**OEMS Legislative Report**

**January 15, 2021**

[**HB 1769**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HB1769)**Health care providers, certain; licensure or certification by endorsement.**

*Chief patron:*Freitas

*Patrons:* Freitas and Cole, M.L.

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-2927, 54.1-2951.1, and 54.1-2957 of the Code of Virginia, relating to certain health care providers; licensure or certification by endorsement.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Certain health care providers; licensure or certification by endorsement.** Requires the Board of Medicine to issue a license or certificate by endorsement to an applicant who holds a valid, unrestricted license or certificate under the laws of another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States territory or possession with which the Commonwealth has not established a reciprocal relationship upon endorsement by the appropriate board or other appropriate authority of such other state, the District of Columbia, or United States territory or possession and a determination by the Board of Medicine that the applicant's credentials are satisfactory to the Board of Medicine and the examinations and passing grades required by such other board or authority are fully equal to those required by the Board of Medicine.

12/28/20 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21100648D  
12/28/20 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions  
01/07/21 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1769)  
01/13/21 House: Assigned HWI sub: Health Professions

[**HB 1803**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HB1803)**Approved local volunteer activities; enables localities to provide credit against taxes & fees.**

*Chief patron:*Orrock

*Patron:* Orrock

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 30 of Title 58.1 a section numbered 58.1-3019, relating to local credits for approved local volunteer activities.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Local credits for approved local volunteer activities.** Enables localities, by ordinance, to provide a credit against taxes and fees imposed by the locality to an individual who provides approved volunteer services in the locality. As defined in the bill, "approved volunteer services" includes (i) volunteer first responders or (ii) individuals who perform volunteer services to a nonprofit organization or to the locality, if such services are approved by the locality. The bill specifies that the credit may not be used against any property taxes or payments in lieu of property taxes. The bill gives localities discretion to determine which taxes or fees are permissible uses of the credit and which services qualify for the credit.

01/04/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21100893D  
01/04/21 House: Referred to Committee on Finance  
01/11/21 House: Impact statement from TAX (HB1803)

[**HB 1818**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HB1818)**Workers' compensation; presumption of compensability for certain diseases.**

*Chief patron:*Heretick

*Patron:* Heretick

A BILL to amend and reenact § 65.2-402 of the Code of Virginia, relating to workers' compensation; presumption of compensation for certain diseases; applicable to salaried and volunteer emergency medical services personnel.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Workers' compensation; presumption of compensability for certain diseases.** Adds salaried or volunteer emergency medical services personnel to the list of persons to whom, after five years of service, the occupational disease presumption for death caused by hypertension or heart disease applies.

01/06/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21100558D  
01/06/21 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce  
01/14/21 House: Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #1

[**HB 1821**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HB1821)**Experiencing or reporting overdoses; prohibits arrest and prosecution.**

*Chief patron:*Bulova

*Patrons:* Bulova, Hurst, Lopez and Willett

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-251.03 of the Code of Virginia, relating to arrest and prosecution when experiencing or reporting overdoses.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Arrest and prosecution when experiencing or reporting overdoses.**Prohibits the arrest or prosecution of an individual for the unlawful purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, intoxication in public, or possession of controlled paraphernalia if (i) such individual, in good faith, renders emergency care or assistance, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or the administration of naloxone or other opioid antagonist for overdose reversal, to an individual experiencing an overdose while another individual seeks or obtains emergency medical attention; (ii) such individual remains at the scene of the overdose or at any location to which he or the individual requiring emergency medical attention has been transported; (iii) such individual identifies himself to the law-enforcement officer who responds; and (iv) the evidence for a prosecution of one of the enumerated offenses would have been obtained only as a result of the individual's rendering emergency care or assistance.

Current law prohibits arrest or prosecution for such offenses only to an individual who seeks or obtains emergency medical attention for himself or another individual or who is experiencing an overdose when another individual seeks or obtains emergency medical attention for him.

01/06/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21102028D  
01/06/21 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice  
01/12/21 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1821)  
01/14/21 House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal

[**HB 1913**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HB1913)**Career fatigue and wellness in certain health care providers; programs to address, civil immunity.**

*Chief patron:*Hope

*Patrons:* Hope, Hurst, Keam, Plum, Rasoul, Simon and Simonds

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 8.01-581.16, 54.1-2400.6, and 54.1-2909 of the Code of Virginia, relating to programs to address career fatigue and wellness in certain health care providers; civil immunity.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Programs to address career fatigue and wellness in certain health care providers; civil immunity.** Expands civil immunity for health care professionals serving as members of or consultants to entities that function primarily to review, evaluate, or make recommendations related to health care services to include health care professionals serving as members of or consultants to entities that function primarily to address issues related to career fatigue and wellness in health care professionals licensed, registered, or certified by the Boards of Medicine, Nursing, or Pharmacy, or in students enrolled in a school of medicine, osteopathic medicine, nursing, or pharmacy located in the Commonwealth. The bill contains an emergency clause.

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01/10/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed with emergency clause; offered 01/13/21 21101116D  
01/10/21 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions  
01/11/21 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1913)

[**HB 1938**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HB1938)**Firefighting, emerg. medical services, or law-enforcement equipment & vehicles; destroying, penalty.**

*Chief patron:*Wyatt

*Patrons:* Wyatt, Fowler, McGuire, Wiley and Wright

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-151.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to destroying, removing, or tampering with emergency medical services equipment or law-enforcement vehicles and equipment; penalty.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Destroying or tampering with firefighting or emergency medical services equipment or law-enforcement equipment and vehicles; penalty.** Increases from a Class 1 misdemeanor to a Class 6 felony the penalty for injuring, destroying, removing, or tampering with any firefighting equipment or apparatus, emergency medical services vehicle, or law-enforcement vehicle or equipment. The bill also adds to this prohibition such interference with any other equipment or apparatus used by emergency medical services personnel or law-enforcement officers.

01/11/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21102624D  
01/11/21 House: Impact statement from VCSC (HB1938)  
01/11/21 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

[**HB 1950**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HB1950)**Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Team; Va. Department of Health, et al., to establish, report.**

*Chief patron:*Ayala

*Patron:* Ayala

A BILL to require the Department of Health and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to develop a plan for the establishment of a Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Team; report.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Department of Health and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; plan for the establishment of a Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Team; report.** Directs the Department of Health and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to develop a plan for the establishment of a Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Team and to report such plan to the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health by December 1, 2021. The bill also requires the Department of Health to convene a work group to participate in development of the plan and, upon inclusion in a general appropriation act adopted by the General Assembly of funds for such purpose, to hire such contract staff as may be necessary to assist the work group with development of the plan.

01/11/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21102746D  
01/11/21 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

[**HB 1987**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HB1987)**Telemedicine; coverage of telehealth services by an insurer, etc.**

*Chief patron:*Adams, D.M.

*Patrons:* Adams, D.M., Ayala, Cole, M.L., Coyner, Fowler, Kilgore, Kory, Lopez, Mugler, Plum, Rasoul, Samirah, Sickles, Simon, Simonds and Webert; Senators: Boysko and McPike

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-325, 38.2-3418.16, and 54.1-3303 of the Code of Virginia, relating to telemedicine.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Telemedicine.** Clarifies that nothing shall preclude coverage of telehealth services by an insurer proposing to issue individual or group accident and sickness insurance policies providing hospital, medical and surgical, or major medical coverage on an expense-incurred basis; a corporation providing individual or group accident and sickness subscription contracts; or a health maintenance organization providing a health care plan for health care services. The bill requires the Board of Medical Assistance Services to amend the state plan for medical assistance to provide for payment of medical assistance for remote patient monitoring services provided via telemedicine for certain high-risk patients, and provides for the establishment of a practitioner-patient relationship via telemedicine for the prescribing of Schedule II through VI controlled substances.

01/11/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21102502D  
01/11/21 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

[**HB 1989**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HB1989)**Public health emergency; emergency medical services agencies, real-time access to information.**

*Chief patron:*Aird

*Patron:* Aird

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-48.001, relating to public health emergency; emergency medical services agencies; real-time access to information.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Public health emergency; emergency medical services agencies; real-time access to information.** Directs the Department of Health to develop and implement a system for sharing information regarding confirmed cases of communicable diseases of public health threat with emergency medical services agencies in real time during a declared public health emergency related to a communicable disease of public health threat and with the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board and regional emergency medical services councils upon request, in order to protect the health and safety of emergency medical services personnel and the public.

01/11/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21102516D  
01/11/21 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

[**HB 2029**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HB2029)**Department of Fire Programs; prohibition on the use of certain oriented strand board.**

*Chief patron:*Krizek

*Patron:* Krizek

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 9.1-207.2, relating to Department of Fire Programs; prohibition on the use of certain oriented strand board in fire service training activities.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Department of Fire Programs; prohibition on the use of certain oriented strand board in fire service training activities.**Prohibits the use by any person, local government, or agency of the Commonwealth of Class A fuel materials that contain oriented strand board, defined in the bill, during fire service training activities.

01/12/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21102658D  
01/12/21 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

[**HB 2061**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HB2061)**Virginia Immunization Information System; health care entities; required participation.**

*Chief patron:*Willett

*Patron:* Willett

A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-46.01 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Immunization Information System; health care entities; required participation.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Virginia Immunization Information System; health care entities; required participation.** Requires any health care provider in the Commonwealth that administers immunizations to participate in the Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS) and report patient immunization history and information to VIIS. Under current law, participation in VIIS is optional for authorized health care entities. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2022.

01/12/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21102411D  
01/12/21 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

[**HB 2066**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HB2066)**Public health emergency; reports of suspected violations of orders and regulations, penalty.**

*Chief patron:*Webert

*Patron:* Webert

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-48.001, relating to public health emergency; reports of suspected violations of orders and regulations; penalty; emergency.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Public health emergency; reports of suspected violations of orders and regulations; penalty; emergency.** Provides that any system created by the Department of Health to receive information regarding an alleged violation of an order or regulation of the Board of Health or the Commissioner of Health enacted in response to a public health emergency related to a communicable disease of public health threat shall require, for each report received, the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the individual making the report. The bill makes knowingly making a false report of such violation a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill contains an emergency clause.

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01/12/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed with emergency clause; offered 01/13/21 21100772D  
01/12/21 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions  
01/13/21 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB2066)

[**HB 2080**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HB2080)**Workers' compensation; presumption of compensability for certain diseases.**

*Chief patron:*Convirs-Fowler

*Patrons:* Convirs-Fowler and Guy

A BILL to amend and reenact § 65.2-402 of the Code of Virginia, relating to workers' compensation; presumption of compensability for certain diseases; local authority to apply to certain emergency services personnel.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Workers' compensation; presumption of compensability for certain diseases; local authority to apply to certain emergency services personnel.** Adds full-time, salaried emergency medical services personnel employed by any locality that has authorized such presumption by ordinance to the list of persons to whom, after five years of service, the occupational disease presumption for death caused by hypertension or heart disease applies.

01/12/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21100611D  
01/12/21 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce

[**HB 2207**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HB2207)**Workers' compensation; presumption of compensability for COVID-19.**

*Chief patron:*Jones

*Patrons:* Jones and Hope

A BILL to amend and reenact § 65.2-402.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to workers' compensation; presumption as to death or disability from COVID-19.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Workers' compensation; presumption of compensability for COVID-19.** Establishes a presumption that COVID-19 causing the death or disability of firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, law-enforcement officers, and correctional officers is an occupational disease compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act. The bill provides that the COVID-19 virus is established by a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19, an incubation period consistent with COVID-19, and signs and symptoms of COVID-19 that require medical treatment. The bill provides that such presumption applies to any death or disability occurring on or after March 12, 2020, caused by infection from the COVID-19 virus, provided that for any such death or disability that occurred on or after March 12, 2020, and prior to December 31, 2021, the claimant received a diagnosis of COVID-19 from a licensed physician, after either a presumptive positive test or a laboratory confirmed test for COVID-19, and presented with signs and symptoms of COVID-19 that required medical treatment.

01/13/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21100861D  
01/13/21 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce

[**HB 2260**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HB2260)**Vehicle registration fees; Public Safety Trust Fund.**

*Chief patron:*Scott

*Patron:* Scott

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-686 and 46.2-694, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-694.2, relating to establishment of the Public Safety Trust Fund.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Vehicle registration fees; Public Safety Trust Fund.** Imposes an additional $4 vehicle registration fee to be deposited into the Public Safety Trust Fund, established by the bill. The moneys in the Public Safety Trust Fund are to be used to eliminate barriers to an inclusive, diverse, and well-qualified workforce by addressing compensation issues related to staffing, retention, and pay compression at the Department of State Police.

01/13/21 House: Presented and ordered printed 21102513D  
01/13/21 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

[**HJ 531**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HJ531)**Study; Joint Commission on Health Care.**

*Chief patron:*Helmer

*Patron:* Helmer

Directing the Joint Commission on Health Care to study the advisability of the Commonwealth's joining the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. Report.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Study; Joint Commission on Health Care; advisability of the Commonwealth's joining the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; report.** Directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to study the advisability of the Commonwealth's joining the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (the Compact), including the legal effects of joining of the Compact in the Commonwealth and possible positive and negative outcomes resulting from the adoption of the Compact, and develop recommendations as to whether the Commonwealth should join the Compact. The Joint Commission on Health Care shall complete its work by November 30, 2021, and submit an executive report of its findings and conclusions no later than the first day of the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly**.**

01/09/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21102370D  
01/09/21 House: Committee Referral Pending

[**HJ 532**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+HJ532)**Commending the McLean Volunteer Fire Department.**

*Chief patron:*Sullivan

*Patrons:* Sullivan and Simon; Senator: Howell

Commending the McLean Volunteer Fire Department.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Commending the McLean Volunteer Fire Department.**

01/10/21 House: Prefiled and laid on Speaker's table; offered 01/13/21 21101360D

[**SB 1116**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+SB1116)**State Health Commissioner; powers during an epidemic, vaccinations, religious tenets or practices.**

*Chief patron:*Peake

*Patrons:* Peake; Delegate: Cole, M.L.

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-46, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, and 32.1-48 of the Code of Virginia, relating to powers of State Health Commissioner in epidemic; vaccine; religious tenets or practices.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Powers of State Health Commissioner in epidemic; vaccine; religious tenets or practices.**Allows a parent or guardian to object to the vaccination or immunization of a child on the grounds that the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with his religious tenets or practices, even if an emergency or epidemic of disease has been declared by the State Board of Health, which is not allowed under current law. The bill also provides that nothing shall preclude the State Health Commissioner from requiring immediate immunization of all persons in the case of an epidemic of any disease of public health importance for which a vaccine exists other than a person, including a parent or guardian on behalf of a child, who objects on the grounds that the administration of the vaccine conflicts with his religious tenets or practices. Under current law, the only exception to the Commissioner's power to require immediate immunization of all persons in case of an epidemic of any disease of public health importance for which a vaccine exists is for a person to whose health the administration of a vaccine would be detrimental as certified in writing by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth.

12/21/20 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21101449D  
12/21/20 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health  
01/11/21 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB1116)

[**SB 1131**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+SB1131)**Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders.**

*Chief patron:*Suetterlein

*Patrons:* Suetterlein, Dunnavant, Kiggans, Peake and Ruff

A BILL to amend and reenact § 44-146.17, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, of the Code of Virginia, relating to Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders.**Limits the duration of any executive order issued by the Governor pursuant to his powers under the Emergency Services and Disaster Law to no more than 45 days from the date of issuance. The bill provides that if the General Assembly does not take any action on the rule, regulation, or order within the 45 days during which the rule, regulation, or order is effective, the Governor shall thereafter be prohibited from issuing the same or a similar rule, regulation, or order relating to the same emergency. Under current law, once issued, such executive orders are effective until June 30 following the next regular session of the General Assembly.

12/31/20 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21101206D  
12/31/20 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology  
01/13/21 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB1131)

[**SB 1167**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+SB1167)**Board of Nursing; licensure or certification by endorsement for members of the U.S. milititary.**

*Chief patron:*Kiggans

*Patron:* Kiggans

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-3018, 54.1-3021, and 54.1-3024 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Board of Nursing; licensure or certification by endorsement for members of the United States military.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Board of Nursing; licensure or certification by endorsement for members of the United States military.** Permits the Board of Nursing to issue licenses and certifications by endorsement for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and certified nurse aides who hold a similar or equivalent license or certification from the medical corps of a branch of the United States military.

01/08/21 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21101018D  
01/08/21 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health  
01/12/21 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB1167)  
01/13/21 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health Professions

[**SB 1205**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+SB1205)**Programs to address career fatigue and wellness in certain health care providers; civil immunity.**

*Chief patron:*Barker

*Patron:* Barker

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 8.01-581.16, 54.1-2400.6, and 54.1-2909 of the Code of Virginia, relating to programs to address career fatigue and wellness in certain health care providers; civil immunity.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Programs to address career fatigue and wellness in certain health care providers; civil immunity.** Expands civil immunity for health care professionals serving as members of or consultants to entities that function primarily to review, evaluate, or make recommendations related to health care services to include health care professionals serving as members of or consultants to entities that function primarily to address issues related to career fatigue and wellness in health care professionals licensed, registered, or certified by the Boards of Medicine, Nursing, or Pharmacy, or in students enrolled in a school of medicine, osteopathic medicine, nursing, or pharmacy located in the Commonwealth. The bill contains an emergency clause.

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01/11/21 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed with emergency clause; offered 01/13/21 21101126D  
01/11/21 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health  
01/13/21 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB1205)  
01/13/21 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health Professions

[**SB 1211**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+SB1211)**Vehicle registration fees; Public Safety Trust Fund.**

*Chief patron:*Edwards

*Patron:* Edwards

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-686 and 46.2-694, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-694.2, relating to establishment of the Public Safety Trust Fund.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Vehicle registration fees; Public Safety Trust Fund.** Imposes an additional $4 vehicle registration fee to be deposited into the Public Safety Trust Fund, established by the bill. The moneys in the Public Safety Trust Fund are to be used to eliminate barriers to an inclusive, diverse, and well-qualified workforce by addressing compensation issues related to staffing, retention, and pay compression at the Department of State Police.

01/11/21 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21102719D  
01/11/21 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations

[**SB 1275**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+SB1275)**Workers' compensation; presumption of compensability for certain diseases.**

*Chief patron:*Marsden

*Patron:* Marsden

A BILL to amend and reenact § 65.2-402 of the Code of Virginia, relating to workers' compensation; presumption of compensation for certain diseases; applicable to salaried and volunteer emergency medical services personnel.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Workers' compensation; presumption of compensability for certain diseases.** Adds salaried or volunteer emergency medical services personnel to the list of persons to whom, after five years of service, the occupational disease presumption for death caused by hypertension or heart disease applies.

01/12/21 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21101397D  
01/12/21 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

[**SB 1302**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+SB1302)**Crisis call center; Crisis Call Center Fund established.**

*Chief patron:*McPike

*Patron:* McPike

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 37.2-311.1, as it shall become effective, 56-484.12, 56-484.17, and 56-484.17:1 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 37.2-311.2, 37.2-311.3, and 37.2-311.4, relating to crisis call centers; Crisis Call Center Fund established.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Crisis call center; Crisis Call Center Fund established.** Provides that the crisis call center, which under current law is administered by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Department), shall be designated as the 9-8-8 Crisis Hotline Center for purposes of participating in the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The bill directs the Department, in its development of the crisis call center, community care teams, and mobile crisis teams, to comply with any applicable requirements of the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020, and to provide for consistency with federal guidelines promulgated under such law.

The bill increases from $0.75 to $0.94 the wireless E-911 surcharge and increases from $0.50 to $0.63 the prepaid wireless E-911 charge. The bill provides that part of the revenue attributable to the increase would be distributed to the Crisis Call Center Fund, established by the bill, to fund the Department's costs in establishing and administering the call center, and that the remainder of the revenue would be distributed to public safety answering points (PSAPs).

01/12/21 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21102780D  
01/12/21 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

[**SB 1306**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+SB1306)**Assault and battery; penalty.**

*Chief patron:*Morrissey

*Patron:* Morrissey

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-57 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 19.2-9.2, relating to assault and battery; penalty.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Assault and battery; penalty.** Eliminates the mandatory minimum term of confinement of six months for an assault and battery committed against a judge, magistrate, law-enforcement officer, correctional officer, person directly involved in the care, treatment, or supervision of inmates, firefighter or volunteer firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel. The bill removes simple assault from enhanced punishment and provides that the enhanced punishment applies for assault and battery only when it results in bodily injury. The bill also provides that a jury or the court may find any person charged with such offense where the degree of culpability is slight, due to diminished physical or mental capacity or an autism spectrum disorder, not guilty of such offense but guilty of a simple assault or assault and battery, punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also provides that before any arrest, indictment, or service of a petition in the case of a juvenile is made for an alleged assault and battery against a law-enforcement officer, (i) such alleged assault and battery shall be investigated by another law-enforcement officer who was not the subject of such alleged assault and battery and (ii) the arrest, indictment, or service of a petition shall be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth.

01/12/21 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21102781D  
01/12/21 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary

[**SB 1338**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+SB1338)**Telemedicine services; remote patient monitoring services.**

*Chief patron:*Barker

*Patrons:* Barker; Delegate: Cole, M.L.

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-325 and 38.2-3418.16 of the Code of Virginia, relating to telemedicine services; remote patient monitoring services.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Telemedicine services; remote patient monitoring services.** Defines "medically necessary" for the purposes of telemedicine services and clarifies the definitions of "remote patient monitoring services" and "telemedicine services." The Board of Medical Assistance Services is currently required to include in the state plan for medical assistance services a provision for the payment of medical assistance for medically necessary health care services provided through telemedicine services, and the bill directs the Board to provide payment for remote patient monitoring services provided through telemedicine services based on an annual publication by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

01/12/21 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/21 21101591D  
01/12/21 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

[**SJ 273**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+SJ273)**Celebrating the life of Bruce Winston Edwards.**

*Chief patron:*DeSteph

*Patrons:* DeSteph, Cosgrove and Kiggans

Celebrating the life of Bruce Winston Edwards.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Celebrating the life of Bruce Winston Edwards.**

12/07/20 Senate: Prefiled and laid on Clerk's desk; offered 01/13/21 21100826D  
01/14/21 Senate: Engrossed by Senate  
01/14/21 Senate: Agreed to by Senate  
01/15/21 House: Received  
01/15/21 House: Laid on Speaker's table

[**SJ 300**](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+sum+SJ300)**Governor; confirming appointments.**

*Chief patron:*Deeds

*Patron:* Deeds

Confirming appointments by the Governor of certain persons communicated to the General Assembly October 1, 2020.

*Summary as introduced:*  
**Confirming Governor's appointments; October 1.**Confirms appointments of certain persons made by Governor Ralph Northam and communicated to the General Assembly October 1, 2020.

01/14/21 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 21102248D  
01/14/21 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections