01/31/19
<p>notes: Prohibits an out-of-network provider from balance billing a covered person for the costs of an ancillary service when an in-network provider referred the covered person to the out-of-network provider unless (i) the referring in-network provider provided the covered person with a notice of liability for the balance; (ii) the out-of-network provider, prior to providing an ancillary service to the covered person, provided a good faith estimate of the out-of-network provider's charges upon request; (iii) the out-of-network provider provided the covered person with a notice of liability for the balance; and (iv) the covered person acknowledged, by signing the out-of-network provider's notice of liability for the balance, that he is aware that using the out-of-network provider may result in his being balance billed. The prohibition on balance billing applies to amounts in excess of the allowed amount, which is the amount that a carrier is obligated to pay, pursuant to the terms of the covered person's health benefit plan, to a covered person for ancillary services provided by an out-of-network provider, net any copayment, deductible, or other cost-sharing amount.</p>			
SB 1402 - Petersen - Health care provider panels; vertically integrated carriers, public hospitals.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Left in Commerce and Labor	02/19/19
<p>notes: Requires any vertically integrated carrier to offer to every public hospital participation in each provider panel or network established for each of the vertically integrated carrier's policies, products, and plans, including all policies, products, and plans offered to individuals, employers, and enrollees in state and federal government benefit programs. The measure requires that the offered participation (i) be without any adverse tiering or other financial incentives that may discourage enrollees from utilizing the services of the public hospital and (ii) include all services offered by the public hospital and any other entity owned, operated, or controlled by a public hospital. The bill defines "vertically integrated carrier" as a health insurer or other carrier that owns an interest in, is owned by, or is under common ownership or control with an acute care hospital facility, excluding an entity that is under the ultimate control of or under common control with a public hospital.</p>			
SB 1526 - Sturtevant - Certificate of public need; psychiatric beds and facilities.	(S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Read third time and defeated by Senate (14-Y 26-N)	02/05/19
<p>notes: Repeals the requirement for a certificate of public need for certain projects involving mental hospitals or psychiatric hospitals and intermediate care facilities established primarily for the medical, psychiatric, or psychological treatment and rehabilitation of individuals with substance abuse. The bill creates a new permitting process for such projects, exempted from the certificate of public need process, that requires the Commissioner of Health to issue a permit upon the agreement of the applicant to certain charity care conditions and quality of care standards.</p>			
SB 1596 - Dunnivant - Health plans; calculation of enrollee's contribution.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Title replaced 19106580D-H1	02/15/19
<p>notes: Requires any carrier issuing a health plan in the Commonwealth to include any amounts paid by the enrollee or paid on behalf of the enrollee by another person when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum, deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing requirement under the health plan.</p>			

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HB 1640 - Ransone - Health carriers; services provided by nurse practitioners.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1640ER)	02/19/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Requires health insurers and health service plan providers whose policies or contracts cover services that may be legally performed by licensed nurse practitioners to provide equal coverage for such services when rendered by a licensed nurse practitioner.</p>			
HB 1663 - Edmunds - Restaurants; certified food protection manager, exemption of certain establishments.	(H) Committee on General Laws (S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1663ER)	02/19/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Provides that no food establishment that is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be required to employ a certified food protection manager.</p>			
HB 1775 - Mullin - Protective services for adults; multidisciplinary teams to assist local depts. of social services.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(H) Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions	02/05/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Allows local departments of social services to foster, when practicable, the creation, maintenance, and coordination of hospital and community-based multidisciplinary teams to assist the local departments in identifying abused and exploited adults. The bill also provides that such multidisciplinary teams may develop agreements regarding the exchange of information among the parties for the purposes of the investigation and disposition of complaints of adult abuse and exploitation, delivery of services, and protection for abused or exploited adults. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference.</p>			
HB 1847 - Adams, D.M. - Wellness and Opportunity, Commission on; established, report.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Left in Rules	02/05/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Establishes the Commission on Wellness and Opportunity to (i) establish the mission and vision of what wellness means for Virginia by (a) examining various dimensions of wellness, including but not limited to, physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual, environmental, and social wellness, and (b) developing a comprehensive theoretical framework; (ii) identify and define measurable opportunities and outcomes that build community competence around well-being; and (iii) make policy recommendations for improving the quality of life for the people of the Commonwealth.</p>			
HB 1870 - Sickles - Certificate of public need; nursing homes and hospitals, disaster exemption.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 22, 2019	02/15/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Provides for a 30-day exemption from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public need for an increase in the total number of beds in nursing homes or hospitals if the State Health Commissioner has determined that a natural or man-made disaster has caused the evacuation of nursing homes or hospitals and that a public health emergency exists due to a shortage of nursing home or hospital beds.</p>			
HB 1915 - Yancey - Cancer patients; expedited review of adverse coverage determinations.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1915ER)	02/19/19

<p>notes: Provides that a covered person shall not be required to have exhausted his health carrier's internal appeal process before seeking an external review of an adverse determination regarding coverage of treatment if the treatment is to treat his cancer. The measure also provides that a covered person may request an expedited external review if the adverse determination relates to the treatment of a cancer of the covered person.</p>			
<p>HB 1952 - Campbell, J.L. - Patient care team; podiatrists and physician assistants.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 22, 2019</p>	<p>02/15/19</p>
<p>notes: Establishes the definition of "patient care team podiatrist" and amends the definition of "physician assistant." The bill modifies the supervision requirements for physician assistants by establishing a patient care team model.</p>			
<p>HB 1967 - Rasoul - Physicians; allowing for competition and additional entities.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>(H) Left in Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>02/05/19</p>
<p>notes: Prohibits hospitals and other entities that employ or provide staff membership or professional privileges to individuals licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth, medical malpractice insurance providers, or health insurance providers from considering active certification of a physician by a medical specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties, the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons, the American Osteopathic Association, the National Board of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, or any other nationally recognized entity providing medical specialty certification as a prerequisite for employment, the granting or continuing of staff membership or professional privileges, issuance of medical malpractice insurance coverage, reimbursement for services provided to a person covered by a health insurance policy, or licensure to practice medicine in the Commonwealth.</p>			
<p>HB 1970 - Kilgore - Telemedicine services; payment and coverage of services.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(S) Signed by President</p>	<p>02/15/19</p>
<p>notes: Requires insurers, corporations, or health maintenance organizations to cover remote patient monitoring services as part of their coverage of telemedicine services to the full extent that these services are available. The bill defines remote patient monitoring services as the delivery of home health services using telecommunications technology to enhance the delivery of home health care, including monitoring of clinical patient data such as weight, blood pressure, pulse, pulse oximetry, blood glucose, and other condition-specific data; medication adherence monitoring; and interactive video conferencing with or without digital image upload.</p> <p>The bill requires the Board of Medical Assistance Services to include in the state plan for medical assistance services a provision for the payment of medical assistance for health care services provided through telemedicine services, including remote monitoring services and the use of telemedicine technologies as it pertains to remote patient monitoring services, to the full extent that these services are available.</p> <p>The bill provides that provisions of the Code of Virginia regulating health professions regulated by the Board of Medicine do not prevent or prohibit any practitioner of one of such professions who is located in another state and is in good standing with the applicable regulatory agency in such state from providing telemedicine services within the scope of his practice to a patient located in Virginia.</p> <p>Finally, the bill provides that in cases in which a practitioner of the healing arts is providing telemedicine services, such practice is deemed to occur where the practitioner is located at the time of provision.</p>			
<p>HB 2044 - McGuire - Medical records; service of subpoena, return date.</p>	<p>(H) Committee for Courts of Justice</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee for Courts of Justice</p>	<p>(S) Senate requested conference committee</p>	<p>02/19/19</p>
<p>notes: Provides that no subpoena duces tecum for medical records or papers shall set a return date by which a health care provider must comply with such subpoena earlier than 15 days from the date of service of such subpoena, except by order of a court or administrative agency. Current law provides such a date shall not be earlier than 15 days from the date of the subpoena.</p>			
<p>HB 2050 - McGuire - Certificate of public</p>	<p>(H) Committee on</p>	<p>(H) Tabled in Health, Welfare</p>	<p>02/05/19</p>

need; freestanding diagnostic imaging center.	Health, Welfare and Institutions	and Institutions	
<p>notes: Directs the State Health Commissioner to accept, review, and issue a certificate of public need for the establishment of and related equipment for a freestanding diagnostic imaging center located in Planning District 15 that will provide diagnostic imaging services using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomographic (CT) scanning on an outpatient basis.</p>			
HB 2115 - Sickles - State Medical Facilities Plan; revisions.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(H) Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions	02/05/19
<p>notes: Requires the State Medical Facilities Plan task force to review the State Medical Facilities Plan and update or validate existing criteria in the State Medical Facilities Plan at least once every two years. Currently, the task force is required to review and update or validate the State Medical Facilities Plan at least once every four years. The bill also exempts amendments to the State Medical Facilities Plan from the Administrative Procedure Act if the Board of Health (i) provides a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action in accordance with the requirements of § 2.2-4007.01, (ii) provides notice and receives comment as provided in § 2.2-4007.03, and (iii) conducts at least one public hearing on the proposed amendments.</p>			
HB 2202 - Kilgore - Health care provider panels; vertically integrated carriers, public hospitals.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Left in Commerce and Labor	02/05/19
<p>notes: Requires any vertically integrated carrier to offer to every public hospital participation in each provider panel or network established for each of the vertically integrated carrier's policies, products, and plans, including all policies, products, and plans offered to individuals, employers, and enrollees in state and federal government benefit programs. The measure requires that the offered participation (i) be without any adverse tiering or other financial incentives that may discourage enrollees from utilizing the services of the public hospital and (ii) include all services offered by the public hospital and any other entity owned, operated, or controlled by a public hospital. The bill defines "vertically integrated carrier" as a health insurer or other carrier that owns an interest in, is owned by, or is under common ownership or control with an acute care hospital facility, excluding an entity that is under the ultimate control of or under common control with a public hospital.</p>			
HB 2731 - Edmunds - Lyme disease; disclosure of information to patients.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
<p>notes: Requires physicians to provide to each patient for whom a test for the presence of Lyme disease is ordered a written notice about Lyme disease, testing for Lyme disease, and the need for the patient to contact his physician with questions or concerns about Lyme disease. The bill also provides that licensees are immune from civil liability for providing such notice absent gross negligence or willful misconduct. The bill reinstates a requirement in the Code of Virginia that was effective from 2013 until its expiration on July 1, 2018. The provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2021.</p>			
HJ 609 - Carter - Health care spending in the Commonwealth; JLARC to study.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Left in Rules	02/05/19
<p>notes: Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study health care spending in the Commonwealth.</p>			
HJ 626 - Stolle - Shingles prevention; VDH to take action to increase awareness of shingles.	(H) Committee on Rules (S) Committee on Rules	(S) Reading waived (40-Y 0-N)	02/19/19
<p>notes: Requests the Virginia Department of Health to take action to increase awareness of shingles and shingles prevention.</p>			
SB 1004 - Chase - Health care services; payment estimates.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(H) House requested conference committee	02/19/19
<p>notes: Requires practitioners licensed by the Board of Medicine and hospitals to provide a patient or the representative of a patient scheduled to receive a nonemergency procedure, test, or service to be performed</p>			

by the practitioner or hospital, at least three days in advance of the date of such procedure, test, or service, an estimate of the payment amount for which the participant will be responsible. Under current law, the requirement to provide such estimate applies only to hospitals for elective procedures, tests, or services and only upon request.

SB 1010 - Black - Health insurance; coverage for Lyme disease therapy.	(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor with letter (9-Y 6-N)	01/31/19
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notes: Requires health insurers, corporations providing health care coverage subscription contracts, and health maintenance organizations, whose policy, contract, or plan includes coverage for prescription drugs, to provide coverage for long-term antibiotic therapy for a patient with Lyme disease when determined to be medically necessary and ordered by a licensed physician after making a thorough evaluation of the patient's symptoms, diagnostic test results, or response to treatment. The measure applies to policies, contracts, and plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2020.

SB 1124 - Favola - Telemedicine; physicians licensed in contiguous jurisdictions.	(S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Incorporated by Education and Health (SB1221-Chafin) (15-Y 0-N)	01/24/19
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notes: Authorizes a person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy who is in good standing with the applicable regulatory agency of a jurisdiction that is contiguous to the Commonwealth to provide health care services to patients located in the Commonwealth through use of telemedicine services.

SB 1161 - Ruff - Cancer patients; expedited review of adverse coverage determinations.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Title replaced 19106460D-H1	02/15/19
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notes: Provides that a covered person shall not be required to have exhausted his health carrier's internal appeal process before seeking an external review of an adverse determination regarding coverage of treatment if the treatment is to treat his cancer. The measure also provides that a covered person may request an expedited external review if the adverse determination relates to the treatment of a cancer of the covered person.

SB 1283 - Barker - State Medical Facilities Plan; revisions.	(H) Committee on Appropriations (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/19/19
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notes: Requires the State Medical Facilities Plan task force to review the State Medical Facilities Plan and update or validate existing criteria in the State Medical Facilities Plan at least once every two years. Currently, the task force is required to review and update or validate the State Medical Facilities Plan at least once every four years. The bill also exempts amendments to the State Medical Facilities Plan from the Administrative Procedure Act if the Board of Health (i) provides a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action in accordance with the requirements of § 2.2-4007.01, (ii) provides notice and receives comment as provided in § 2.2-4007.03, and (iii) conducts at least one public hearing on the proposed amendments.

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HB 1673 - Mullin - Protective orders, preliminary; full hearing date if an act of God causes closure of a court, etc.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Signed by President	02/15/19
<p>notes: Provides that if an act of God causes closure of a court and prevents the full hearing for a preliminary protective order from being held within 15 days of the issuance of the preliminary order, the hearing shall be held on the next day not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which the court is lawfully closed.</p>			
HB 1674 - Mullin - Abuse and neglect of incapacitated adults; informed consent.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Signed by President	02/15/19
<p>notes: Clarifies, for the purposes of the informed consent exemption to abuse and neglect of incapacitated adults, that the informed consent of the incapacitated person must have been given when such person was not incapacitated. The bill provides that its provisions are declaratory of existing law.</p>			
HB 1746 - Bell, Richard P. - Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare; name change.	(H) Committee on General Laws (S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1746ER)	02/19/19
<p>notes: Changes the name of the Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare to the Virginia Initiative for Education and Work.</p>			
HB 1775 - Mullin - Protective services for adults; multidisciplinary teams to assist local depts. of social services.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(H) Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions	02/05/19
<p>notes: Allows local departments of social services to foster, when practicable, the creation, maintenance, and coordination of hospital and community-based multidisciplinary teams to assist the local departments in identifying abused and exploited adults. The bill also provides that such multidisciplinary teams may develop agreements regarding the exchange of information among the parties for the purposes of the investigation and disposition of complaints of adult abuse and exploitation, delivery of services, and protection for abused or exploited adults. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference.</p>			
HB 1815 - Hope - Assisted living facilities; emergency electrical power source, disclosure to prospective residents.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1815ER)	02/19/19
<p>notes: State Board of Social Services to include in regulations governing assisted living facilities a requirement that each licensed assisted living facility with six or more residents disclose to each prospective resident, or his legal representative, in writing in a document that is separate and distinct from any other documents provided to the prospective resident or his legal representative and as evidenced by the written acknowledgement of the resident or his legal representative, whether the facility has an on-site emergency electrical power source for the provision of electricity during an interruption of the normal electric power supply and, if the assisted living facility does have an on-site emergency electrical power source, (i) the items for which such on-site emergency electrical power source will supply power in the event of an interruption of the normal electric power supply and (ii) whether staff of the assisted living facility have been trained to maintain and operate such on-site emergency electrical power source to ensure the provision of electricity during an interruption of the normal electrical power supply. The bill also provides that an on-site emergency electrical power source shall include both permanent on-site emergency electrical power sources and portable on-site emergency electrical power sources, provided such portable on-site emergency electrical power source remains on the premises of the assisted living facility at all times.</p>			

HB 1887 - Miyares - Human trafficking hotline; posting information.	(H) Committee on General Laws (S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1887ER)	02/19/19
notes: Requires the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority and the Virginia Employment Commission to post notice of the existence of a human trafficking hotline in government stores and employment offices, to alert possible witnesses or victims of human trafficking to the availability of a means to report crimes or gain assistance.			
HB 1888 - Miyares - Sexual abuse; limitations period.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
notes: Eliminates the civil statute of limitations period for injury resulting from sexual abuse occurring during the infancy or incapacity of the abused person.			
HB 1891 - James - Food stamps; eligibility, drug-related felonies.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Tabled in Appropriations (12-Y 10-N)	01/30/19
notes: Provides that a person who is otherwise eligible to receive food stamp benefits shall not be denied such assistance solely because he has been convicted of a drug-related felony. Under current law, such individuals may not be denied food stamp benefits based on a felony conviction of possession of a controlled substance, provided that such person is complying with, or has already complied with, all obligations imposed by the criminal court, is actively engaged in or has completed a substance abuse treatment program, participates in periodic drug screenings, and fulfills any other obligations as determined by the Department of Social Services.			
HB 1903 - Head - Criminal history record information; limitations on dissemination of information.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
notes: Limits the criminal history information that the Central Criminal Records Exchange, or the criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange, may provide to a requesting employer or prospective employer to convictions occurring within seven years prior to the request, except for any information related to a felony act of violence or a barrier crime.			
HB 1937 - Krizek - Real property tax; exemptions for elderly and handicapped, computation of income limitation.	(H) Committee on Finance (S) Committee on Finance	(G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 16 (effective 7/1/19)	02/15/19
notes: Provides that, if a locality has established a real estate tax exemption for the elderly and handicapped and enacted an income limitation related to the exemption, the locality may exclude, for purposes of the limitation, any income received by a family member or nonrelative who lives in the dwelling and who is permanently and totally disabled.			
HB 1957 - Toscano - Children in need of services; disposition, certification by parent that firearms are secure.	(H) Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety	(H) Left in Militia, Police and Public Safety	02/05/19
notes: Provides that if a child is found to be in need of services or a status offender, the juvenile or circuit court that permits the child to remain with his parents may require the parent to certify that any firearms located in the house where such child and his parent reside are reasonably secure as to prevent such child's access.			
HB 2000 - Price - State agencies; maximum temperature at which certain rooms may be kept.	(H) Committee on General Laws	(H) Left in General Laws	02/05/19
notes: Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to revise the Uniform Statewide Building Code to decrease the temperature at which an owner or operator of certain apartment buildings who rents, leases, or lets one or more dwelling units, rooming units, or guestrooms on terms, either expressed or implied, to furnish cooling to the occupants thereof shall supply cooling during the period from May 15 to October 1 from 80 degrees Fahrenheit to 77 degrees Fahrenheit. The bill also directs the Department of Social Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Department of Health, and the Department of Corrections to amend their regulations to provide that the maximum temperature at which certain rooms in facilities regulated by such agencies may be kept shall be no more than 77 degrees Fahrenheit.			
HB 2032 - Murphy - Assault and battery	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19

against a family or household member; enhanced penalty, effective date.			
<p>notes: Reduces from two prior convictions to one prior conviction the required number of prior convictions of assault and battery against a family or household member before the Class 6 felony applies. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2020.</p>			
HB 2040 - McGuire - Background checks; persons providing care for elderly or disabled.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(H) Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions	02/05/19
<p>notes: Allows any person who provides or seeks to provide unsupervised care or assistance to an elderly or disabled person to request a national fingerprint criminal background check on himself at his cost.</p>			
HB 2042 - Murphy - Assault and battery against a family or household member; prior conviction, etc.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Senate requested conference committee	02/19/19
<p>notes: Provides that upon a conviction for assault and battery against a family or household member, where it is alleged in the warrant, petition, information, or indictment on which a person is convicted, that such person has been previously convicted of one offense against a family or household member of (i) assault and battery against a family or household member, (ii) malicious wounding or unlawful wounding, (iii) aggravated malicious wounding, (iv) malicious bodily injury by means of a substance, (v) strangulation, or (vi) an offense under the law of any other jurisdiction which has the same elements of any of the above offenses and such prior conviction occurred within a period of 20 years of the instant conviction is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and the sentence of such person shall include a mandatory minimum term of confinement of 60 days.</p>			
HB 2150 - Ingram - Real property tax; exemption for the elderly and disabled, improvements to a dwelling.	(H) Committee on Finance (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2150ER)	02/19/19
<p>notes: Provides that, for purposes of the real property tax exemption for the elderly and disabled, certain improvements to exempt land and the land such improvements are situated on shall be included as part of the dwelling and exempt from tax.</p>			
HB 2160 - Plum - Low-income taxpayers; refundable income tax credit.	(H) Committee on Finance	(H) Failed to report (defeated) in Finance (10-Y 12-N)	01/28/19
<p>notes: Allows low-income individuals and married persons to claim either (i) a nonrefundable income tax credit equal to \$300 for each individual, his spouse, and any dependents or (ii) a refundable income tax credit equal to 20 percent of the federal earned income tax credit claimed that year by the individual or married persons. Under current law, low-income individuals and married persons may elect either of these amounts; however, both options for claiming the credit are nonrefundable. The provisions of the bill apply to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2026.</p>			
HB 2187 - Kilgore - Gas or oil drilling units; escrowed proceeds, Coalfield Region Elderly Assistance Fund.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
<p>notes: Provides that proceeds of certain gas or oil wells, escrowed because the owner's identity and location remain unknown, shall be presumed abandoned and paid into the Coalbed Region Elderly Assistance Fund (the Elderly Fund), established by the bill. The bill directs the Virginia Gas and Oil Board to make grants to nonprofit organizations for the support of elderly residents of the region. Current law requires such escrowed proceeds to be disposed of pursuant to the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act. The bill also provides that certain escrowed proceeds, due to known and locatable claimants of coalbed methane gas wells that were force-pooled prior to July 1, 2015, shall be deemed abandoned and made available to the Coalfield Region Tourism Fund (the Tourism Fund), also established by the bill, when one year has passed since the last provision of notice to such claimant and certain other conditions are met. The bill provides that all moneys in the Tourism Fund in excess of a minimum balance of \$500,000 shall be disbursed equally to the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority and the Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority.</p>			
HB 2188 - Kilgore - Social services, local departments of; bonuses for their officers, etc.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(H) Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions	02/05/19
<p>notes: Allows local departments of social services to provide for the payment of monetary bonuses to their officers and employees upon the approval of the local board of social services. The bill provides that such</p>			

bonuses shall be paid wholly from the funds of the locality and any federal funds that are available and appropriate for such use.			
HB 2235 - Bourne - Protective orders; issuance upon convictions for certain felonies, penalty.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Authorizes a court to issue a protective order upon convicting a defendant for a felony offense of (i) violating a protective order, (ii) homicide, (iii) kidnapping, (iv) assaults and bodily woundings, (v) extortion, or (vi) criminal sexual assault. The bill provides that the duration of such protective order can be for any period of time, including up to the lifetime of the defendant, that the court deems necessary to protect the health and safety of the victim and may only prohibit (a) acts of family abuse or of violence, force, or threat against the victim or criminal offenses that may result in injury to the person or property of the victim and (b) such contacts by the defendant with the victim as the court deems necessary for the health or safety of the victim. The bill provides that a violation of a protective order issued upon conviction of one of the enumerated offenses is punishable as contempt of court or in the same manner as criminal violations of other protective orders are punished.</p>			
HB 2300 - Collins - Motor vehicles, certain; operation by sex offenders.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) VOTE: ADOPTION (97-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Prohibits any person who is required to register on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry or the federal National Sex Offender Public Website from operating a taxicab or other motor vehicle for transporting people for hire.</p>			
HB 2303 - Leftwich - Sex offenders in emergency shelters; notification registration.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Senate requested conference committee	02/19/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Provides that a registered sex offender who enters an emergency shelter designated by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof and operated in response to a declared state or local emergency shall, as soon as practicable after entry, notify a member of the shelter's staff who is responsible for providing security of such person's status as a registered sex offender. The bill provides that any person who fails to notify the shelter's staff of his status as a registered sex offender is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill provides that the shelter's staff may access the publicly available information on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry regarding such person and use such information to ensure the safety of all persons in the shelter. The bill requires that the Department of State Police provide to any registered sex offender at the time of his initial registration a summary of his obligation to inform the staff of an emergency shelter of his status as a registered sex offender.</p>			
HB 2339 - Roem - Taxation, Department of; sharing information with the Department of Social Services.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Placed on Calendar	02/19/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Authorizes the Department of Taxation to share tax information with the Department of Social Services as necessary to administer outreach and enrollment for certain tax credits for low-income taxpayers, child support services, and public assistance or social services benefits. Current law limits the information that may be shared to income, filing status, dependents, and federal tax information.</p>			
HB 2397 - Lopez - TANF; eligibility, drug-related felonies.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Provides that a person who is otherwise eligible to receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) shall not be denied assistance solely because he has been convicted of a felony offense of possession of a controlled substance, provided that he complies with all obligations imposed by the court and the Department of Social Services and is actively engaged in or has completed a substance abuse treatment program.</p>			
HB 2417 - Herring - Emergency protective order; required conditions, petition to dissolve or modify.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice with letter (12-Y 3-N)	02/13/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Requires any emergency protective order to prohibit (i) the respondent from committing acts of family abuse or criminal offenses that result in injury to person or property and (ii) such contacts by the respondent with the allegedly abused person or family or household members of the allegedly abused person, including</p>			

prohibiting the respondent from being in the physical presence of the allegedly abused person or family or household members of the allegedly abused person, as the judge or magistrate deems necessary to protect the safety of such persons. Under current law, a judge or magistrate must only impose one or more of such prohibitions when issuing an emergency protective order. Other conditions that may be imposed under current law remain under the discretion of the judge or magistrate. The bill also allows the petitioner of an emergency protective order to file a motion with the court requesting a hearing to dissolve or modify the order.

HB 2429 - Levine - Preliminary protective orders; hearing dates.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
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notes: Allows the full hearing resulting from the issuance of a preliminary protective order to be heard on the same hearing or trial date as a related criminal offense if such hearing or trial date has already been set for a date later than 15 days after the issuance of the preliminary protective order. Current law requires that a full hearing be held within 15 days of the issuance of a preliminary protective order in every instance.

HB 2430 - Levine - Guardianship; communication between incapacitated persons & others, notification of relatives.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
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notes: Prohibits a guardian of an incapacitated person from prohibiting or restricting such incapacitated person's ability to communicate with, visit, or interact with other persons with whom the incapacitated person has expressed a desire to communicate with, visit, or interact with, or with whom the incapacitated person has an established relationship. The bill creates a means by which a guardian may petition the court to prohibit or restrict such incapacitated person's right to communicate. The bill allows the court to prohibit or restrict such communication for good cause shown but specifies that the court shall limit itself to the least restrictive means possible if it finds such a prohibition or restriction to be necessary. The bill allows the court to require a guardian found to have brought such a petition in bad faith or not for the benefit of the incapacitated person to pay or reimburse all or some of the incapacitated person's reasonable costs and fees. The bill also specifies that such a finding may be grounds for termination of the guardianship appointment. The bill requires the guardian to notify certain relatives of the incapacitated person of certain life events of the incapacitated person, unless the guardian is notified in writing that any such relative does not wish to be notified or if there exists between such relative and the incapacitated person a protective order or court order otherwise prohibiting contact.

HB 2433 - Torian - Family caregiver; tax credit.	(H) Committee on Finance	(H) Left in Finance	02/05/19
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notes: Creates a nonrefundable income tax credit beginning in taxable year 2019 for expenses incurred by an individual in caring for an eligible family member, defined in the bill, who requires assistance with one or more activities of daily living, also defined in the bill. The credit equals 50 percent of eligible expenditures incurred by the caregiver, but shall not exceed \$1,000. In order to qualify for the credit, the family caregiver must (i) not receive any compensation or reimbursement for the eligible expenditures, (ii) have federal adjusted gross income that is no greater than \$75,000 for an individual or \$150,000 for married persons, and (iii) live in the same primary residence as the eligible family member for no fewer than 183 days during the taxable year. The bill requires the Tax Commissioner to establish guidelines for claiming the credit and provides that any unused credit may be carried forward by the taxpayer for five taxable years following the taxable year for which the credit was issued. The credit expires beginning with taxable year 2024.

HB 2441 - Wilt - Special identification card without a photograph; fee, confidentiality, penalties.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(S) Signed by President	02/15/19
	(S) Committee on Finance		

notes: Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a special identification card without a photograph to a person with a sincerely held religious belief prohibiting the taking of a photograph who would otherwise meet the qualifications for a special identification card but also presents an approved and signed IRS Form 4029. The bill allows a special identification card without a photograph to be similar in size, shape, and design to a driver's license but requires (i) that it be clearly distinguishable from a driver's license, (ii) that it not include a photograph of its holder, and (iii) that it clearly state that (a) the card does not authorize the holder to operate a motor vehicle, (b) federal limits apply, and (c) the card is not valid identification to vote. The bill provides that giving false information, concealing a material fact, or otherwise committing a fraud in applying for a special identification card without a photograph is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor and that obtaining a special identification card without a photograph for the purpose of committing any offense punishable as a felony constitutes a Class 4 felony. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill is the result of a study conducted by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

HB 2474 - Torian - Long-term care;	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
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expediting review of applications, report.	and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health		
<p>notes: Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to develop and implement an expedited review process for applications for community or institutional long-term care services for individuals diagnosed with a terminal condition.</p>			
HB 2488 - Lopez - Driver's license; suspension for nonpayment of fines or costs.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
<p>notes: Removes the requirement that a court suspend the driver's license of a person convicted of any violation of the law who fails or refuses to provide for immediate payment of fines or costs. The bill allows a court, after 90 days of nonpayment where the court finds the nonpayment was not an intentional refusal to obey the sentence of the court, to provide additional time for payment, reduce the amount of each payment installment, assign community service in lieu of payment, or waive the unpaid portion in whole or in part. Upon a finding that the nonpayment was an intentional refusal to obey the sentence of the court, a court may suspend the defendant's driver's license until payment in full or until the defendant enters into a payment plan.</p>			
HB 2521 - Rasoul - Assisted living facilities; staffing during overnight hours.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2521ER)	02/19/19
<p>notes: Directs the Board of Social services to amend regulations governing staffing of assisted living facility units with residents who (i) have serious cognitive impairment due to a primary psychiatric diagnosis of dementia or any other diagnosis and (ii) are unable to recognize danger or protect their own safety and welfare to create an exception to certain staffing requirements for overnight hours.</p>			
HB 2537 - Tran - Electric utilities; notice before terminating service.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Left in Commerce and Labor	02/05/19
<p>notes: Directs that the requirement that electric utilities give customers 10 days' notice by mail prior to terminating service applies regardless of whether reasonable cause exists to believe the customer is receiving utility services without paying or that the utility's equipment has been damaged or tampered with to prevent the meter from recording usage. The measure provides that the requirement that a utility give 10 days' notice by mail prior to terminating service does not apply if (i) the condition of a customer's wiring, equipment, or appliances is either unsafe or unsuitable for receiving the utility service; (ii) the customer's use of the utility service or equipment interferes with or may be detrimental to the utility's facilities or to the provision of utility service by the utility to any other customer; or (iii) electric service is furnished over a line that is not owned or leased by the utility and the line is either not in a safe and suitable condition or is inadequate to receive electric utility service. The measure authorizes a customer to petition the State Corporation Commission for a review of an electric utility's determination that it is authorized to terminate the customer's electric service. The measure requires the 10-day termination notice to include a description of the customer's ability to petition the Commission for a review of the electric utility's determination.</p>			
HB 2560 - Pillion - Protective services; adult abuse and exploitation, multidisciplinary teams.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, March 25, 2019	02/18/19
<p>notes: Directs local departments of social services to foster, when practicable, the creation, maintenance, and coordination of hospital and community-based multidisciplinary teams focused on the abuse and exploitation of adults 60 years of age or older or 18 years of age or older who are physically or mentally incapacitated. These teams may do the following, as practicable: (i) assist the local department of social services in identifying abused and exploited adults; (ii) coordinate medical, social, and legal services for abused and exploited adults and their families; (iii) develop innovative programs for detection and prevention of the abuse and exploitation of adults; (iv) promote community awareness and action to address adult abuse and exploitation; and (v) disseminate information to the general public regarding the problem of adult abuse and exploitation, strategies and methods for preventing such abuse, and treatment options for abused and exploited adults. The bill also allows the attorney for the Commonwealth in each jurisdiction to establish a multidisciplinary adult abuse and exploitation response team to review cases of abuse and exploitation of</p>			

adults. Such multidisciplinary team may be established separately or in conjunction with any already existing multidisciplinary team.			
HB 2789 - O'Quinn - Energy conservation measures; establishes, providing incentives for development of electric energy.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)	02/19/19
notes: Requires Dominion Power and Appalachian Power Company to seek approval for a three-year program of energy conservation measures providing incentives to low-income, elderly, and disabled individuals in an amount not less than \$25 million in the aggregate for the installation of measures that reduce residential heating and cooling costs and enhance the health and safety of residents. The measure also requires the utilities to develop a program of energy conservation measures providing incentives, open to low income, elderly and disabled individuals who also participate in the above-described incentive program, in an amount not to exceed \$25 million in the aggregate, for the installation of equipment to develop electric energy derived from sunlight. The measure provides that the utilities may provide such incentives directly to customers or to organizations that assist low income, elderly and disabled individuals. The measure directs that in developing such incentive programs, each utility shall give consideration to low income, elderly and disabled persons residing in housing that a redevelopment and housing authority owns or controls.			
HJ 636 - McGuire - DSS; creation of database and resource to obtain background information on personal caregivers.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Left in Rules	02/05/19
notes: Requests the Department of Social Services to study the feasibility and cost of creating a database and resource through which individuals seeking to employ a personal caregiver could obtain comprehensive background information regarding the prospective caregiver, including the results of a national criminal history background check and a search of the central registry maintained pursuant to § 63.2-1515, the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry maintained pursuant to § 9.1-902, and any employee disqualification lists maintained by state agencies.			
HJ 673 - Roem - JLARC; Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Program, report.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Left in Rules	02/05/19
notes: Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the operations and performance of the Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Program.			
SB 952 - Stuart - Protective orders; issuance upon convictions for certain felonies, penalty.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Left in Finance	11/30/18
notes: Authorizes a court to issue a protective order upon convicting a defendant for a felony offense of (i) violating a protective order, (ii) homicide set forth in Article 1 (§ 18.2-30 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, (iii) kidnapping set forth in Article 3 (§ 18.2-47 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, (iv) assaults and bodily woundings set forth in Article 4 (§ 18.2-51 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, (v) extortion set forth in Article 6 (§ 18.2-59 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, or (vi) criminal sexual assault set forth in Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2. The bill provides that the duration of such protective order can be for any period of time, including up to the lifetime of the defendant, that the court deems necessary to protect the health and safety of the victim and may only prohibit (a) acts of family abuse or of violence, force, or threat against the victim or criminal offenses that may result in injury to the person or property of the victim and (b) such contacts by the defendant with the victim as the court deems necessary for the health or safety of the victim. The bill provides that a violation of a protective order issued upon conviction of one of the enumerated offenses is punishable as contempt of court or in the same manner as criminal violations of other protective orders are punished.			
SB 1000 - Stanley - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Scholarship Pilot Program; VCCS to establish and administer.	(H) Committee on Appropriations (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/19/19
notes: Directs the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) to establish and administer a two-year Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Scholarship Pilot Program (the Program), beginning in 2019, for the purpose of providing access to postsecondary educational opportunities to students living in poverty. The Program would provide scholarships to select comprehensive community colleges in the maximum amount of \$4,000 per year to 200 selected students who meet TANF eligibility requirements. The Program would be funded by the unexpended balance in federal TANF block grant funds. The bill directs VCCS to report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 1 of each year of the Program regarding the effectiveness of and other information about the Program.			

<p>SB 1077 - Howell - Assisted living facility; Board of Social Service to amend certain regulations.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services</p>	<p>(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 21, 2019</p>	<p>02/14/19</p>
<p>notes: Requires licensed assisted living facilities with six or more residents to have a temporary emergency electrical power source available on site and to be able to connect to and utilize such power source for the provision of electricity during an interruption of the normal electric power supply. The bill requires that such temporary emergency electrical power sources be sufficient to provide power for (i) any medical equipment necessary to protect the health of residents; (ii) refrigeration equipment necessary to preserve food and medications that require cold storage; (iii) heating, cooling, and lighting in an area that provides at least 60 square feet of floor space per resident; and (iv) at least one elevator if the assisted living facility is equipped with one or more elevators. Under current law, such assisted living facilities must be able to connect to a temporary emergency electrical power source but are not required to maintain such power source on site.</p>			
<p>SB 1078 - Howell - Protective orders; possession of firearms, penalty.</p>	<p>(S) Committee on Finance</p>	<p>(S) Left in Finance</p>	<p>02/06/19</p>
<p>notes: Provides that it is a Class 6 felony for a person who is subject to a permanent protective order (i.e., a protective order with a maximum duration of two years) for subjecting another person to an act of violence, force, or threat to possess a firearm while the order is in effect, which is equivalent to the existing penalty for possession of a firearm by a person subject to a permanent protective order for family abuse. The bill also provides that such person may continue to possess and transport a firearm for 24 hours after being served with the order for the purposes of selling or transferring the firearm to another person.</p>			
<p>SB 1095 - Howell - Early childhood care and education; establishment, licensure.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Appropriations (S) Committee on Finance</p>	<p>(H) Left in Appropriations</p>	<p>02/19/19</p>
<p>notes: Provides that it is a Class 6 felony for a person who is subject to a permanent protective order (i.e., a protective order with a maximum duration of two years) for subjecting another person to an act of violence, force, or threat to possess a firearm while the order is in effect, which is equivalent to the existing penalty for possession of a firearm by a person subject to a permanent protective order for family abuse. The bill also provides that such person may continue to possess and transport a firearm for 24 hours after being served with the order for the purposes of selling or transferring the firearm to another person.</p>			
<p>SB 1129 - Locke - Food stamps and TANF; eligibility, drug-related felonies.</p>	<p>(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee on Finance</p>	<p>(H) Left in Courts of Justice</p>	<p>02/19/19</p>
<p>notes: Provides that a person who is otherwise eligible to receive food stamp benefits shall not be denied such assistance solely because he has been convicted of a drug-related felony. Under current law, such individuals may not be denied food stamp benefits based on a felony conviction of possession of a controlled substance, provided that such person is complying with, or has already complied with, all obligations imposed by the criminal court, is actively engaged in or has completed a substance abuse treatment program, participates in periodic drug screenings, and fulfills any other obligations as determined by the Department of Social Services.</p>			
<p>SB 1136 - Favola - Protective orders, preliminary; hearing by two-way electronic video and audio communication.</p>	<p>(S) Committee for Courts of Justice</p>	<p>(S) Stricken at the request of Patron in Courts of Justice (14-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>01/14/19</p>
<p>notes: Gives discretion to a court to allow a petitioner granted a preliminary protective order to appear by two-way electronic video and audio communication for a full hearing on the protective order if such petitioner is physically incapable of appearing at the hearing.</p>			
<p>SB 1144 - Peake - Guardianship; annual report filed by guardian.</p>	<p>(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee for Courts of Justice</p>	<p>(H) Reported from Courts of Justice (17-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>02/15/19</p>
<p>notes: Provides that, upon receiving notice from the local department of social services that a guardian has not filed the required annual report within the prescribed time limit, the court may issue a summons or rule to show cause why the guardian has failed to file such report.</p>			
<p>SB 1145 - Favola - Virginia Initiative for</p>	<p>(H) Committee on</p>	<p>(S) Bill text as passed Senate</p>	<p>02/18/19</p>

Employment Not Welfare (VIEW); transitional child care.	Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Finance	and House (SB1145ER)	
<p>notes: Allows VIEW participants whose Temporary Assistance for Needy Families financial assistance is terminated to receive child care assistance for up to 12 months after termination if the individual is enrolled in an accredited public institution of higher education or other postsecondary school licensed or certified by the Board of Education or the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and is taking courses as part of a curriculum that leads to a postsecondary credential, such as a degree or an industry-recognized credential, certification, or license. Under current law, such child care assistance is only available if it enables the individual to work.</p>			
SB 1286 - Barker - Persons with disabilities; auxiliary grants, supportive housing.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Finance	(S) Senators: Barker, Cosgrove, Chafin	02/19/19
<p>notes: Clarifies language surrounding receipt of auxiliary grants by individuals living in supportive housing and increases the maximum number of auxiliary grant recipients in supportive housing from 60 to 120.</p>			
SB 1326 - McClellan - Social Services, St. Bd.; regulations regarding bed limits for licensed assisted living facilities.	(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Rehabilitation and Social Services with letter (15-Y 0-N)	02/01/19
<p>notes: Requires the State Board of Social Services to amend its regulations to exempt all buildings in which a licensed assisted living facility was located as of February 1, 2018, from the requirement that no more than two residents reside in a bedroom.</p>			
SB 1409 - Mason - Assisted living facilities; requirement for licensed administrator.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1409ER)	02/18/19
<p>notes: Extends from immediately to within 14 days the time by which a licensed assisted living facility must notify the regional office of the Department of Social Services and the Board of Long-Term Care Administrators that the facility administrator has died, resigned, been discharged, or become unable to perform his duties. The bill also removes the provision that prohibits a licensed assisted living facility from operating under the supervision of an acting administrator more than one time during any two-year period unless authorized to do so by the Department of Social Services.</p>			
SB 1410 - Mason - Assisted living facilities; staffing during overnight hours.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 21, 2019	02/14/19
<p>notes: Directs the Board of Social services to amend regulations governing staffing of assisted living facility units with residents who (i) have serious cognitive impairment due to a primary psychiatric diagnosis of dementia or any other diagnosis and (ii) are unable to recognize danger or protect their own safety and welfare to create an exception to certain staffing requirements for overnight hours.</p>			
SB 1467 - Saslaw - Protective orders; possession of firearms, surrender or transfer of firearms, penalties.	(S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (8-Y 6-N)	01/28/19
<p>notes: Provides that a court shall order a person subject to a permanent protective order (i.e., a protective order with a maximum duration of two years) to (i) within 24 hours, surrender any firearm possessed by such person to a designated local law-enforcement agency, sell or transfer any firearm possessed by such person to a dealer, or sell or transfer any firearm possessed by such person to any person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing such firearm, provided that such person will not allow the person subject to a protective order to exert any influence or control over the sold or transferred firearm, or (ii) certify in writing that such person does not possess any firearms and file such certification with the clerk of the court that entered the protective order within 48 hours after being served with a protective order. The bill provides that within 48 hours after surrendering or selling or transferring all firearms, such person must certify in writing that all firearms possessed by such person have either been surrendered or sold or transferred and file</p>			

such certification with the clerk of the court that entered the protective order. The bill also provides that any person subject to a protective order who fails to certify in writing that all firearms possessed by such person have either been surrendered or sold or transferred or that such person does not possess any firearms is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill provides procedures for designating a local law-enforcement agency to receive and store firearms as well as a process to return such surrendered firearms. The bill also provides that any person who buys or has a firearm transferred to him from a person subject to a permanent protective order and allows the perso

SB 1490 - Obenshain - Aged or incapacitated adults; financial exploitation, authority to refuse transactions.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Senators: Obenshain, McDougale, Spruill	02/19/19
	(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services		

notes: Authorizes financial institution staff to refuse to execute a transaction, to delay a transaction, or to refuse to disburse funds if the financial institution staff (i) believes in good faith that the transaction or disbursement may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to the financial exploitation of an aged or incapacitated adult or (ii) makes, or has actual knowledge that another person has made, a report to the local department of social services or adult protective services hotline stating a good faith belief that the transaction or disbursement may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to the financial exploitation of an aged or incapacitated adult.

SB 1540 - Surovell - Protective orders; contents of preliminary orders, docketing of appeal.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Reported from Courts of Justice (17-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
	(S) Committee for Courts of Justice		

notes: Provides that if a preliminary protective order is issued in an ex parte hearing where the petition for the order is supported by sworn testimony and not an affidavit or a form completed by a law-enforcement officer that includes a statement of the grounds for the order, the court issuing the order shall state in the order the basis on which the order was entered, including a summary of the allegations made and the court's findings. The bill also requires that an appeal of a permanent protective order be docketed within 48 hours of receipt of such appeal. Under current law, such appeals are to be given precedence on the docket of the court over other civil appeals but otherwise docketed and processed in the same manner as other civil cases. The bill also provides that any affidavit submitted by a non-English-speaking person in support of a preliminary protective order petition shall be translated by a qualified translator no later than the close of business on the next business day following the submission of the affidavit.

SB 1570 - Lewis - Adult protective services; creates central registry.	(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Stricken at request of Patron in Rehabilitation and Social Services (14-Y 0-N)	02/01/19
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notes: Provides that a purchaser of a unit subject to the Condominium Act or a lot subject to the Property Owners' Association Act does not have any additional right to cancel the purchase contract, other than the rights currently provided by law, solely because the contents of the resale certificate or disclosure packet provided to the purchaser are not in conformity with the contents of such resale certificate or disclosure packet that are required by law.

SB 1669 - Vogel - Sex Trafficking Response Coordinator; created, duties, report.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(S) House amendment agreed to by Senate (38-Y 0-N)	02/15/19
	(S) Committee on Finance		

notes: Creates, within the Department of Criminal Justice Services, a Sex Trafficking Response Coordinator (the Coordinator) who shall (i) create a statewide plan for local and state agencies to identify and respond to victims of sex trafficking; (ii) coordinate the development of standards and guidelines for treatment programs for victims of sex trafficking; (iii) maintain a list of programs that provide treatment or specialized services to victims of sex trafficking and make such list available to law-enforcement agencies, attorneys for the Commonwealth, crime victim and witness assistance programs, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Education, and school divisions; (iv) oversee the development of a curriculum to be completed by persons convicted of solicitation of prostitution; and (v) promote strategies for the awareness of sex trafficking, for education and training related to sex trafficking, and for the reduction of demand for commercial sex. The bill requires the Coordinator to report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly and include a summary of activities for the year and any recommendations to address sex trafficking within the Commonwealth. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission.

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Bills	Committee	Last action	Date
HB 1736 - Reid - Community Integration Advisory Commission; extends sunset provision.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Left in Rules	02/05/19
<i>notes:</i> Extends the sunset provision of the Community Integration Advisory Commission from July 1, 2019, to July 1, 2023.			
HB 1740 - Bell, Richard P. - Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act; exemptions.	(H) Committee on General Laws (S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1740ER)	02/19/19
<i>notes:</i> Modifies current law to provide that personal information systems related to adult services and adult protective services that are maintained by the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), rather than the Department of Social Services, are exempt from the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act. The bill also adds to such exemption DARS personal information systems related to auxiliary grants.			
HB 1938 - Krizek - Blind or vision impaired; definition.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 22, 2019	02/15/19
<i>notes:</i> Amends the definition of "blind person" in conformance with the definition set forth by the Social Security Administration.			
HB 2296 - Leftwich - Rights of persons with disabilities; procedures for certain actions, website accessibility.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Placed on Calendar	02/19/19
<i>notes:</i> Requires a person who alleges that the website of a bank, trust company, savings institution, or credit union does not comply with applicable law regarding its accessibility by the vision impaired or hearing impaired to provide such entity with notice of the alleged violation at least 120 days prior to filing a civil cause of action. If the entity cures the defect within the 120 days, then the court shall dismiss the action. The bill also requires the court to dismiss a cause of action filed after the defendant has cured the defect and award reasonable costs and attorney fees to the defendant			
HB 2496 - Tran - Virginia Human Rights Act; creation of cause of action for discrimination.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
<i>notes:</i> Creates a cause of action against any employer employing more than five but fewer than 15 persons who engages in an unlawful discriminatory act against any employee on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, including lactation. The bill also creates a cause of action against any employer employing more than five but fewer than 20 persons who engages in an unlawful discriminatory act against an employee on the basis of age if the employee is 40 years of age or older. Under current law, an employee who has been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, including lactation, or age may only file an action against his employer if the employee is discharged by the employer on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, including lactation, or age. The bill permits a court, in cases where the employee prevails, to award compensatory or punitive damages in an amount of up to \$25,000 and attorney fees not to exceed 25 percent of the amount awarded. The bill provides that the provisions creating a cause of action against an employer who engages in unlawful discriminatory practices against an employee shall apply only to unlawful discriminatory practices that occur or are alleged to occur on or after July 1, 2019.			
SB 1041 - Black - Va. Telephone Privacy Protection Act; joint liability of seller & telephone solicitor for violation.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1041ER)	02/18/19

notes: Provides that a telephone solicitor and the seller on whose behalf or for whose benefit a telephone solicitation call offering or advertising a seller's property, goods, or services is made or initiated are jointly and severally liable for violations of the Virginia Telephone Privacy Protection Act (§ 59.1-510 et seq.). The measure establishes a presumption that a telephone solicitation call offering or advertising a seller's property, goods, or services is made or initiated on behalf of or for the benefit of the seller and provides that this presumption may be rebutted if it is shown by clear and convincing evidence that (i) the seller did not retain or request the telephone solicitor to make telephone solicitation calls on the seller's behalf or for the seller's benefit and (ii) such telephone solicitation calls were made by the telephone solicitor without the seller's knowledge or consent. The measure contains technical amendments.

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Bills	Committee	Last action	Date
HB 1674 - Mullin - Abuse and neglect of incapacitated adults; informed consent.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice <hr/> (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Signed by President	02/15/19
<p>notes: Clarifies, for the purposes of the informed consent exemption to abuse and neglect of incapacitated adults, that the informed consent of the incapacitated person must have been given when such person was not incapacitated. The bill provides that its provisions are declaratory of existing law.</p>			
HB 1683 - Ware - Electric cooperatives; authorized to increase or decrease its rates without SCC approval, etc.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Left in Commerce and Labor	02/05/19
<p>notes: Authorizes any electric cooperative to (i) increase or decrease its rates without State Corporation Commission approval for any of its services, rather than only for distribution services, at any time if such adjustments will not effect a cumulative net increase or decrease in excess of 5 percent in such rates in any three year period; (ii) if it does not hold a membership interest in a utility aggregation cooperative and the facility that is the subject of the petition is either owned by the cooperative or has achieved commercial operation, petition the Commission for approval of one or more rate adjustment clauses for the timely and current recovery from customers of the costs of generation facilities, underground facilities to replace certain existing overhead distribution facilities, or certain pumped hydroelectricity generation and storage facilities; (iii) adjust the total system cap for net energy metering, agricultural net energy metering, and small agricultural generators to up to five percent of the cooperative's highest total coincident system peak within the past five years; and (iv) subject to findings that it will not result in either an intra-class or inter-class change in cost recovery, adopt any rate, rate component, program, tariff, or terms or conditions of service that the Commission has previously approved for any other cooperative.</p>			
HB 1775 - Mullin - Protective services for adults; multidisciplinary teams to assist local depts. of social services.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(H) Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions	02/05/19
<p>notes: Allows local departments of social services to foster, when practicable, the creation, maintenance, and coordination of hospital and community-based multidisciplinary teams to assist the local departments in identifying abused and exploited adults. The bill also provides that such multidisciplinary teams may develop agreements regarding the exchange of information among the parties for the purposes of the investigation and disposition of complaints of adult abuse and exploitation, delivery of services, and protection for abused or exploited adults. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference.</p>			
HB 1828 - Orrock - Sale of caskets; preneed arrangements for funeral services.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions <hr/> (S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1828ER)	02/19/19
<p>notes: Provides that no person other than a licensed funeral establishment or funeral service licensee shall offer for sale or sell a casket unless such offer or sale is made at-need. The bill provides that the requirement that a funeral service licensee accept a casket provided by a third party applies only in cases in which funeral arrangements are made at-need. When funeral arrangements are made preneed, a funeral service licensee is not required to accept caskets provided by third parties. The bill also clarifies the definition of "next of kin" as it relates to other relatives of blood relationship.</p>			
HB 1923 - Bourne - Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; noncompliance with rental agreement, etc.	(H) Committee on General Laws <hr/> (S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1923ER)	02/19/19
<p>notes: Provides that a tenant is entitled to reasonable attorney fees when an action brought by a landlord to</p>			

enforce the terms of a rental agreement is dismissed at the request of the tenant or tenant's attorney or judgment is entered in favor of the tenant.			
HB 1987 - Toscano - Aged or incapacitated adults; financial exploitation, authority to refuse transactions.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Passed Senate with substitute (40-Y 0-N)	02/19/19
<p>notes: Allows financial institution staff, pursuant to an internal policy, to refuse to execute a transaction, delay a transaction, or refuse to disburse funds if the financial institution staff (i) believes in good faith that the transaction or disbursement may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to the financial exploitation of an adult or (ii) has actual knowledge that a report was made by any person to the local department of social services or adult protective services hotline stating a good faith belief that the transaction or disbursement may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to the financial exploitation of an adult. The bill requires the financial institution staff to report the suspected financial exploitation to the local department of social services or adult protective services hotline within five business days of refusing to execute a transaction, delaying a transaction, or refusing to disburse funds and allows financial institution staff to continue to refuse to execute a transaction, delay a transaction, or refuse to disburse funds for 10 business days after making the report and for up to 45 business days if requested to do so by the local department or if no response from the local department has been received.</p>			
HB 2000 - Price - State agencies; maximum temperature at which certain rooms may be kept.	(H) Committee on General Laws	(H) Left in General Laws	02/05/19
<p>notes: Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to revise the Uniform Statewide Building Code to decrease the temperature at which an owner or operator of certain apartment buildings who rents, leases, or lets one or more dwelling units, rooming units, or guestrooms on terms, either expressed or implied, to furnish cooling to the occupants thereof shall supply cooling during the period from May 15 to October 1 from 80 degrees Fahrenheit to 77 degrees Fahrenheit. The bill also directs the Department of Social Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Department of Health, and the Department of Corrections to amend their regulations to provide that the maximum temperature at which certain rooms in facilities regulated by such agencies may be kept shall be no more than 77 degrees Fahrenheit.</p>			
HB 2032 - Murphy - Assault and battery against a family or household member; enhanced penalty, effective date.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
<p>notes: Reduces from two prior convictions to one prior conviction the required number of prior convictions of assault and battery against a family or household member before the Class 6 felony applies. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2020.</p>			
HB 2036 - McGuire - Larceny; prima facie evidence of intent to commit by employed caregiver of an adult.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
<p>notes: Provides that in any prosecution of an employed caregiver of an adult for larceny, the pawning of property by such caregiver shall be prima facie evidence of intent to commit larceny of such property if (i) the property belongs to the adult the caregiver is employed to care for; (ii) the caregiver cares for such adult in the adult's home; (iii) the caregiver is not a family or household member of such adult; and (iv) the caregiver does not receive written authorization to take and pawn such property prior to pawning it.</p>			
HB 2038 - Ransone - Extended service contracts; bonding requirement, remedies, civil penalty.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2038ER)	02/19/19
<p>notes: Eliminates the requirement that extended service contract providers file and maintain a bond or letter of credit with the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The measure also (i) requires service contracts to include a disclosure advising a purchaser that he may file a complaint with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services if an obligor denies or does not honor a promise made in a contract within 60 days after a request; (ii) authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, upon receiving a complaint regarding such a request, to investigate whether there has been an improper denial or failure of a purchaser's request and require the obligor to rectify or justify any improper denial or failure; and (iii) authorizes the Commissioner to (a) issue a cease and desist order; (b) deny,</p>			

suspend, or revoke the obligor's registration; or (c) assess a civil penalty if the denial or failure is not rectified or sufficiently justified. The measure includes procedural provisions concerning the Commissioner's powers to deny, revoke, or suspend an obligor's registration.			
HB 2040 - McGuire - Background checks; persons providing care for elderly or disabled.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(H) Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions	02/05/19
<i>notes:</i> Allows any person who provides or seeks to provide unsupervised care or assistance to an elderly or disabled person to request a national fingerprint criminal background check on himself at his cost.			
HB 2109 - O'Quinn - Guaranteed asset protection waivers; establishes requirements for offering waivers, etc.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) VOTE: ADOPTION (98-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
<i>notes:</i> Establishes requirements for offering guaranteed asset protection (GAP) waivers, which are agreements, entered into as a part of or addendum to a motor vehicle financing agreement, under which the creditor agrees for a separate charge to waive or cancel amounts due on the finance agreement if the financed motor vehicle is totally damaged or stolen. The measure requires the creditor to insure its GAP waiver obligations; prohibits a creditor from conditioning an extension or term of credit on the purchase of a GAP waiver; requires a GAP waiver to include disclosures regarding the cancellation of the GAP waiver during a free look period; and establishes requirements and restrictions for the cancellation of GAP waivers, including refund provisions. The measure authorizes the State Corporation Commission to assess monetary penalties against violators. The measure provides that GAP waivers are not insurance and are exempt from Virginia's insurance laws.			
HB 2132 - Murphy - Crimes against incapacitated and vulnerable adults; penalties.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
<i>notes:</i> Expands the crime of abuse and neglect of an adult to include abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults, defined in the bill as persons 60 years of age or older. Current law applies only to incapacitated adults, defined as persons 18 years of age or older who are impaired by reason of mental illness, intellectual disability, physical illness or disability, advanced age, or other causes to the extent the adult lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make, communicate, or carry out reasonable decisions concerning his well-being. The bill also expands the class of victims of the crime of financial exploitation of incapacitated persons to include persons incapacitated due to physical illness or disability, advanced age over the age of 60, or other causes that prevent such persons from understanding the nature or consequences of the financial transaction involved in an offense against such person. The current law applies only to victims who suffer from mental incapacity.			
HB 2219 - Orrock - Nursing homes; truth in advertising for inspections, surveys, and investigations.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
<i>notes:</i> Requires that if inspection, survey, or investigation data is used in an advertisement regarding nursing homes, the advertisement also include the following information: (i) the date on which the survey, inspection, or investigation was conducted; (ii) a statement that the facility is required to submit a plan of correction in response to any and all statements of deficiencies; (iii) if a finding or deficiency cited in a statement of deficiencies has been corrected, a statement that the finding or deficiency has been corrected and the date on which the finding or deficiency was corrected; and (iv) a statement that the advertisement publication is not authorized or endorsed by the Virginia Department of Health, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Office of the Inspector General, or any other governmental agency. The bill provides that failure to include this required information constitutes a violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. The bill also requires that such information be in the same font, color, and size as the other text in the advertisement.			
HB 2225 - O'Quinn - Financial exploitation of adults; reporting by financial institution staff.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2225ER)	02/19/19
<i>notes:</i> Provides an individual employed by a covered financial institution with immunity from civil or			

administrative liability for disclosing, in good faith and with reasonable care, the suspected exploitation of an adult age 60 or older or a disabled adult to the state Department of Social Services, any local department of social services, a law-enforcement agency, or certain federal agencies. In order to acquire such immunity, the individual is required to have served at the time of the disclosure as a supervisor or compliance officer and to have received training that, among other things, instructs individuals on how to identify and report the suspected exploitation of an adult, including common signs that indicate the financial exploitation of an adult. The measure includes similar immunity provisions for covered financial institutions.

HB 2235 - Bourne - Protective orders; issuance upon convictions for certain felonies, penalty.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
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notes: Authorizes a court to issue a protective order upon convicting a defendant for a felony offense of (i) violating a protective order, (ii) homicide, (iii) kidnapping, (iv) assaults and bodily woundings, (v) extortion, or (vi) criminal sexual assault. The bill provides that the duration of such protective order can be for any period of time, including up to the lifetime of the defendant, that the court deems necessary to protect the health and safety of the victim and may only prohibit (a) acts of family abuse or of violence, force, or threat against the victim or criminal offenses that may result in injury to the person or property of the victim and (b) such contacts by the defendant with the victim as the court deems necessary for the health or safety of the victim. The bill provides that a violation of a protective order issued upon conviction of one of the enumerated offenses is punishable as contempt of court or in the same manner as criminal violations of other protective orders are punished.

HB 2332 - Keam - Electric utilities; protection of customer data.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Committee substitute printed 19107314D-S1	02/18/19
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notes: Requires the State Corporation Commission to prescribe standards to ensure that the Virginia customers of each public electric utility have the right to (i) control how the utility shares personally identifiable information and energy usage data resulting from the deployment by the utility of advanced metering infrastructure with any other person and (ii) access and receive such energy usage data in a consumer-friendly and computer-friendly format. The measure gives customers the ability to opt out of any data-sharing activities by the customer's public electric utility, subject to certain exceptions. The measure also requires the Commission to convene and facilitate a stakeholder group to assist the Commission in the development of drafts of regulations that will (a) ensure the protection of the personally identifiable information of customers of each public electric utility and (b) provide mechanisms by which customers can access, obtain, and direct each public electric utility to electronically share the customer's utility usage data as specified by the customer.

HB 2417 - Herring - Emergency protective order; required conditions, petition to dissolve or modify.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice with letter (12-Y 3-N)	02/13/19
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notes: Requires any emergency protective order to prohibit (i) the respondent from committing acts of family abuse or criminal offenses that result in injury to person or property and (ii) such contacts by the respondent with the allegedly abused person or family or household members of the allegedly abused person, including prohibiting the respondent from being in the physical presence of the allegedly abused person or family or household members of the allegedly abused person, as the judge or magistrate deems necessary to protect the safety of such persons. Under current law, a judge or magistrate must only impose one or more of such prohibitions when issuing an emergency protective order. Other conditions that may be imposed under current law remain under the discretion of the judge or magistrate. The bill also allows the petitioner of an emergency protective order to file a motion with the court requesting a hearing to dissolve or modify the order.

HB 2429 - Levine - Preliminary protective orders; hearing dates.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
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notes: Allows the full hearing resulting from the issuance of a preliminary protective order to be heard on the same hearing or trial date as a related criminal offense if such hearing or trial date has already been set for a date later than 15 days after the issuance of the preliminary protective order. Current law requires that a full hearing be held within 15 days of the issuance of a preliminary protective order in every instance.

HB 2430 - Levine - Guardianship; communication between incapacitated persons & others, notification of relatives.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
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notes: Prohibits a guardian of an incapacitated person from prohibiting or restricting such incapacitated person's ability to communicate with, visit, or interact with other persons with whom the incapacitated person has expressed a desire to communicate with, visit, or interact with, or with whom the incapacitated person has an established relationship. The bill creates a means by which a guardian may petition the court to prohibit or restrict such incapacitated person's right to communicate. The bill allows the court to prohibit or restrict such communication for good cause shown but specifies that the court shall limit itself to the least restrictive means possible if it finds such a prohibition or restriction to be necessary. The bill allows the court to require a guardian found to have brought such a petition in bad faith or not for the benefit of the incapacitated person to pay or reimburse all or some of the incapacitated person's reasonable costs and fees. The bill also specifies that such a finding may be grounds for termination of the guardianship appointment. The bill requires the guardian to notify certain relatives of the incapacitated person of certain life events of the incapacitated person, unless the guardian is notified in writing that any such relative does not wish to be notified or if there exists between such relative and the incapacitated person a protective order or court order otherwise prohibiting contact.

HB 2441 - Wilt - Special identification card without a photograph; fee, confidentiality, penalties.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(S) Signed by President	02/15/19
	(S) Committee on Finance		

notes: Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a special identification card without a photograph to a person with a sincerely held religious belief prohibiting the taking of a photograph who would otherwise meet the qualifications for a special identification card but also presents an approved and signed IRS Form 4029. The bill allows a special identification card without a photograph to be similar in size, shape, and design to a driver's license but requires (i) that it be clearly distinguishable from a driver's license, (ii) that it not include a photograph of its holder, and (iii) that it clearly state that (a) the card does not authorize the holder to operate a motor vehicle, (b) federal limits apply, and (c) the card is not valid identification to vote. The bill provides that giving false information, concealing a material fact, or otherwise committing a fraud in applying for a special identification card without a photograph is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor and that obtaining a special identification card without a photograph for the purpose of committing any offense punishable as a felony constitutes a Class 4 felony. The bill contains technical amendments. This bill is the result of a study conducted by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

HB 2560 - Pillion - Protective services; adult abuse and exploitation, multidisciplinary teams.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, March 25, 2019	02/18/19
	(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services		

notes: Directs local departments of social services to foster, when practicable, the creation, maintenance, and coordination of hospital and community-based multidisciplinary teams focused on the abuse and exploitation of adults 60 years of age or older or 18 years of age or older who are physically or mentally incapacitated. These teams may do the following, as practicable: (i) assist the local department of social services in identifying abused and exploited adults; (ii) coordinate medical, social, and legal services for abused and exploited adults and their families; (iii) develop innovative programs for detection and prevention of the abuse and exploitation of adults; (iv) promote community awareness and action to address adult abuse and exploitation; and (v) disseminate information to the general public regarding the problem of adult abuse and exploitation, strategies and methods for preventing such abuse, and treatment options for abused and exploited adults. The bill also allows the attorney for the Commonwealth in each jurisdiction to establish a multidisciplinary adult abuse and exploitation response team to review cases of abuse and exploitation of adults. Such multidisciplinary team may be established separately or in conjunction with any already existing multidisciplinary team.

HB 2582 - Gilbert - Protective orders; violation of provisions of orders.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
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notes: Provides that any person subject to a protective order who enters any land, buildings, or premises, when such entrance is prohibited by a provision of the protective order, while the protected party is present, or enters and remains in or on such land, buildings, or premises until the protected party arrives, is guilty of a Class 6 felony. Current law makes it a Class 6 felony to furtively enter the home of any protected party while the party is present, or to enter and remain in the home of the protected party until the party arrives.

HB 2584 - Gilbert - Assault and battery against a family or household member; enhanced penalty.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
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notes: Reduces from two prior convictions to one prior conviction the required number of prior convictions of assault and battery against a family or household member before the Class 6 felony applies.

HB 2642 - Levine - Cruelty to animals with intent to intimidate or threaten a household member; penalty.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee on Finance	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Finance (11-Y 5-N)	02/18/19
notes: Makes any violation relating to cruelty to an animal a Class 6 felony when such violation is carried out with the intent to threaten, intimidate, coerce, harass, or terrorize a family or household member			
HB 2652 - Hope - Regulation of licensed providers; Bd. of BHDS to require disclosure of certain information.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
notes: Directs the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to amend regulations governing licensed providers to require every licensed provider to provide a truthful statement regarding the character, ability, and fitness for employment of a current or past employee or other individual currently or previously associated with the provider in a capacity that requires a criminal history background check to any other licensed provider with which the current or past employee has applied for employment or to fill a role that requires a criminal history background check upon receipt of a request for such information from the other licensed provider and written consent to the disclosure of such information executed by the current or past employee or other individual currently or previously associated with the provider in a capacity that requires a criminal history background check.			
HB 2710 - Campbell, J.L. - Emergency custody orders and preliminary detention orders; transportation, reimbursement.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Tabled in Commerce and Labor (17-Y 0-N)	01/31/19
notes: Provides that if any health benefit plan provides coverage for the transportation of a covered person subject to an emergency custody order or a temporary detention order, any law-enforcement agency providing such transportation services to such covered person shall receive reimbursement for such services directly from the health carrier issuing such plan, when the health carrier is presented with an assignment of benefits by the law-enforcement agency providing such services. The bill limits such reimbursement to \$35 per hour and mileage as prescribed by law for travel on state business for every mile of actual travel.			
HB 2750 - Toscano - Elective medical procedure, test, or service; advance estimate of patient payment amount.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Senators: Chase, Lucas, Dunnivant	02/19/19
notes: Requires medical care facilities licensed by the Board of Health to provide an estimate to the patient or his representative of the payment amount for which the patient will be responsible for elective medical procedures, tests, or services at least three days in advance of the scheduled elective medical procedure, test, or service. Current law requires hospitals to disclose such estimate if requested by a patient or patient's representative at least three days in advance.			
HB 2753 - Watts - Home solicitation; prohibited, exceptions, penalty.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
notes: Provides that no seller or person acting for him shall make or attempt to make a home solicitation sale (i) to any person on property where he knows or reasonably should know that such person resides in a dwelling unit at which a no soliciting sign is posted at a place where it may be reasonably seen or (ii) to any person who has informed such seller or person acting for him that he does not wish to receive a home solicitation. A violation of this provision is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.			
SB 1004 - Chase - Health care services; payment estimates.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(H) House requested conference committee	02/19/19
notes: Requires practitioners licensed by the Board of Medicine and hospitals to provide a patient or the representative of a patient scheduled to receive a nonemergency procedure, test, or service to be performed by the practitioner or hospital, at least three days in advance of the date of such procedure, test, or service, an estimate of the payment amount for which the participant will be responsible. Under current law, the			

requirement to provide such estimate applies only to hospitals for elective procedures, tests, or services and only upon request.			
SB 1078 - Howell - Protective orders; possession of firearms, penalty.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Left in Finance	02/06/19
notes: Provides that it is a Class 6 felony for a person who is subject to a permanent protective order (i.e., a protective order with a maximum duration of two years) for subjecting another person to an act of violence, force, or threat to possess a firearm while the order is in effect, which is equivalent to the existing penalty for possession of a firearm by a person subject to a permanent protective order for family abuse. The bill also provides that such person may continue to possess and transport a firearm for 24 hours after being served with the order for the purposes of selling or transferring the firearm to another person.			
SB 1092 - Favola - Preliminary protective orders; hearing dates.	(S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (9-Y 5-N)	01/30/19
notes: Allows the full hearing resulting from the issuance of a preliminary protective order to be heard on the same hearing or trial date as a related criminal offense if such hearing or trial date has already been set for a date later than 15 days after the issuance of the preliminary protective order. Current law requires that a full hearing be held within 15 days of the issuance of a preliminary protective order in every instance.			
SB 1093 - Ruff - Literary Fund; school modernization.	(H) Committee on Appropriations (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Committee substitute printed 19107308D-H1	02/18/19
notes: Provides that violations of certain requirements regarding the sale and boarding of animals, including those addressing misrepresentation of an animal's condition, posting of signage and maintenance of records related to dog breeders, consumer remedies for receipt of diseased animal, and written notice of consumer remedies required to be supplied by pet dealers and boarding establishments, are prohibited practices under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. The measure also increases from one year to two years the period during which a pet dealer is required to maintain a copy of the animal history certificate following the date of the animal's sale.			
SB 1123 - Peake - Telephone/wireless commun. devices; threats of death or bodily injury to a person/member of family.	(S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (12-Y 3-N)	01/21/19
notes: Provides that any person who communicates a threat over any telephone or wireless communications device to kill or do bodily injury to a person, regarding that person or any member of his family, and the threat places such person in reasonable apprehension of death or bodily injury to himself or his family member, is guilty of a Class 6 felony. The bill also provides that any person convicted of communicating threats (i) of death or bodily injury to a person or member of his family or (ii) to commit serious bodily harm to persons on school property may be ordered by the court to make restitution as the court deems appropriate to any person who has suffered a loss as a result of the offense.			
SB 1175 - McPike - Elder abuse; employees of financial institutions required to report.	(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Incorporated by Rehabilitation and Social Services (SB1490-Obenshain) (15-Y 0-N)	01/25/19
notes: Requires any employee, agent, qualified individual, or representative of a bank, trust company, savings institution, industrial loan association, consumer finance company, credit union, investment company, investment advisor, securities firm, accounting firm, or insurance company to report a matter giving reason to suspect the financial exploitation by any person of an adult who is a client or customer of the financial institution. The report is required to be made to the local department of social services for the county or city wherein the adult resides or wherein the exploitation is believed to have occurred or to the adult protective services hotline, unless he notifies the person in charge of the financial institution or his designee, who shall report such information in accordance with the financial institution's policies and procedures for reporting such matters. This measure replaces an existing provision that authorizes any financial institution staff who suspects that an adult has been exploited financially to report the suspected exploitation.			
SB 1184 - Stuart - FOIA; applicability to sexual assault response teams, etc.	(H) Committee on General Laws (S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(H) Passed House BLOCK VOTE (99-Y 0-N)	02/19/19
notes: Provides that the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) shall not apply to sexual assault response teams, with the exception of records relating to (i) protocols and policies of the sexual assault			

<p>response team and (ii) guidelines for the community's response established by the sexual assault response team, which the bill provides shall be public records and subject to the provisions of FOIA. The bill also provides that FOIA shall not apply to multidisciplinary child sexual abuse response teams. This bill is a recommendation of the Freedom of Information Advisory Council.</p>			
<p>SB 1188 - Dance - Extended service contracts; bonding requirement, remedies, civil penalty.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>(S) House amendments agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>02/15/19</p>
<p>notes: Eliminates the requirement that extended service contract providers file and maintain a bond or letter of credit with the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.</p>			
<p>SB 1190 - Dance - Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act; created.</p>	<p>(S) Committee for Courts of Justice</p>	<p>(S) Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (8-Y 5-N)</p>	<p>01/28/19</p>
<p>notes: Creates the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act, which preserves the right of a cotenant to sell his interest in inherited real estate, while ensuring that the other cotenants will have the necessary due process, including notice, appraisal, and right of first refusal, to prevent a forced sale. If the other cotenants do not exercise their right to purchase property from the seller, the court must order a partition in kind if feasible, and if not, a commercially reasonable sale for fair market value. The provisions of the bill apply to partition actions filed on or after July 1, 2019.</p>			
<p>SB 1247 - Reeves - Sale of caskets; preneed arrangements for funeral services.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 21, 2019</p>	<p>02/14/19</p>
<p>notes: Provides that no person other than a licensed funeral establishment or funeral service licensee shall offer for sale or sell a casket unless such offer or sale is made at-need. The bill provides that the requirement that a funeral service licensee accept a casket provided by a third party applies only in cases in which funeral arrangements are made at-need. When funeral arrangements are made preneed, a funeral service licensee is not required to accept caskets provided by third parties. The bill also clarifies the definition of "next of kin" as it relates to other relatives of blood relationship.</p>			
<p>SB 1276 - Ebbin - Cruelty to animals with intent to intimidate or threaten a household member; penalty.</p>	<p>(S) Committee on Finance</p>	<p>(S) Incorporated by Finance (SB1604-DeSteph) (13-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>01/31/19</p>
<p>notes: Makes any violation relating to cruelty to an animal a Class 6 felony when such violation is carried out with the intent to threaten, intimidate, coerce, harass, or terrorize a family or household member.</p>			
<p>SB 1277 - Barker - Certificate of public need; nursing homes and hospitals, disaster exemption.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(S) Title replaced 19106703D-H1</p>	<p>02/15/19</p>
<p>notes: Provides for a 30-day exemption from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public need for an increase in the total number of beds in nursing homes or hospitals if the State Health Commissioner has determined that a natural or man-made disaster has caused the evacuation of nursing homes or hospitals and that a public health emergency exists due to a shortage of nursing home or hospital beds.</p>			
<p>SB 1302 - Barker - Rights of persons with disabilities; procedures for certain actions, website accessibility.</p>	<p>(S) Committee for Courts of Justice</p>	<p>(S) Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (8-Y 5-N 2-A)</p>	<p>01/30/19</p>
<p>notes: Requires a person who alleges that the website of a bank, trust company, savings institution, or credit union does not comply with applicable law regarding its accessibility by the vision impaired or hearing impaired to provide such entity with notice of the alleged violation at least 120 days prior to filing a civil cause of action. If the entity cures the defect within the 120 days, then the court shall dismiss the action. The bill also requires the court to dismiss a cause of action filed after the defendant has cured the defect and award reasonable costs and attorney fees to the defendant.</p>			
<p>SB 1409 - Mason - Assisted living facilities; requirement for licensed administrator.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p>	<p>(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1409ER)</p>	<p>02/18/19</p>

	(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services		
<p>notes: Extends from immediately to within 14 days the time by which a licensed assisted living facility must notify the regional office of the Department of Social Services and the Board of Long-Term Care Administrators that the facility administrator has died, resigned, been discharged, or become unable to perform his duties. The bill also removes the provision that prohibits a licensed assisted living facility from operating under the supervision of an acting administrator more than one time during any two-year period unless authorized to do so by the Department of Social Services.</p>			
<p>SB 1490 - Obenshain - Aged or incapacitated adults; financial exploitation, authority to refuse transactions.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services</p>	<p>(S) Senators: Obenshain, McDougle, Spruill</p>	<p>02/19/19</p>
<p>notes: Authorizes financial institution staff to refuse to execute a transaction, to delay a transaction, or to refuse to disburse funds if the financial institution staff (i) believes in good faith that the transaction or disbursement may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to the financial exploitation of an aged or incapacitated adult or (ii) makes, or has actual knowledge that another person has made, a report to the local department of social services or adult protective services hotline stating a good faith belief that the transaction or disbursement may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to the financial exploitation of an aged or incapacitated adult.</p>			
<p>SB 1549 - Surovell - Virginia Consumer Protection Act; exclusion.</p>	<p>(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p>	<p>(S) Failed to report (defeated) in Commerce and Labor (4-Y 11-N)</p>	<p>01/21/19</p>
<p>notes: Updates the existing exception in the Virginia Consumer Protection Act for "small loan companies" to refer to "consumer finance companies."</p>			
<p>SB 1570 - Lewis - Adult protective services; creates central registry.</p>	<p>(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services</p>	<p>(S) Stricken at request of Patron in Rehabilitation and Social Services (14-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>02/01/19</p>
<p>notes: Creates a central registry of founded complaints of adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation to be maintained by the State Department of Social Services. The bill establishes (i) investigation requirements for local departments of social services related to complaints of adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation; (ii) record retention and disclosure requirements for the Department and local departments; (iii) notice requirements related to findings by local departments and central registry entries; and (iv) an appeals process to contest the findings of a local department related to founded reports of adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation.</p>			

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HB 1639 - Head - Medical Assistance Services, Department of; payment for certain services to hospice patients.	(H) Committee on Appropriations (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1639ER)	02/19/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to implement a process for direct payment of nursing facility or ICF/MR services for hospice patients receiving services in a nursing facility or ICF/MR if such patient would be eligible for medical assistance for nursing facility or ICF/MR services had he not elected to receive hospice care. The bill provides that payments made to a nursing facility or ICF/MR shall be the full amount that would be paid to the nursing facility or ICF/MR if the individual was not receiving hospice services, and shall not reflect any discount to such rates.</p>			
HB 1692 - Rodman - Medical assistance services; determination of income, personal needs allowance.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Provides that, when determining the income of a recipient of medical assistance services who is receiving long-term care in a medical institution or intermediate care facility, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall disregard a personal needs allowance in an amount that is at least \$150 and that the amount of the personal needs allowance shall be adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index, all urban consumers (CPI-U).</p>			
HB 1812 - Hope - DMAS; waiver eligibility criteria, dependents of foreign service members.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to amend eligibility criteria for the Intellectual Disability waiver and the Individual and Family Developmental Disabilities Support waiver to allow the dependent of a foreign service member to maintain his position on the waiting list following a transfer of the foreign service member to an assignment outside the Commonwealth, so long as the foreign service member maintains the Commonwealth as his legal residence to which he intends to return following completion of the assignment.</p>			
HB 1815 - Hope - Assisted living facilities; emergency electrical power source, disclosure to prospective residents.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1815ER)	02/19/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Directs the State Board of Social Services to include in regulations governing assisted living facilities a requirement that each licensed assisted living facility with six or more residents disclose to each prospective resident, or his legal representative, in writing in a document that is separate and distinct from any other documents provided to the prospective resident or his legal representative and as evidenced by the written acknowledgement of the resident or his legal representative, whether the facility has an on-site emergency electrical power source for the provision of electricity during an interruption of the normal electric power supply and, if the assisted living facility does have an on-site emergency electrical power source, (i) the items for which such on-site emergency electrical power source will supply power in the event of an interruption of the normal electric power supply and (ii) whether staff of the assisted living facility have been trained to maintain and operate such on-site emergency electrical power source to ensure the provision of electricity during an interruption of the normal electrical power supply. The bill also provides that an on-site emergency electrical power source shall include both permanent on-site emergency electrical power sources and portable on-site emergency electrical power sources, provided such portable on-site emergency electrical power source remains on the premises of the assisted living facility at all times.</p>			
HB 1870 - Sickles - Certificate of public need; nursing homes and hospitals, disaster	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 22, 2019	02/15/19

exemption.	Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health		
<p>notes: Provides for a 30-day exemption from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public need for an increase in the total number of beds in nursing homes or hospitals if the State Health Commissioner has determined that a natural or man-made disaster has caused the evacuation of nursing homes or hospitals and that a public health emergency exists due to a shortage of nursing home or hospital beds.</p>			
HB 1975 - Rasoul - PACE program; DMAS to develop and implement a plan to provide client education.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
<p>notes: Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to develop and implement a plan to provide choice and education to eligible prospective PACE clients. The plan will ensure that eligible clients receive adequate information regarding the PACE program option at every point of contact with the Department and its contractors.</p>			
HB 2015 - Peace - Fraud prevention; DMAS to expand its existing program.	(H) Committee on Appropriations (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
<p>notes: Requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services to expand its existing program to mitigate risk of improper payment to services providers to cover services furnished pursuant to the state plan for medical assistance. Currently, the program only covers services paid through the Department's fee-for-service delivery system.</p>			
HB 2433 - Torian - Family caregiver; tax credit.	(H) Committee on Finance	(H) Left in Finance	02/05/19
<p>notes: Creates a nonrefundable income tax credit beginning in taxable year 2019 for expenses incurred by an individual in caring for an eligible family member, defined in the bill, who requires assistance with one or more activities of daily living, also defined in the bill. The credit equals 50 percent of eligible expenditures incurred by the caregiver, but shall not exceed \$1,000. In order to qualify for the credit, the family caregiver must (i) not receive any compensation or reimbursement for the eligible expenditures, (ii) have federal adjusted gross income that is no greater than \$75,000 for an individual or \$150,000 for married persons, and (iii) live in the same primary residence as the eligible family member for no fewer than 183 days during the taxable year.</p> <p>The bill requires the Tax Commissioner to establish guidelines for claiming the credit and provides that any unused credit may be carried forward by the taxpayer for five taxable years following the taxable year for which the credit was issued. The credit expires beginning with taxable year 2024.</p>			
HB 2521 - Rasoul - Assisted living facilities; staffing during overnight hours.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2521ER)	02/19/19
<p>notes: Directs the Board of Social services to amend regulations governing staffing of assisted living facility units with residents who (i) have serious cognitive impairment due to a primary psychiatric diagnosis of dementia or any other diagnosis and (ii) are unable to recognize danger or protect their own safety and welfare to create an exception to certain staffing requirements for overnight hours.</p>			
HB 2530 - Head - Medicaid; cost-sharing.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
<p>notes: Requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services to require individuals receiving medical assistance pursuant to the state plan for medical assistance whose household income is greater than 100 percent of the federal poverty level for a household the size of the individual's household to participate in cost-sharing to the greatest extent allowed under federal law and to require individuals receiving medical assistance pursuant to the state plan for medical assistance whose household income is equal to or less than 100 percent of the federal poverty level for a household the size of the individual's household to participate</p>			

in cost-sharing for nonemergency services delivered in a hospital emergency department to the greatest extent allowed by federal law. The bill also requires hospitals with emergency departments to develop a protocol for patients who receive medical assistance pursuant to the state plan for medical assistance to whom a service other than an emergency service will be provided to (i) inform the patient as to the amount of the cost-sharing obligation for such nonemergency services for which the patient may be responsible; (ii) provide the patient with information, including name and location, about available nonemergency health care providers; and (iii) provide a referral to such nonemergency health care provider to facilitate treatment of the patient by the nonemergency health care provider.

<p>HB 2558 - Pillion - Medicaid recipients; treatment involving opioids or opioid replacements, payment.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(S) Signed by President</p>	<p>02/15/19</p>
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notes: Prohibits health care providers licensed by the Board of Medicine from requesting or requiring a patient who is a recipient of medical assistance services pursuant to the state plan for medical assistance to whom health care services involving (i) the prescription of an opioid for the management of pain or (ii) the prescription of buprenorphine-containing products, methadone, or other opioid replacements approved for the treatment of opioid addiction by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for medication-assisted treatment of opioid addiction are provided to pay costs associated with the provision of such service out-of-pocket, unless such provider has received (a) a rejection of prior authorization, (b) a rejection of a submitted claim, or (c) a written denial of reimbursement for such service from the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

<p>HB 2722 - Watts - Continuing care retirement communities; accessing medical assistance, certificate of public need.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, March 25, 2019</p>	<p>02/18/19</p>
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notes: Provides that a nursing facility in a continuing care retirement community in Planning District 8 and registered with the State Corporation Commission may be certified for participation in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program without regard to any condition on a certificate of public need, so long as not more than 25 percent of the nursing home beds located in the facility, or 15 of the facility's nursing home beds, whichever is fewer, are occupied by individuals receiving benefits at any given time. Currently, such nursing homes may be certified for participation in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program without regard to any condition on a certificate of public need, so long as not more than 10 percent of the nursing home beds located in the facility are occupied by individuals receiving benefits.

<p>SB 1077 - Howell - Assisted living facility; Board of Social Service to amend certain regulations.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services</p>	<p>(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 21, 2019</p>	<p>02/14/19</p>
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notes: Requires licensed assisted living facilities with six or more residents to have a temporary emergency electrical power source available on site and to be able to connect to and utilize such power source for the provision of electricity during an interruption of the normal electric power supply. The bill requires that such temporary emergency electrical power sources be sufficient to provide power for (i) any medical equipment necessary to protect the health of residents; (ii) refrigeration equipment necessary to preserve food and medications that require cold storage; (iii) heating, cooling, and lighting in an area that provides at least 60 square feet of floor space per resident; and (iv) at least one elevator if the assisted living facility is equipped with one or more elevators. Under current law, such assisted living facilities must be able to connect to a temporary emergency electrical power source but are not required to maintain such power source on site.

<p>SB 1167 - Chafin - Medicaid recipients; treatment involving opioids or opioid replacements, payment.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1167ER)</p>	<p>02/18/19</p>
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notes: Prohibits health care providers licensed by the Board of Medicine from requesting or requiring a patient who is a recipient of medical assistance services pursuant to the state plan for medical assistance to whom health care services involving (i) the prescription of an opioid for the management of pain or (ii) the

prescription of buprenorphine-containing products, methadone, or other opioid replacements approved for the treatment of opioid addiction by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for medication-assisted treatment of opioid addiction are provided to pay costs associated with the provision of such service out-of-pocket, unless such provider has received (a) a rejection of prior authorization, (b) a rejection of a submitted claim, or (c) a written denial of reimbursement for such service from the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

SB 1286 - Barker - Persons with disabilities; auxiliary grants, supportive housing.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(S) Senators: Barker, Cosgrove, Chafin	02/19/19
	(S) Committee on Finance		

notes: Creates a nonrefundable income tax credit beginning in taxable year 2019 for expenses incurred by an individual in caring for an eligible family member, defined in the bill, who requires assistance with one or more activities of daily living, also defined in the bill. The credit equals 50 percent of eligible expenditures incurred by the caregiver, but shall not exceed \$1,000. In order to qualify for the credit, the family caregiver must (i) not receive any compensation or reimbursement for the eligible expenditures, (ii) have federal adjusted gross income that is no greater than \$75,000 for an individual or \$150,000 for married persons, and (iii) live in the same primary residence as the eligible family member for no fewer than 183 days during the taxable year.

The bill requires the Tax Commissioner to establish guidelines for claiming the credit and provides that any unused credit may be carried forward by the taxpayer for five taxable years following the taxable year for which the credit was issued. The credit expires beginning with taxable year 2024.

SB 1325 - Chafin - Guaranteed asset protection waivers; establishes requirements for offering waivers, etc.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1325ER)	02/18/19
	(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor		

notes: Establishes requirements for offering guaranteed asset protection (GAP) waivers, which are agreements, entered into as a part of or addendum to a motor vehicle financing agreement, under which the creditor agrees for a separate charge to waive or cancel amounts due on the finance agreement if the financed motor vehicle is totally damaged or stolen. The measure requires the creditor to insure its GAP waiver obligations; prohibits a creditor from conditioning an extension or term of credit on the purchase of a GAP waiver; requires a GAP waiver to include disclosures regarding the cancellation of the GAP waiver during a free look period; and establishes requirements and restrictions for the cancellation of GAP waivers, including refund provisions. The measure authorizes the State Corporation Commission to assess monetary penalties against violators. The measure provides that GAP waivers are not insurance and are exempt from Virginia's insurance laws.

SB 1326 - McClellan - Social Services, St. Bd.; regulations regarding bed limits for licensed assisted living facilities.	(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Rehabilitation and Social Services with letter (15-Y 0-N)	02/01/19
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notes: Requires the State Board of Social Services to amend its regulations to exempt all buildings in which a licensed assisted living facility was located as of February 1, 2018, from the requirement that no more than two residents reside in a bedroom.

SB 1352 - McDougle - Medicaid Fiscal Oversight and Accountability, Office of; created, report.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/19/19
	(S) Committee on Finance		

notes: Creates as an independent state agency the Office of Medicaid Fiscal Oversight and Accountability and charges the agency with the preparation of the Official Medicaid Forecast for the state, monthly oversight of Medicaid expenditures, review of the fiscal impact of policy changes, and other oversight and accountability responsibilities. The Director of the Office of Medicaid Fiscal Oversight and Accountability will be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly.

SB 1409 - Mason - Assisted living facilities; requirement for licensed administrator.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1409ER)	02/18/19
	(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services		

notes: Extends from immediately to within 14 days the time by which a licensed assisted living facility must notify the regional office of the Department of Social Services and the Board of Long-Term Care Administrators that the facility administrator has died, resigned, been discharged, or become unable to perform his duties. The bill also removes the provision that prohibits a licensed assisted living facility from operating under the supervision of an acting administrator more than one time during any two-year period unless authorized to do so by the Department of Social Services.

SB 1410 - Mason - Assisted living facilities; staffing during overnight hours.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 21, 2019	02/14/19
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notes: Directs the Board of Social services to amend regulations governing staffing of assisted living facility units with residents who (i) have serious cognitive impairment due to a primary psychiatric diagnosis of dementia or any other diagnosis and (ii) are unable to recognize danger or protect their own safety and welfare to create an exception to certain staffing requirements for overnight hours.

SB 1722 - Barker - Continuing care retirement communities; accessing medical assistance, certificate of public need.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) House amendments agreed to by Senate (38-Y 0-N)	02/15/19
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notes: Changes from 10 percent of a nursing facility to the lesser of 25 percent of a nursing facility or 15 nursing home beds the cap on nursing home beds that are eligible for medical assistance in certain nursing facilities in Planning District 8 in a continuing care retirement community that may be certified to participate in the state program for medical assistance without regard to a certificate of public need.

SB 1750 - Lucas - Medicaid Supplemental Payment Program Fund; established.	(H) Committee on Appropriations (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/19/19
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notes: Establishes the Medicaid Supplemental Payment Program Fund (the Fund). The bill requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services to accept and to pay into the Fund, from any county, city, or town provider, assessment funds that have been collected, pursuant to an ordinance, from inpatient hospitals authorized to receive Medicaid supplemental payments pursuant to the State Plan for Medical Assistance Services amendments 11-018 and 11-019.

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HB 1673 - Mullin - Protective orders, preliminary; full hearing date if an act of God causes closure of a court, etc.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Signed by President	02/15/19
<p>notes: Provides that if an act of God causes closure of a court and prevents the full hearing for a preliminary protective order from being held within 15 days of the issuance of the preliminary order, the hearing shall be held on the next day not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which the court is lawfully closed.</p>			
HB 1674 - Mullin - Abuse and neglect of incapacitated adults; informed consent.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Signed by President	02/15/19
<p>notes: Clarifies, for the purposes of the informed consent exemption to abuse and neglect of incapacitated adults, that the informed consent of the incapacitated person must have been given when such person was not incapacitated. The bill provides that its provisions are declaratory of existing law.</p>			
HB 1708 - Kory - License plates, special; issuance for supporters of recovery from addiction - RECOVERY MATTERS.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/05/19
<p>notes: Authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates for supporters of recovery from addiction bearing the legend RECOVERY MATTERS.</p>			
HB 1763 - Sullivan - Firearms; removal from persons posing substantial risk of injury to himself, etc., penalties.	(H) Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety	(H) Left in Militia, Police and Public Safety	02/05/19
<p>notes: Creates a procedure by which any attorney for the Commonwealth or any law-enforcement officer may apply to a general district court, circuit court, or juvenile and domestic relations district court judge or magistrate for an emergency substantial risk order to prohibit a person who poses a substantial risk of injury to himself or others from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm. If an emergency substantial risk order is issued, a judge or magistrate may issue a warrant to remove firearms from such person. An emergency substantial risk warrant shall expire on the fourteenth day following issuance of the order. The bill requires a court hearing in the circuit court for the jurisdiction where the person is subject to the order resides within 14 days from issuance of an emergency substantial risk order to determine whether a substantial risk order should be issued. Seized firearms shall be retained by a law-enforcement agency for the duration of an emergency substantial risk order or a substantial risk order or, with court approval, may be transferred to a third party 21 years of age or older chosen by the person from whom they were seized. The bill allows the complainant of the original warrant to file a motion for a hearing to extend the substantial risk order prior to its expiration. The court may extend the order for a period not longer than 180 days. The bill provides that persons who are subject to a substantial risk order, until such order has been dissolved by a court, are guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor for purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm; are disqualified from having a concealed handgun permit; and may not be employed by a licensed firearms dealer. The bill also provides that a person who transfers a firearm</p>			
HB 1775 - Mullin - Protective services for adults; multidisciplinary teams to assist local depts. of social services.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(H) Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions	02/05/19
<p>notes: Allows local departments of social services to foster, when practicable, the creation, maintenance, and coordination of hospital and community-based multidisciplinary teams to assist the local departments in identifying abused and exploited adults. The bill also provides that such multidisciplinary teams may develop agreements regarding the exchange of information among the parties for the purposes of the investigation and disposition of complaints of adult abuse and exploitation, delivery of services, and protection for abused or exploited adults. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference.</p>			
HB 1852 - Hope - Civil commitment of sexually violent predators; petition for	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19

release, procedures.			
<p>notes: Provides that when a petition for release of a sexually violent predator who has been civilly committed has been made by the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, no further evaluation of the committed respondent shall be required unless otherwise deemed necessary by the court. Under current law, if the Commissioner's recommendation is to release the committed respondent, such respondent's condition and need for secure inpatient treatment shall be evaluated by a second person with certain credentials to make such evaluations.</p>			
HB 1888 - Miyares - Sexual abuse; limitations period.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
<p>notes: Eliminates the civil statute of limitations period for injury resulting from sexual abuse occurring during the infancy or incapacity of the abused person.</p>			
HB 1900 - Davis - Health Care Provider Credentials Data Solution Fund; created, blockchain technology.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
<p>notes: Establishes the Health Care Provider Credentials Data Solution Fund for the purpose of soliciting proofs of concept to establish or improve a system for the storage and accessing of health care provider credentials data, utilizing blockchain or a similar technology, to be maintained by the Department of Health Professions. The Fund authorizes the Secretary of Health to disburse matching funds on at least a one-to-one basis to any person who demonstrates such proof of concept. This is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science.</p>			
HB 1917 - Stolle - DOC; Director to establish health care continuous quality improvement committee.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(H) Delegates: Stolle, Orrock, Aird	02/19/19
<p>notes: Requires the Director of the Department of Corrections (Department) to establish a health care continuous quality improvement committee, consisting of the Director and specified health care professionals employed by the Department. The bill requires the committee to monitor the health care services provided by the Department, implement criteria to evaluate such health care services, and develop strategies to improve such health care services. The bill also provides that the committee shall develop standardized quarterly quality reports and make them available to the public on the Department's website. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.</p>			
HB 1918 - Stolle - Corrections, Board of; minimum standards for health care services in local correctional facilities.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(H) Delegates: Stolle, Orrock, Aird	02/19/19
<p>notes: Authorizes the Board of Corrections (Board) to establish minimum standards for health care services in local, regional, and community correctional facilities and procedures for enforcing such minimum standards, with the advice of and guidance from the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and State Health Commissioner. The bill provides that (i) such standards shall require that each local, regional, and community correctional facility submit a standardized quarterly continuous improvement report documenting the delivery of health care services, along with any improvements made to those services, to the Board and (ii) such reports shall be available to the public on the Board's website. The bill also authorizes the Board to determine that a local, regional, or community correctional facility accredited by the American Correctional Association or National Commission on Correctional Health Care meets such minimum standards solely on the basis of such accreditation; however, without exception, the requirement to submit standardized quarterly continuous quality improvement reports shall be a mandatory minimum standard. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.</p>			
HB 1933 - Hope - Prisoners; medical and mental health treatment of those incapable of giving consent.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1933ER)	02/19/19
<p>notes: Establishes a process for the sheriff or administrator in charge of a local or regional correctional facility to petition a court to authorize medical or mental health treatment for a prisoner in such facility who is incapable of giving informed consent for such treatment. The process parallels the existing process for the</p>			

<p>Director of the Department of Corrections to seek authorization to provide involuntary treatment to prisoners in state correctional facilities. The bill provides that the treatment ordered may be provided within a local or regional correctional facility if such facility is licensed to provide such treatment. If statutory procedures are followed, the service provider does not have liability based on lack of consent or lack of capacity to consent unless there is injury or death resulting from gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.</p>			
<p>HB 1942 - Bell, Robert B. - Behavioral health services; exchange of medical and mental health information and records.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Appropriations</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Finance</p>	<p>(H) Placed on Calendar</p>	<p>02/19/19</p>
<p><i>notes:</i> Authorizes the State Board of Corrections (the Board) to establish minimum standards for behavioral health services, including "forensic discharge planning services" as defined in the bill, in local correctional facilities and procedures for enforcing these standards, with the advice and guidance of the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the State Inspector General. The bill requires the Board, also in conjunction with the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the State Inspector General, to establish a procedure for the conduct of at least one unannounced annual behavioral health services inspection of each local correctional facility by the Board or its agents and allows the Board to authorize such other announced or unannounced inspections as it deems necessary. The bill also provides that the minimum standards shall include regulations directing the sharing of medical and mental health information and records as provided by law and a procedure by which a community services board that provides behavioral health services in the local or regional correctional facility may bill, and the sheriff or superintendent shall pay, for such services. The bill allows the person in charge of a state, regional, or local correctional facility, or his designee, to receive from a health care provider medical and mental health information and records concerning a person committed to such correctional facility, even when such committed person does not provide consent or consent is not readily obtainable, when such information and records are necessary - and more; see the bill.</p>			
<p>HB 1971 - Stolle - Health professions and facilities; adverse action in another jurisdiction.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 22, 2019</p>	<p>02/15/19</p>
<p><i>notes:</i> Provides that the mandatory suspension of a license, certificate, or registration of a health professional by the Director of the Department of Health Professions is not required when the license, certificate, or registration of a health professional is revoked, suspended, or surrendered in another jurisdiction based on disciplinary action or mandatory suspension in the Commonwealth. The bill extends the time by which the Board of Pharmacy (Board) is required to hold a hearing after receiving an application for reinstatement from a nonresident pharmacy whose registration has been suspended by the Board based on revocation or suspension in another jurisdiction from not later than its next regular meeting after the expiration of 30 days from receipt of the reinstatement application to not later than its next regular meeting after the expiration of 60 days from receipt of the reinstatement application.</p>			
<p>HB 1987 - Toscano - Aged or incapacitated adults; financial exploitation, authority to refuse transactions.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services</p>	<p>(S) Passed Senate with substitute (40-Y 0-N)</p>	<p>02/19/19</p>
<p><i>notes:</i> Allows financial institution staff, pursuant to an internal policy, to refuse to execute a transaction, delay a transaction, or refuse to disburse funds if the financial institution staff (i) believes in good faith that the transaction or disbursement may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to the financial exploitation of an adult or (ii) has actual knowledge that a report was made by any person to the local department of social services or adult protective services hotline stating a good faith belief that the transaction or disbursement may involve, facilitate, result in, or contribute to the financial exploitation of an adult. The bill requires the financial institution staff to report the suspected financial exploitation to the local department of social services or adult protective services hotline within five business days of refusing to execute a transaction, delaying a transaction, or refusing to disburse funds and allows financial institution staff to continue to refuse to execute a transaction, delay a transaction, or refuse to disburse funds for 10 business days after making the report and for up to 45 business days if requested to do so by the local department or if no response from the local department has been received.</p>			
<p>HB 2000 - Price - State agencies; maximum temperature at which certain rooms may be kept.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on General Laws</p>	<p>(H) Left in General Laws</p>	<p>02/05/19</p>

<p>notes: Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to revise the Uniform Statewide Building Code to decrease the temperature at which an owner or operator of certain apartment buildings who rents, leases, or lets one or more dwelling units, rooming units, or guestrooms on terms, either expressed or implied, to furnish cooling to the occupants thereof shall supply cooling during the period from May 15 to October 1 from 80 degrees Fahrenheit to 77 degrees Fahrenheit. The bill also directs the Department of Social Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Department of Health, and the Department of Corrections to amend their regulations to provide that the maximum temperature at which certain rooms in facilities regulated by such agencies may be kept shall be no more than 77 degrees Fahrenheit.</p>			
<p>HB 2017 - Peace - Auxiliary grants; supportive housing.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Appropriations</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services</p>	<p>(H) Delegates: Peace, Orrock, Aird</p>	<p>02/19/19</p>
<p>notes: Allows individuals receiving auxiliary grants to select supportive housing without any requirement that such individuals wait until their first or any subsequent annual reassessment to make such a selection. The bill directs the Commissioner for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to (i) promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of the bill within 180 days of its enactment and (ii) develop guidance documents for implementation of the provisions of the bill no later than February 1, 2020.</p>			
<p>HB 2040 - McGuire - Background checks; persons providing care for elderly or disabled.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p>	<p>(H) Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions</p>	<p>02/05/19</p>
<p>notes: Allows any person who provides or seeks to provide unsupervised care or assistance to an elderly or disabled person to request a national fingerprint criminal background check on himself at his cost.</p>			
<p>HB 2045 - Hurst - Recovery residences; certification by Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, March 25, 2019</p>	<p>02/18/19</p>
<p>notes: Provides for the certification of recovery residences by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. The bill defines "recovery residence" as a housing facility that provides alcohol-free and illicit-drug-free housing to individuals with substance abuse disorders and individuals with co-occurring mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders that does not include clinical treatment services. The bill requires the Department to approve a credentialing agency to issue certificates of compliance to recovery residences. Only recovery residences holding such certificate of compliance will be certified by the Department. The bill prohibits any person from advertising, representing, or otherwise implying to the public that a recovery residence or other housing facility is a certified recovery residence unless it is certified by the Department. The bill authorizes the Department to assess a civil penalty for violations of this prohibition.</p>			
<p>HB 2132 - Murphy - Crimes against incapacitated and vulnerable adults; penalties.</p>	<p>(H) Committee for Courts of Justice</p>	<p>(H) Left in Courts of Justice</p>	<p>02/05/19</p>
<p>notes: xpands the crime of abuse and neglect of an adult to include abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults, defined in the bill as persons 60 years of age or older. Current law applies only to incapacitated adults, defined as persons 18 years of age or older who are impaired by reason of mental illness, intellectual disability, physical illness or disability, advanced age, or other causes to the extent the adult lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make, communicate, or carry out reasonable decisions concerning his well-being. The bill also expands the class of victims of the crime of financial exploitation of incapacitated persons to include persons incapacitated due to physical illness or disability, advanced age over the age of 60, or other causes that prevent such persons from understanding the nature or consequences of the financial transaction involved in an offense against such person. The current law applies only to victims who suffer from mental incapacity.</p>			
<p>HB 2158 - Plum - Naloxone; expands list of individuals who may dispense.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Education and Health</p>	<p>(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, March 25, 2019</p>	<p>02/18/19</p>
<p>notes: xpands the list of individuals who may dispense naloxone pursuant to a standing order to include emergency medical services personnel and health care providers providing services in hospital emergency</p>			

departments and eliminates the requirements (i) that an organization providing services to individuals at risk of experiencing an opioid overdose or training in the administration of naloxone for overdose reversal obtain a controlled substances registration prior to dispensing naloxone, (ii) that naloxone dispensed on behalf of the organization be dispensed by a person who is authorized to train individuals on the administration of naloxone, and (iii) that individuals to whom naloxone is dispensed complete a training program prior to dispensing. The bill also provides that a person who dispenses naloxone shall not be required to obtain a permit to operate a pharmacy or a controlled substances registration and allows a person who dispenses naloxone to charge a fee for dispensing of naloxone provided the fee is no greater than the cost to the organization of obtaining the naloxone dispensed.

HB 2213 - Heretick - Medical/mental health information/records of person committed to jail; local probation officers.	(H) Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2213ER)	02/19/19
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notes: Adds local probation officers and pretrial services officers to the list of persons among whom the medical and mental health information and records of any person committed to jail, and transferred to another correctional facility, may be exchanged.

HB 2231 - Bagby - Food stamps; eligibility, drug-related felonies.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(H) Stricken from docket by Health, Welfare and Institutions (21-Y 0-N)	01/17/19
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notes: Provides that a person who is otherwise eligible to receive food stamp benefits shall not be denied such assistance solely because he has been convicted of a drug-related felony. Under current law, such individuals may not be denied food stamp benefits based on a felony conviction of possession of a controlled substance, provided that such person is complying with, or has already complied with, all obligations imposed by the criminal court, is actively engaged in or has completed a substance abuse treatment program, participates in periodic drug screenings, and fulfills any other obligations as determined by the Department of Social Services.

HB 2318 - McGuire - Naloxone; possession and administration by school nurses and local health department employees.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, March 25, 2019	02/18/19
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notes: Adds school nurses and local health department employees that are assigned to a public school pursuant to an agreement between the local health department and school board to the list of individuals who may possess and administer naloxone or other opioid antagonist, provided that they have completed a training program.

HB 2521 - Rasoul - Assisted living facilities; staffing during overnight hours.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2521ER)	02/19/19
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notes: Directs the Board of Social services to amend regulations governing staffing of assisted living facility units with residents who (i) have serious cognitive impairment due to a primary psychiatric diagnosis of dementia or any other diagnosis and (ii) are unable to recognize danger or protect their own safety and welfare to create an exception to certain staffing requirements for overnight hours.

HB 2593 - Rodman - Health instruction; mental health.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
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notes: Health instruction; mental health.

HB 2613 - Delaney - Maternity care patients; adds information about perinatal anxiety.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
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notes: Adds information about perinatal anxiety to the types of information about which each licensed nurse midwife, licensed midwife, or hospital providing maternity care must provide to each maternity patient and,

if present, the father of the infant and other relevant family members or caretakers. Currently, licensed nurse midwives, licensed midwives, and hospitals providing maternity care are required to provide information about postpartum blues and perinatal depression, shaken baby syndrome and the dangers of shaking babies, and safe sleep environments for infants.			
HB 2652 - Hope - Regulation of licensed providers; Bd. of BHDS to require disclosure of certain information.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
notes: Directs the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to amend regulations governing licensed providers to require every licensed provider to provide a truthful statement regarding the character, ability, and fitness for employment of a current or past employee or other individual currently or previously associated with the provider in a capacity that requires a criminal history background check to any other licensed provider with which the current or past employee has applied for employment or to fill a role that requires a criminal history background check upon receipt of a request for such information from the other licensed provider and written consent to the disclosure of such information executed by the current or past employee or other individual currently or previously associated with the provider in a capacity that requires a criminal history background check.			
HB 2693 - Price - Qualified mental health professionals; regulations for registration.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, March 25, 2019	02/18/19
notes: Requires the Board of Counseling to promulgate regulations for the registration of persons receiving supervised training in order to qualify as a qualified mental health professional. The bill defines the terms "qualified mental health professional-adult," "qualified mental health professional-child," and "qualified mental health professional-trainee."			
HB 2695 - Levine - Crime victim rights; expands definition of victim.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
notes: Expands the definition of "victim," for purposes of the Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act (§ 19.2-11.01 et seq.), to include (i) a person who has suffered physical, psychological, or economic harm as a direct result of the commission of identity theft, brandishing a firearm, indecent liberties by children, indecent exposure, using profane or threatening language over the telephone, or a delinquent act that would be one of such misdemeanor offenses if committed by an adult; (ii) a spouse or child of such a person; (iii) a parent or legal guardian of such a person who is a minor; (iv) a current or former foster parent or other person who has or has had physical custody of such a person who is a minor, for six months or more or for the majority of the minor's life; or (v) a spouse, parent, sibling, or legal guardian of such a person who is physically or mentally incapacitated.			
HB 2710 - Campbell, J.L. - Emergency custody orders and preliminary detention orders; transportation, reimbursement.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Tabled in Commerce and Labor (17-Y 0-N)	01/31/19
notes: Provides that if any health benefit plan provides coverage for the transportation of a covered person subject to an emergency custody order or a temporary detention order, any law-enforcement agency providing such transportation services to such covered person shall receive reimbursement for such services directly from the health carrier issuing such plan, when the health carrier is presented with an assignment of benefits by the law-enforcement agency providing such services. The bill limits such reimbursement to \$35 per hour and mileage as prescribed by law for travel on state business for every mile of actual travel.			
SB 692 - Deeds - Disabled parking placards; certification by mental health professional to DMV a person's disability.	(S) Committee on Transportation	(S) Left in Transportation	11/30/18
notes: Allows mental health professionals to certify to the Department of Motor Vehicles a person's disability that limits or impairs his ability to walk, for the purpose of obtaining a disabled parking placard. The bill contains technical amendments.			
SB 835 - Peake - Central Virginia Training Center; closure prohibited.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Left in Finance	11/30/18
notes: Provides that the Central Virginia Training Center shall not be closed and shall instead remain open.			
SB 1040 - Peake - Jails, local; compensation	(H) Committee on	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/19/19

for cost of incarceration of convicted felons.	Appropriations (S) Committee on Finance		
<p>notes: . Provides for local jails to be compensated for the actual cost of incarcerating convicted felons at the rate calculated in the Compensation Board's annual jail cost report. Current law provides for jails to be compensated for the cost of incarceration of convicted felons as provided for in the general appropriation act.</p>			
SB 1071 - Peake - Central Virginia Training Center; closure prohibited.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Finance (13-Y 3-N)	01/30/19
<p>notes: Provides that the Central Virginia Training Center shall not be closed and shall instead remain open.</p>			
SB 1072 - Peake - Training center; definition.	(H) Committee on Appropriations (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/19/19
<p>notes: Defines "training center" as a regional facility operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services that is certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disability (ICF/IID). The bill provides that ICF/IID certification does not preclude additional CMS certifications as appropriate.</p>			
SB 1077 - Howell - Assisted living facility; Board of Social Service to amend certain regulations.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 21, 2019	02/14/19
<p>notes: Requires licensed assisted living facilities with six or more residents to have a temporary emergency electrical power source available on site and to be able to connect to and utilize such power source for the provision of electricity during an interruption of the normal electric power supply. The bill requires that such temporary emergency electrical power sources be sufficient to provide power for (i) any medical equipment necessary to protect the health of residents; (ii) refrigeration equipment necessary to preserve food and medications that require cold storage; (iii) heating, cooling, and lighting in an area that provides at least 60 square feet of floor space per resident; and (iv) at least one elevator if the assisted living facility is equipped with one or more elevators. Under current law, such assisted living facilities must be able to connect to a temporary emergency electrical power source but are not required to maintain such power source on site.</p>			
SB 1078 - Howell - Protective orders; possession of firearms, penalty.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Left in Finance	02/06/19
<p>notes: Provides that it is a Class 6 felony for a person who is subject to a permanent protective order (i.e., a protective order with a maximum duration of two years) for subjecting another person to an act of violence, force, or threat to possess a firearm while the order is in effect, which is equivalent to the existing penalty for possession of a firearm by a person subject to a permanent protective order for family abuse. The bill also provides that such person may continue to possess and transport a firearm for 24 hours after being served with the order for the purposes of selling or transferring the firearm to another person.</p>			
SB 1135 - Favola - Community Living Waiver wait list; child identified as having a developmental disability.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1135ER)	02/18/19
<p>notes: Directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to amend the criteria for determining the priority status of individuals on the waiting list for services under the Community Living Waiver to include individuals with developmental disabilities who will exit foster care and require waiver services within one year in the Priority One status.</p>			
SB 1137 - Favola - Death penalty; severe mental illness.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/19/19
<p>notes: Provides that a defendant in a capital case who had a severe mental illness, as defined in the bill, at the time of the offense is not eligible for the death penalty. The bill establishes procedures for determining</p>			

whether a defendant had a severe mental illness at the time of the offense and provides for the appointment of expert evaluators. The bill provides that when the defendant's severe mental illness is at issue, a determination will be made by the jury or by the judge in a bench trial as part of the sentencing proceeding, and the defendant bears the burden of proving his severe mental illness by a preponderance of the evidence.			
SB 1144 - Peake - Guardianship; annual report filed by guardian.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Reported from Courts of Justice (17-Y 0-N)	02/15/19
notes: Provides that, upon receiving notice from the local department of social services that a guardian has not filed the required annual report within the prescribed time limit, the court may issue a summons or rule to show cause why the guardian has failed to file such report.			
SB 1149 - DeSteph - DCJS; training standards, recognition of and response to post-traumatic stress.	(S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice with letter (15-Y 0-N)	01/21/19
notes: Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish training standards and publish and periodically update model policies for law-enforcement personnel on the effective recognition of and response to stress, trauma, and post-traumatic stress experienced by law-enforcement officers.			
SB 1167 - Chafin - Medicaid recipients; treatment involving opioids or opioid replacements, payment.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1167ER)	02/18/19
notes: Prohibits health care providers licensed by the Board of Medicine from requesting or requiring a patient who is a recipient of medical assistance services pursuant to the state plan for medical assistance to whom health care services involving (i) the prescription of an opioid for the management of pain or (ii) the prescription of buprenorphine-containing products, methadone, or other opioid replacements approved for the treatment of opioid addiction by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for medication-assisted treatment of opioid addiction are provided to pay costs associated with the provision of such service out-of-pocket, unless such provider has received (a) a rejection of prior authorization, (b) a rejection of a submitted claim, or (c) a written denial of reimbursement for such service from the Department of Medical Assistance Services.			
SB 1175 - McPike - Elder abuse; employees of financial institutions required to report.	(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Incorporated by Rehabilitation and Social Services (SB1490-Obenshain) (15-Y 0-N)	01/25/19
notes: Requires any employee, agent, qualified individual, or representative of a bank, trust company, savings institution, industrial loan association, consumer finance company, credit union, investment company, investment advisor, securities firm, accounting firm, or insurance company to report a matter giving reason to suspect the financial exploitation by any person of an adult who is a client or customer of the financial institution. The report is required to be made to the local department of social services for the county or city wherein the adult resides or wherein the exploitation is believed to have occurred or to the adult protective services hotline, unless he notifies the person in charge of the financial institution or his designee, who shall report such information in accordance with the financial institution's policies and procedures for reporting such matters. This measure replaces an existing provision that authorizes any financial institution staff who suspects that an adult has been exploited financially to report the suspected exploitation.			
SB 1221 - Chafin - Telemedicine services; payment and coverage of services.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Finance	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1221ER)	02/18/19
notes: Requires insurers, corporations, or health maintenance organizations to cover remote patient monitoring services as part of their coverage of telemedicine services to the full extent that these services are available. The bill defines remote patient monitoring services as the delivery of home health services using telecommunications technology to enhance the delivery of home health care, including monitoring of clinical patient data such as weight, blood pressure, pulse, pulse oximetry, blood glucose, and other condition-specific data; medication adherence monitoring; and interactive video conferencing with or without digital image upload.			

The bill requires the Board of Medical Assistance Services to include in the state plan for medical assistance services a provision for the payment of medical assistance for health care services provided through telemedicine services, including remote monitoring services and the use of telemedicine technologies as it pertains to remote patient monitoring services, to the full extent that these services are available.

The bill provides that provisions of the Code of Virginia regulating health professions regulated by the Board of Medicine do not prevent or prohibit any practitioner of one of such professions who is located in another state and is in good standing with the applicable regulatory agency in such state from providing telemedicine services within the scope of his practice to a patient located in Virginia.

Finally, the bill provides that in cases in which a practitioner of the healing arts is providing telemedicine services, such practice is deemed to occur where the practitioner is located at the time of provision.

SB 1224 - Chafin - Local multidisciplinary adult abuse, neglect & exploitation response teams; establishment of teams.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Committee substitute printed 19106573D-H1	02/18/19
	(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services		

notes: Allows the attorney for the Commonwealth in each political subdivision to coordinate the establishment of a multidisciplinary response to elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of incapacitated adults to (i) conduct regular reviews of new and ongoing reports of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of incapacitated adults and, at the request of any member of the team, conduct reviews of any other reports of elder abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation in the jurisdiction involving an incapacitated or older adult and (ii) establish and review guidelines for the community's response to elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of incapacitated adults.

SB 1273 - Lucas - DOC; Director to establish health care continuous quality improvement committee.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1273ER)	02/18/19
	(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services		

notes: Requires the Director of the Department of Corrections (Department) to establish a health care continuous quality improvement committee, consisting of the Director and specified health care professionals employed by the Department. The bill requires the committee to monitor the health care services provided by the Department, implement criteria to evaluate such health care services, and develop strategies to improve such health care services. The bill also provides that the committee shall develop standardized quarterly quality reports and make them available to the public on the Department's website. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.

SB 1286 - Barker - Persons with disabilities; auxiliary grants, supportive housing.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(S) Senators: Barker, Cosgrove, Chafin	02/19/19
	(S) Committee on Finance		

notes: Clarifies language surrounding receipt of auxiliary grants by individuals living in supportive housing and increases the maximum number of auxiliary grant recipients in supportive housing from 60 to 120.

SB 1326 - McClellan - Social Services, St. Bd.; regulations regarding bed limits for licensed assisted living facilities.	(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Rehabilitation and Social Services with letter (15-Y 0-N)	02/01/19
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notes: Requires the State Board of Social Services to amend its regulations to exempt all buildings in which a licensed assisted living facility was located as of February 1, 2018, from the requirement that no more than two residents reside in a bedroom.

SB 1410 - Mason - Assisted living facilities; staffing during overnight hours.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 21, 2019	02/14/19
	(S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services		

notes: Directs the Board of Social services to amend regulations governing staffing of assisted living facility units with residents who (i) have serious cognitive impairment due to a primary psychiatric diagnosis of dementia or any other diagnosis and (ii) are unable to recognize danger or protect their own safety and welfare to create an exception to certain staffing requirements for overnight hours.

SB 1458 - Barker - Firearms; removal from persons posing substantial risk, penalties.	(S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Failed to report (defeated) in Courts of Justice (7-Y 7-N)	01/16/19
<p>notes: Creates a procedure by which any attorney for the Commonwealth or any law-enforcement officer may apply to a general district court, circuit court, or juvenile and domestic relations district court judge or magistrate for an emergency substantial risk order to prohibit a person who poses a substantial risk of injury to himself or others from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm. If an emergency substantial risk order is issued, a judge or magistrate may issue a warrant to remove firearms from such person. An emergency substantial risk warrant shall expire on the fourteenth day following issuance of the order. The bill requires a court hearing in the circuit court for the jurisdiction where the person is subject to the order resides within 14 days from issuance of an emergency substantial risk order to determine whether a substantial risk order should be issued. Seized firearms shall be retained by a law-enforcement agency for the duration of an emergency substantial risk order or a substantial risk order or, with court approval, may be transferred to a third party 21 years of age or older chosen by the person from whom they were seized. The bill allows the complainant of the original warrant to file a motion for a hearing to extend the substantial risk order prior to its expiration. The court may extend the order for a period not longer than 180 days. The bill provides that persons who are subject to a substantial risk order, until such order has been dissolved by a court, are guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor for purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm; are disqualified from having a concealed handgun permit; and may not be employed by a licensed firearms dealer. The bill also provides that a person who transfers a firearm</p>			
SB 1488 - Hanger - State hospital for individuals w/ mental illness; SHHR to examine cause of high census at hospital.	(H) Committee on Rules (S) Committee on Education and Health	(H) Reported from Rules (16-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
<p>notes: Directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to study and develop recommendations for addressing the treatment needs of individuals with complex medical needs who are experiencing a mental health crisis and require mental health treatment. The Department shall report its findings and conclusions to the Joint Subcommittee Studying Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century by December 1, 2019.</p>			
SB 1509 - Carrico - Southwestern Virginia Training Center; disposition of property in Carroll County.	(H) Committee on Appropriations (S) Committee on Finance	(S) Title replaced 19106713D-H1	02/15/19
<p>notes: Provides that the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) shall not convey, sell, or otherwise dispose of certain real property located in Carroll County on which the former Southwestern Virginia Training Center was situated. The bill directs DBHDS to work with representatives of Carroll and Grayson Counties and the City of Galax, as well as other stakeholders, to develop a plan for the conveyance, sale, or other disposition of the property for the purpose of housing children requiring foster care or as a juvenile residential treatment facility. The bill provides that the prohibition on such disposition expires on July 1, 2021; however, any subsequent disposition is subject to approval by the General Assembly.</p>			
SB 1515 - Carrico - Property conveyance; authorizes DBHDS to transfer certain property.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Finance	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1515ER)	02/18/19
<p>notes: Authorizes the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to transfer a portion of property previously used as the Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute to the Mount Rogers Community Services Board and a portion of such property currently being leased to Smyth County to the County.</p>			
SB 1694 - Barker - Qualified mental health professionals; regulations for registration.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 21, 2019	02/14/19
<p>notes: Requires the Board of Counseling to promulgate regulations for the registration of persons receiving supervised training in order to qualify as a qualified mental health professional. The bill defines the terms "qualified mental health professional-adult," "qualified mental health professional-child," and "qualified mental health professional-trainee."</p>			

SB 1786 - Saslaw - Geriatric, terminally ill, or permanently physically disabled prisoners; conditional release.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice <hr/> (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/19/19
<i>notes:</i> Conditional release of geriatric, terminally ill, or permanently physically disabled prisoners.			
SJ 65 - Marsden - Solitary confinement; Department of Corrections to study.	(S) Committee on Rules	(S) Left in Rules	11/30/18
<i>notes:</i> Requests the Department of Corrections, in consultation with the Department of Criminal Justice Services, to study the use of solitary confinement, including segregation and other forms of solitary confinement, by the Department of Corrections.			
SJ 301 - Deeds - Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century; Joint Subcommittee Studying, cont'd.	(H) Committee on Rules <hr/> (S) Committee on Rules	(H) Reported from Rules (16-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
<i>notes:</i> Continues the Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the Twenty-First Century for two additional years, through December 1, 2021.			

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HB 1713 - Delaney - Employment; prohibited retaliatory action.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Left in Commerce and Labor	02/05/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Prohibits an employer from discharging, disciplining, threatening, discriminating against, penalizing, or taking other retaliatory action against an employee regarding the employee's compensation, terms, conditions, location, or privileges of employment because the employee (i) reports a violation or suspected violation of any federal or state law or regulation to a supervisor or to any governmental body or law-enforcement official; (ii) is requested by a governmental body or law-enforcement official to participate in an investigation, hearing, or inquiry; (iii) refuses to engage in a criminal act that would subject the employee to criminal liability; (iv) refuses an employer's order to perform an action that the employee believes, which belief has an objective basis in fact, violates any federal or state law or regulation and the employee informs the employer that the order is being refused for that reason; or (v) provides information to or testifies before any governmental body or law-enforcement official conducting an investigation, hearing, or inquiry into any alleged violation by the employer of federal or state law or regulation. A person who alleges a violation of this chapter may bring a civil action seeking injunctive relief, reinstatement, and compensation for lost wages, benefits, and other remuneration.</p>			
HB 1717 - Gooditis - Employment discrimination; prohibited against electoral board members & assistant general registrar.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Prohibits discrimination in employment against electoral board members and assistant general registrars on the basis of election day service. Current law prohibits such employment discrimination against officers of election. A violation of the bill's provisions is a Class 3 misdemeanor.</p>			
HB 1740 - Bell, Richard P. - Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act; exemptions.	(H) Committee on General Laws (S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1740ER)	02/19/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Modifies current law to provide that personal information systems related to adult services and adult protective services that are maintained by the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), rather than the Department of Social Services, are exempt from the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act. The bill also adds to such exemption DARS personal information systems related to auxiliary grants.</p>			
HB 1748 - Carter - Workers' compensation; employer to notify employee of intent.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Left in Commerce and Labor	02/05/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Requires an employer whose employee has filed a claim under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act to advise the employee whether the employer intends to accept or deny the claim or is unable to make such a determination because it lacks sufficient information from the employee. If the employer is unable to make such a determination because it lacks sufficient information from the employee, the employer shall so state and identify the needed additional information. If the employer intends to deny the claim, it shall provide the reasons.</p>			
HB 1761 - Carter - State correctional facilities; procurement by public bodies of articles produced or manufactured.	(H) Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety	(H) Left in Militia, Police and Public Safety	02/05/19
<p><i>notes:</i> Prohibits articles produced or manufactured and services provided by persons confined in state correctional facilities from being purchased by (i) any department, institution, or agency of the Commonwealth that is supported in whole or in part with funds from the state treasury or (ii) any county, district of any county, city, or town or by any nonprofit organization, including volunteer emergency medical services agencies, fire departments, sheltered workshops, and community service organizations. Under current law, state departments, institutions, and agencies that are supported in whole or in part with funds from the state treasury are required to purchase such articles and services, and counties, districts of any county, cities, and towns, as well as any nonprofit organizations, are permitted to purchase such articles and services. The bill provides that such articles and services may be disposed of by the Director of the</p>			

Department of Corrections only by sale or exchange on the open market. The bill contains technical amendments.			
HB 1764 - Carter - Government employees; strikes.	(H) Committee on General Laws	(H) Left in General Laws	02/05/19
notes: Repeals the provisions of the Code of Virginia that, among other things, provide that any employee of the Commonwealth, a locality, or other political subdivision who strikes or willfully refuses to perform the duties of his employment is deemed to have terminated his employment and is thereafter ineligible for employment.			
HB 1815 - Hope - Assisted living facilities; emergency electrical power source, disclosure to prospective residents.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1815ER)	02/19/19
notes: Directs the State Board of Social Services to include in regulations governing assisted living facilities a requirement that each licensed assisted living facility with six or more residents disclose to each prospective resident, or his legal representative, in writing in a document that is separate and distinct from any other documents provided to the prospective resident or his legal representative and as evidenced by the written acknowledgement of the resident or his legal representative, whether the facility has an on-site emergency electrical power source for the provision of electricity during an interruption of the normal electric power supply and, if the assisted living facility does have an on-site emergency electrical power source, (i) the items for which such on-site emergency electrical power source will supply power in the event of an interruption of the normal electric power supply and (ii) whether staff of the assisted living facility have been trained to maintain and operate such on-site emergency electrical power source to ensure the provision of electricity during an interruption of the normal electrical power supply. The bill also provides that an on-site emergency electrical power source shall include both permanent on-site emergency electrical power sources and portable on-site emergency electrical power sources, provided such portable on-site emergency electrical power source remains on the premises of the assisted living facility at all times.			
HB 1858 - McQuinn - Virginia Grocery Investment Program and Fund; created, report.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
notes: Creates the Virginia Grocery Investment Program and Fund to provide funding for the construction, rehabilitation, equipment upgrades, or expansion of grocery stores, small food retailers, and innovative food retail projects, defined in the bill, in underserved communities.			
HB 1862 - McQuinn - Employees; break time and location to express breast milk.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Left in Commerce and Labor	02/05/19
notes: Requires employers, including the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions, to provide reasonable unpaid break time each day to an employee who needs to express breast milk for her nursing child for one year after the child's birth. The bill requires an employer to make reasonable efforts to provide a room or other location, other than a bathroom, where the employee can express breast milk in privacy. An employer shall not be held to have violated these requirements if it has made reasonable efforts to comply with them. The measure applies to employees who are exempt under § 7 of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The FLSA requires employers to provide such benefits for nonexempt employees.			
HB 1927 - Keam - Special identification card; applicants who are blind or vision impaired.	(H) Committee on Transportation (S) Committee on Transportation	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 22, 2019	02/15/19
notes: Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to, upon request of the applicant, indicate on an applicant's special identification card that he is blind or vision impaired.			
HB 1937 - Krizek - Real property tax; exemptions for elderly and handicapped, computation of income limitation.	(H) Committee on Finance (S) Committee on Finance	(G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 16 (effective 7/1/19)	02/15/19
notes: Provides that, if a locality has established a real estate tax exemption for the elderly and handicapped and enacted an income limitation related to the exemption, the locality may exclude, for purposes of the limitation, any income received by a family member or nonrelative who lives in the dwelling and who is permanently and totally disabled.			
HB 1938 - Krizek - Blind or vision impaired;	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and	(G) Governor's Action	02/15/19

definition.	Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	Deadline Midnight, February 22, 2019	
notes: Amends the definition of "blind person" in conformance with the definition set forth by the Social Security Administration.			
HB 1950 - Webert - Retail Sales and Use Tax; exemption, nonprofits, limited liability companies.	(H) Committee on Finance (S) Committee on Finance	(G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 20 (effective 7/1/19)	02/15/19
notes: Provides that, for purposes of the retail sales and use tax exemption for nonprofit organizations, the exemption is available to a single member limited liability company whose sole member is a nonprofit organization.			
HB 1989 - Heretick - Extended Employment Services; removes eligibility of individuals with a significant disability.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions	(H) Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions	02/05/19
notes: Removes the eligibility of individuals with a significant disability to receive Extended Employment Services. Under current law, Extended Employment Services are available to individuals with a significant disability or a most significant disability.			
HB 2094 - Guzman - Virginia Personnel Act; hiring preference in state government for persons with disabilities.	(H) Committee on General Laws	(H) Left in General Laws	02/05/19
notes: Establishes a hiring preference in state government for persons with disabilities, provided that such person meets all of the knowledge, skill, and ability requirements for the available position and such person's disability is unrelated to his qualifications for and ability to perform the duties of the available position. The bill defines "person with a disability" as any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of his major life activities or who has a record of such impairment.			
HB 2131 - Guzman - Income tax, state; credit for low-income seniors.	(H) Committee on Finance	(H) Left in Finance	02/05/19
notes: Establishes in taxable years 2019 through 2023 a \$1,000 refundable income tax credit for taxpayers age 65 or older with household income less than 138 percent of the applicable amount in the federal poverty guidelines. If more than one person in a household is eligible for the credit, only one such person may claim the credit.			
HB 2137 - Thomas - Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing; replaces certain terminology.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
notes: Replaces the term "hearing impaired" and its variations with "deaf or hard of hearing," "hearing loss," or "loss of hearing" throughout the Code of Virginia. The bill also renames the Virginia Hearing Impairment Identification and Monitoring System as the Virginia Hearing Loss Identification and Monitoring System.			
HB 2150 - Ingram - Real property tax; exemption for the elderly and disabled, improvements to a dwelling.	(H) Committee on Finance (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2150ER)	02/19/19
notes: Provides that, for purposes of the real property tax exemption for the elderly and disabled, certain improvements to exempt land and the land such improvements are situated on shall be included as part of the dwelling and exempt from tax.			
HB 2172 - Miyares - Geriatric prisoners; conditional release, exceptions.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
notes: Prohibits persons serving a sentence imposed upon a conviction of murder in the first degree, abduction with the intent to defile, abduction of any child under 16 for the purpose of concubinage or prostitution, abduction of any minor for the purpose of manufacturing child pornography, rape, forcible sodomy, object sexual penetration, aggravated sexual battery, crimes against nature involving family members, adultery or fornication involving family members, or taking indecent liberties with a child or a conviction of the production, publication, sale, or financing of child pornography from petitioning the Parole			

Board for conditional release, under current law, when such persons reach age 65 and have served at least five years of their sentence or reach age 60 and have served at least 10 years of their sentence.			
HB 2208 - Brewer - Adoption by relative; expands the applicability of procedures.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Passed Senate with amendments (40-Y 0-N)	02/19/19
notes: Expands the applicability of adoption procedures for a child's close relatives to all of the child's adult relatives, including blood relatives whether of the whole or half blood, stepparents, stepbrothers, or stepsisters.			
HB 2296 - Leftwich - Rights of persons with disabilities; procedures for certain actions, website accessibility.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Placed on Calendar	02/19/19
notes: Requires a person who alleges that the website of a bank, trust company, savings institution, or credit union does not comply with applicable law regarding its accessibility by the vision impaired or hearing impaired to provide such entity with notice of the alleged violation at least 120 days prior to filing a civil cause of action. If the entity cures the defect within the 120 days, then the court shall dismiss the action. The bill also requires the court to dismiss a cause of action filed after the defendant has cured the defect and award reasonable costs and attorney fees to the defendant			
HB 2306 - Landes - Long-Term Employment Support Services and Extended Employment Services; referral.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Finance	(H) VOTE: ADOPTION (98-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
notes: Directs the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to make referrals to any employment services organization that provides competitive or commensurate wages and is eligible to receive state-funded Long-Term Employment Support Services or Extended Employment Services. The bill also requires the Department to develop and implement a referral process for individuals who make an informed choice to pursue an employment outcome that is not considered a competitive integrated employment setting by the Department. The bill also establishes the Employment Service Organization Steering Committee as an advisory board in the executive branch of state government. The bill provides that the purpose of the Committee shall be to report to and advise the Commissioner for Aging and Rehabilitative Services on the allocation of funds to employment services organizations for Long-Term Employment Support Services and Extended Employment Services.			
HB 2664 - Aird - Wage payment statements; each employer to provide on each regular pay date.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) VOTE: ADOPTION (98-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
notes: Requires each employer to provide on each regular pay date a written statement, by a paystub or online accounting, that shows the name and address of the employer, the number of hours worked during the pay period, and the rate of pay. Currently an employer is required to provide, when requested, a written statement of the employee's gross wages and any deductions.			
HB 2704 - Bloxom - Virginia taxpayers; providing income tax relief.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Left in Rules	02/05/19
notes: Provides that, if the General Assembly does not enact legislation during the 2019 Session giving at least \$100 million in Virginia income tax relief to Virginia taxpayers, any additional revenues generated by the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act shall be transferred to the Tax Policy Fund, created by the act. The bill requires the Governor to submit, with his budget proposal for the 2020-2022 biennium, a plan to provide tax reform to Virginia taxpayers with revenues in the Tax Policy Fund. Such tax reform shall distribute such additional revenues to Virginia taxpayers proportionately on the basis of their Virginia income tax liability for taxable year 2018.			
HB 2713 - Kory - Death with Dignity Act; penalties.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice	(H) Left in Courts of Justice	02/05/19
notes: Allows an adult who has been determined by an attending physician and consulting physician to be suffering from a terminal condition to request medication for the purpose of ending his life in a humane and			

dignified manner. The bill requires that a patient's request for medication to end his life be given orally on two occasions and in writing, signed by the patient and two witnesses, and that the patient be given an express opportunity to rescind his request. The bill requires that before a patient is prescribed medication to end his life, the attending physician must (i) confirm that the patient is making an informed decision; (ii) refer the patient to a capacity reviewer if the physician is uncertain as to whether the patient is making an informed decision; (iii) refer the patient to a consulting physician for confirmation or rejection of the attending physician's diagnosis; and (iv) inform the patient that he may rescind the request at any time. The bill provides that neither a patient's request for medication to end his life in a humane and dignified manner nor his act of ingesting such medication shall have any effect upon a life, health, or accident insurance policy or an annuity contract. The bill makes it a Class 2 felony (a) to willfully and deliberately alter, forge, conceal, or destroy a patient's request, or rescission of request, for medication to end his life with the intent and effect of causing the patient's death or (b) to coerce, intimidate, or exert undue influence on a patient to request medication for the purpose of ending his life or to destroy the patient's rescission of such request with the intent and effect of causing the patient's death. Finally, the bill grants immunity fr

HJ 583 - Ward - United States Constitution; ratifies Equal Rights Amendment.	(H) Committee on Privileges and Elections	(H) Left in Privileges and Elections	02/05/19
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notes: 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.

SB 999 - Stanley - Virginia Grocery Investment Program and Fund; created, report.	(H) Committee on Appropriations (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/19/19
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notes: Creates the Virginia Grocery Investment Program and Fund to provide funding for the construction, rehabilitation, equipment upgrades, or expansion of grocery stores, small food retailers, and innovative food retail projects, defined in the bill, in underserved communities.

SB 1016 - Chase - Form of ballot; party identification of certain candidates.	(H) Committee on Privileges and Elections (S) Committee on Privileges and Elections	(H) Left in Privileges and Elections	02/19/19
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notes: Allows a candidate for a constitutional office who has been nominated by a political party or in a primary election to choose whether to be identified on the ballot by the name of his political party.

SB 1026 - Spruill - Absentee voting; no-excuse absentee.	(H) Committee on Privileges and Elections (S) Committee on Privileges and Elections	(H) Passed House with amendments (89-Y 10-N)	02/19/19
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notes: 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.

SB 1035 - Locke - Absentee voting; no-excuse absentee.	(S) Committee on Privileges and Elections	(S) Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (SB1026-Spruill) (14-Y 0-N)	01/29/19
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notes: 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.

SB 1099 - DeSteph - DGS; guidance to state public bodies regarding purchases of materials made in the United States.	(H) Committee on General Laws (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Left in General Laws	02/19/19
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notes: Directs the Department of General Services to develop and maintain a guidance document assisting state public bodies to purchase (i) iron and steel that are made in the United States and (ii) manufactured goods with at least 50 percent of the constituent parts and materials originating in the United States.

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SB 1189 - Dance - Virginia Grocery Investment Program and Fund, created.	Finance	(S) Incorporated by Finance (SB999-Stanley) (16-Y 0-N)	01/16/19
<p>notes: Creates the Virginia Grocery Investment Program and Fund to provide funding for the construction, rehabilitation, equipment upgrades, or expansion of grocery stores, small food retailers, and innovative food retail projects, defined in the bill, in underserved communities.</p>			
SB 1196 - Dance - Real property tax; exemption for the elderly and disabled, improvements to a dwelling.	(H) Committee on Finance (S) Committee on Finance	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1196ER)	02/18/19
<p>notes: Provides that, for purposes of the real property tax exemption for the elderly and disabled, certain improvements to exempt land and the land such improvements are situated on shall be included as part of the dwelling and exempt from tax.</p>			
SB 1200 - Dance - Minimum wage; increase to \$10 per hour effective July 1, 2019.	(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Defeated by Senate (19-Y 21-N)	01/21/19
<p>notes: Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$10 per hour effective July 1, 2019, to \$13 per hour effective July 1, 2020, and to \$15 per hour effective July 1, 2021, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The measure also provides that the Virginia minimum wage applies to persons whose employment is covered by the FLSA and to persons employed by the Commonwealth, its agencies or political subdivisions, or a public body.</p>			
SB 1309 - Edwards - Employers and potential employers; civil immunity, reports of violent behavior by an employee.	(S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (11-Y 2-N)	01/30/19
<p>notes: Provides civil immunity to an employer who makes a report to a potential employer or law-enforcement agency of violent or threatened violent behavior, as defined in the bill, by an employee or former employee, provided that such a report was made in good faith and with reasonable cause to make such report. The bill further provides immunity to a potential employer who receives such a report and takes reasonable action in good faith to respond to the violent or threatened violent behavior noted in such report. The bill further provides that the court shall award reasonable attorney fees and costs to any employer or potential employer who has a suit dismissed against him pursuant to the immunity provided to him.</p>			
SB 1366 - Cosgrove - Health, Commissioner of; consolidation of inspections.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Education and Health	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 21, 2019	02/14/19
<p>notes: Requires the Commissioner of Health to identify any inspection of a medical care facility required by Title 32.1 (Health), Board of Health regulations, the Commissioner of Health, the Department of Health, or any other state regulatory boards or agencies and, in collaboration with any such inspecting entity, work to consolidate, as much as practicable, all such inspections in order to minimize the interruption of the provision of care in such medical care facilities.</p>			
SB 1376 - Favola - Small businesses; parental leave tax credit.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Finance (16-Y 0-N)	01/29/19
<p>notes: Creates an income tax credit for taxable year 2021 for a portion of the salary or wages paid by small businesses to full-time employees while on leave for the birth or adoption of a child. The credit equals 65 percent of the first \$8,333 in salary and wages paid by the small business to an employee while on parental leave, which must be leave taken that is separate from any paid vacation, sick, or other paid leave.</p> <p>The bill provides that small businesses must allow full-time employees to take at least eight workweeks of paid parental leave. The salary or wages paid for each week of parental leave must be at least 80 percent of the employee's weekly salary or wages immediately prior to the employee taking leave. In no case will credit be allowed subsequent to 12 workweeks of parental leave.</p> <p>Eligible small businesses must (i) have been operating for at least two full fiscal years immediately prior to the relevant taxable year; (ii) be at least 51 percent independently owned and controlled by one or more individuals who are U.S. citizens or legal residents; (iii) have, together with affiliates, fewer than 50 full-time employees for the relevant taxable year; and (iv) have both management and daily business operations under the control of one or more individual owners. The bill defines full-time employees as employees in a job of indefinite duration that requires a minimum of 35 hours per week for at least 48 weeks during the</p>			

calendar year or a minimum of 1,680 hours during the calendar year.			
The bill provides that small businesses apply for credit from the Department of Taxation, the administering agency for the credit program. The Department will consider complete applications on a first-come, fi			
SB 1475 - Deeds - Health insurance; small employers.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1475ER)	02/18/19
notes: Revises the definition of "small employer" for purposes of group health insurance policies to provide that an individual who performs any service for remuneration under a contract of hire for a limited liability company in which he is a member, regardless of the number of members of the limited liability company, shall be deemed to be an employee of the limited liability company.			
SB 1485 - Hanger - Long-Term Employment Support Services and Extended Employment Services; referral.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Finance	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1485ER)	02/18/19
notes: Directs the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to make referrals to any employment services organization that provides competitive or commensurate wages and is eligible to receive state-funded Long-Term Employment Support Services or Extended Employment Services. The bill also requires the Department to develop and implement a referral process for individuals who make an informed choice to pursue an employment outcome that is not considered a competitive integrated employment setting by the Department. The bill also establishes the Employment Service Organization Steering Committee as an advisory board in the executive branch of state government. The bill provides that the purpose of the Committee shall be to report to and advise the Commissioner for Aging and Rehabilitative Services on the allocation of funds to employment services organizations for Long-Term Employment Support Services and Extended Employment Services.			
SB 1515 - Carrico - Property conveyance; authorizes DBHDS to transfer certain property.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Finance	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1515ER)	02/18/19
notes: Authorizes the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to transfer a portion of property previously used as the Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute to the Mount Rogers Community Services Board and a portion of such property currently being leased to Smyth County to the County.			
SB 1682 - Mason - Employment records; written request from employee, subpoena duces tecum.	(S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Incorporated by Courts of Justice (SB1724-Norment) (14-Y 0-N)	01/23/19
notes: Provides that an employer shall furnish a copy of certain employment records or papers within 30 days of receipt of a written request of a current or former employee or employee's attorney. The bill provides that the employer may charge a reasonable fee to comply with such a request. The bill further provides that a subpoena duces tecum may be issued upon the failure of an employer to comply with such a written request and that if the court finds that an employer willfully refused to comply with such a written request, as outlined in the bill, the court may award damages for all expenses incurred by the employee.			
SB 1689 - Dunnivant - Group health benefit plans; bona fide associations, benefits consortium.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Read second time	02/18/19
notes: Authorizes an association organized as a nonstock corporation whose members are employers conducting business in the Commonwealth to sponsor a trust. The measure authorizes the trust, called a benefits consortium, to sell benefits plans to its members. The benefits plans may provide medical prescription drug, dental, and vision coverage for the employees of members and the sponsoring association and their dependents. The benefits may be self-funded or purchased from an insurer. The benefits consortium will be a multiple employer welfare arrangement subject to the provisions of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The measure exempts the benefits consortium from state taxation and insurance regulations. The measure also replaces references to "bona fide association," as used in			

provisions applicable to health care plans in the small employer market, with the term "sponsoring association."			
SB 1712 - Vogel - Group health benefit plans; bona fide associations.	(S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(S) Incorporated by Commerce and Labor (SB1689-Dunnavant) (13-Y 0-N)	01/31/19
<p>notes: Replaces references to "bona fide association," as used in provisions applicable to health care plans in the small employer market, with the term "sponsoring association." The measure defines "sponsoring association" as a nonstock corporation that, among other conditions, has been actively in existence for 10 years, has at least five members, has been formed for purposes other than obtaining or providing health benefits, and operates as a nonprofit entity.</p>			
SB 1720 - Mason - Kinship foster care; notice to relatives.	(H) Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions (S) Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1720ER)	02/18/19
<p>notes: Requires local boards of social services, when identifying foster care placement options, to (i) determine whether the child has any relatives who may be eligible to become a kinship foster parent, (ii) provide notice to such relatives of their potential eligibility to become a kinship foster parent, and (iii) explain to such relatives any opportunities they may have to participate in the placement and care of the child, including opportunities available through kinship foster care or kinship guardianship.</p>			

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Bills	Committee	Last action	Date
HB 1648 - Fowler - Pedestrian crossings; Town of Ashland may provide signs at crosswalks requiring drivers to yield.	(H) Committee on Transportation (S) Committee on Transportation	(G) Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, February 22, 2019	02/15/19
<p>notes: Adds the Town of Ashland to the list of localities that may provide by ordinance for the installation and maintenance of highway signs at marked crosswalks requiring drivers to yield to pedestrians. A violation of such ordinance is a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of no less than \$100 or more than \$500.</p>			
HB 1786 - Hurst - Vehicles on sidewalks; use of power-driven mobility devices.	(H) Committee on Transportation (S) Committee on Transportation	(S) Signed by President	02/15/19
<p>notes: Adds "other power-driven mobility devices," as defined by federal regulations, to the list of vehicles that can legally be ridden or driven on sidewalks.</p>			
HB 1913 - Bulova - Subdivision ordinance; sidewalks.	(H) Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns (S) Committee on Local Government	(H) Placed on Calendar	02/19/19
<p>notes: Allows any locality to include provisions in its subdivision ordinance requiring that where a lot being subdivided or developed fronts on an existing street and the provision of a sidewalk is in accordance with the locality's adopted comprehensive plan, the locality may require the dedication of land for, and construction of, a sidewalk on the property being subdivided or developed.</p>			
HB 2155 - Plum - Vehicles stopped at crosswalks; prohibition on passing.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/05/19
<p>notes: Prohibits the driver of a vehicle from overtaking and passing a vehicle stopped at a marked crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross the highway.</p>			
HB 2214 - Jones, J.C. - Motorized skateboards or foot-scooters; operation, local authority.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/05/19
<p>notes: Authorizes localities to prohibit or regulate the operation of companies providing motorized skateboards or foot-scooters for hire. The bill authorizes localities to regulate certain aspects of the operation of motorized skateboards and foot-scooters. The bill changes the definition of motorized skateboard or foot-scooter by (i) removing the requirement that such device have no manufacturer-issued vehicle identification number, (ii) removing the requirement that the motor or engine be of a certain maximum power, (iii) providing that such device weighs less than 100 pounds, and (iv) providing that such device may be powered in whole or in part by the motor or engine. The bill makes consistent the operational requirements for motorized skateboards or foot-scooters and similar devices, including (a) allowing motorized skateboards and foot-scooters to be driven on sidewalks, (b) requiring motorized skateboards and foot-scooters driven on a roadway to be driven as close to the right curb as is safely practicable, (c) prohibiting the operation of motorized skateboards or foot-scooters on any Interstate Highway System component, and (d) requiring operators of motorized skateboards and foot-scooters to give hand signals and have lights on such vehicle. The bill prohibits operating a motorized skateboard or foot-scooter at a speed faster than 20 miles per hour.</p>			
SB 1663 - Barker - Subdivision ordinance; sidewalks.	(H) Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns (S) Committee on Local Government	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1663ER)	02/18/19
<p>notes: Allows any locality to include provisions in its subdivision ordinance requiring that where a lot being subdivided or developed fronts on an existing street and the provision of a sidewalk is in accordance with the</p>			

locality's adopted comprehensive plan, the locality may require the dedication of land for, and construction of, a sidewalk on the property being subdivided or developed.

SB 1699 - Peake - Subdivision and zoning; sidewalks.	(H) Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns (S) Committee on Local Government	(H) Passed by indefinitely in Counties, Cities and Towns (21-Y 0-N)	02/15/19
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notes: Authorizes a locality, through provisions in a subdivision ordinance or zoning ordinance, subject to certain terms and conditions included in the ordinance, to grant a developer of land the option of either (i) dedicating land for and constructing a sidewalk as may be required by the locality or (ii) contributing funds equivalent to the cost of the dedication of land for and construction of a sidewalk on the property to a sidewalk fund, maintained and administered by the locality. Such sidewalk fund may be used by the governing body for sidewalk improvements in the locality.

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V4A: Transportation

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Bills	Committee	Last action	Date
SB 1740 - Surovell - Driver privilege cards; penalty.	(S) Committee on Transportation	(S) Failed to report (defeated) in Transportation (6-Y 7-N)	01/23/19

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

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V4A: Veterans

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Bills	Committee	Last action	Date
HB 1655 - Miyares - Real property tax exemption for disabled veterans; surviving spouse's ability to change residence.	(H) Committee on Finance (S) Committee on Finance	(G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 15 (effective 1/1/19)	02/15/19
<p>notes: Enacts as statutory law an amendment to subdivision (a) of Section 6-A of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia that was adopted by the voters on November 6, 2018, which applies the real property tax exemption for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran to such spouse's principal place of residence regardless of whether such spouse moves to a different residence.</p>			
HB 1756 - Miyares - Income tax, state; subtraction for military veterans with a permanent service-connected disability.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
<p>notes: Establishes for taxable years beginning January 1, 2019, an individual income tax subtraction for the military retirement income of veterans with a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability. The bill provides that the subtraction is available only for taxpayers whose federal adjusted gross income is no greater than 150 percent of the federal poverty level for a four-person household.</p>			
HB 1824 - Reid - State employees; sick leave for certain disabled veterans.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
<p>notes: Provides an additional 96 hours of sick leave to disabled veterans, defined in the bill as veterans with a disability rating by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs of at least 60 percent, available during the 12 months following such veteran's start or return to state employment after active duty or following a disability rating decision from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, whichever is later. The bill provides that such additional sick leave shall be used only for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment for the service-related disability and would be provided only to those disabled veterans whose disability occurred on or after January 1, 2016.</p>			
HB 1892 - James - Small business procurement enhancement program; established, report.	(H) Committee on General Laws	(H) Left in General Laws	02/05/19
<p>notes: Establishes a small business procurement enhancement program (the Program) with a statewide goal of 42 percent of small business utilization in all discretionary spending by state agencies in procurement orders, prime contracts, and subcontracts. In addition, the bill (i) provides for a small business set-aside for competition among all small businesses for state agency purchases up to \$100,000 for goods and nonprofessional services and up to \$50,000 for professional services and (ii) establishes qualification criteria for participation in the Program by business operations on the basis of the total number of employees or annual gross receipts, averaged over the previous three years.</p>			
HB 2067 - Bell, John J. - Public employment; prohibits discrimination on basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.	(H) Committee on General Laws	(H) Left in General Laws	02/05/19
<p>notes: Prohibits discrimination in public employment on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, as defined in the bill. The bill also codifies for state and local government employment the current prohibitions on discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, or status as a veteran.</p>			
HB 2083 - Watts - Workplace harassment; policies for legislative branch.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Left in Rules	02/05/19
<p>notes: Requires each legislative branch agency to adopt and implement the Commonwealth Workplace Harassment Policy (the Policy) established by the Department of Human Resource Management. The bill provides that the Policy applies to legislative branch employees, including General Assembly members and members-elect, when undertaking meetings with other state employees, contract employees, applicants for employment, customers, vendors, members of the media, members of the public, volunteers, or lobbyists or conducting or performing election activities in the scope of official duties.</p>			

Under the bill, a victim of alleged workplace harassment will be able to file a complaint against a legislative branch employee, other than a member of the General Assembly, in accordance with the procedures of the Policy or with the Division of Human Rights in the Office of the Attorney General. The Division of Human Rights is authorized to investigate the complaint and use any other powers with regard to the complaint granted to it under law. The bill requires each house of the General Assembly to adopt rules governing procedures and disciplinary sanctions for General Assembly members and members-elect violating policies against workplace harassment.

The 2018 Session of the General Assembly enacted legislation requiring full-time legislative branch employees to complete a sexual harassment training course once every two calendar years beginning January 1, 2019. In addition to other differences, this bill broadens the scope of training for legislative branch employees and provides for punitive damages if a party complaining of workplace harassment demonstrates that the defendant engaged in a discriminatory practice with malice or reckless indi

HB 2161 - Carroll Foy - General Services, Department of; disposition of surplus materials.	(H) Committee on General Laws (S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB2161ER)	02/19/19
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notes: Provides that the Department of General Services shall permit surplus materials to be sold to (i) small businesses certified by the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity that are (a) military spouse-owned or (b) veteran-owned and (ii) veterans service organizations.

HB 2164 - Davis - Small Business and Supplier Diversity, Department of; redefines "small business."	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
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notes: Redefines "small business" for the purposes of programs for the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity and the Virginia Public Procurement Act to mean a business that together with its affiliates has both 250 or fewer employees and average annual gross receipts, less the cost of goods sold by the business, of \$10 million or less averaged over the previous three years. Currently for these programs, a business qualifies as a small business if, together with its affiliates, it has either 250 or fewer employees or average annual gross receipts of \$10 million or less averaged over the previous three years.

HB 2366 - Knight - Small businesses; changes definition, implementation of certification programs, report.	(H) Committee on General Laws	(H) Left in General Laws	02/05/19
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HB 2398 - Lopez - Small Business and Supplier Diversity, Department of; redefines "small business."	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
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HB 2518 - Ayala - Disabled Veteran's State Museum Passport; established.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/05/19
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HB 2685 - Torian - Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; eligibility.	(H) Committee on Appropriations (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Placed on Calendar	02/19/19
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HB 2711 - Simon - Real estate; exemptions, recordation of signed writing, etc.	(H) Committee on General Laws (S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(H) VOTE: ADOPTION (98-Y 0-N)	02/18/19
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HB 2730 - McGuire - Va. Public Procurement Act; service disabled veteran businesses procurement enhancement program.	(H) Committee on General Laws	(H) Left in General Laws	02/05/19
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HJ 657 - Pogge - Constitutional amendment; real property tax exemption, surviving spouse of a disabled veteran.	(H) Committee on Privileges and Elections	(H) Stricken from docket by Privileges and Elections (21-Y 1-N)	02/01/19
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HJ 674 - Torian - DVS & TAX; feasibility of exempting military retirement income from taxation, report.	(H) Committee on Rules (S) Committee on Rules	(S) Reading waived (40-Y 0-N)	02/19/19
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HJ 676 - Filler-Corn - Constitutional	(H) Committee on	(H) Placed on Calendar	02/19/19
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amendment; personal property tax exemption for motor vehicle of a disabled veteran.	Privileges and Elections (S) Committee on Privileges and Elections		
SB 243 - Cosgrove - Virginia Veterans Recovery Grant Program and Fund; established, report.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Left in Finance	11/30/18
<i>notes:</i> Establishes the Virginia Veterans Recovery Grant Program and the Virginia Veterans Recovery Fund for the purpose of providing diagnostic services, hyperbaric oxygen treatment, and support services to eligible veterans who have post-traumatic stress disorder or a traumatic brain injury. The Program reimburses eligible facilities that provide hyperbaric oxygen treatment to an eligible veteran at no cost to the veteran and reimburses the eligible veteran for any necessary travel and living expenses required to receive treatment.			
SB 259 - Stuart - Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; eligibility.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Left in Finance	11/30/18
SB 998 - Ebbin - Public employment; prohibits discrimination on basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.	(H) Committee on General Laws (S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(H) Left in General Laws	02/19/19
<i>notes:</i> Prohibits discrimination in public employment on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, as defined in the bill. The bill also codifies for state and local government employment the current prohibitions on discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, or status as a veteran.			
SB 1036 - Lucas - Small business procurement enhancement program; established, report.	(S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(S) Stricken at request of Patron in General Laws and Technology (14-Y 0-N)	01/14/19
<i>notes:</i> Establishes a small business procurement enhancement program (the Program) with a statewide goal of 42 percent of small business utilization in all discretionary spending by state agencies in procurement orders, prime contracts, and subcontracts. In addition, the bill (i) provides for a small business set-aside for competition among all small businesses for state agency purchases up to \$100,000 for goods and nonprofessional services and up to \$50,000 for professional services and (ii) establishes qualification criteria for participation in the Program by business operations on the basis of the total number of employees or annual gross receipts, averaged over the previous three years.			
SB 1098 - Marsden - Small Business and Supplier Diversity, Department of; redefines "small business."	(S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(S) Defeated by Senate (18-Y 22-N)	02/05/19
<i>notes:</i> Redefines "small business" for the purposes of programs for the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity and the Virginia Public Procurement Act to mean a business that together with its affiliates has both 250 or fewer employees and average annual gross receipts of \$10 million or less averaged over the previous three years. The bill provides that gross receipts shall not include the cost of goods and equipment. Currently, under these programs, a business qualifies as a small business if, together with its affiliates, it has either 250 or fewer employees or average annual gross receipts of \$10 million or less averaged over the previous three years.			
SB 1173 - McPike - Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; eligibility.	(H) Committee on Appropriations (S) Committee on Finance	(S) Title replaced 19106506D-H1	02/14/19
SB 1270 - Stuart - Real property tax; exemption for disabled veterans, surviving spouse's ability to move.	(H) Committee on Finance (S) Committee on Finance	(S) House amendment agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N)	02/15/19
SB 1394 - Dance - Small businesses; changes definition, implementation of certification programs, report.	(S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(S) Stricken at request of Patron in General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N)	01/28/19
SB 1636 - Boysko - Virginia Equal Pay Act;	(S) Committee on	(S) Passed by indefinitely in	01/28/19

civil penalties.	Commerce and Labor	Commerce and Labor (11-Y 2-N)	
SB 1665 - Stuart - Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; eligibility.	(S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Incorporated by Education and Health (SB1173-McPike) (14-Y 0-N)	01/17/19
SJ 278 - Reeves - Constitutional amendment; personal property tax exemption for motor vehicle of a disabled veteran.	(H) Committee on Privileges and Elections <hr/> (S) Committee on Privileges and Elections	(H) Committee substitute printed 19106687D-H1	02/15/19
notes: Provides that one motor vehicle of a veteran who has a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability shall be exempt from state and local taxes. The amendment provides that only automobiles and pickup trucks qualify for the exemption.			

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