**OEMS Legislative Report**

**March 4, 2022**

[**HB 22**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB22)**Medical mandates; each adult has a fundamental right to be free from mandates.**

*Patron:* Walker

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-127.1:06, relating to fundamental right to be free from medical mandates.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Fundamental right to be free from medical mandates.** Declares that, except as otherwise provided by law, each adult has a fundamental right to be free from medical mandates of the Commonwealth or any locality, private employer, health care entity or provider, or provider of public accommodations. The bill defines "medical mandate" as any affirmative requirement by the Commonwealth or any locality, private employer, health care entity or provider, or provider of public accommodations for an individual to undergo or participate in a health-related test, procedure, tracking or monitoring program, or bodily insertion or injection of any drug or the wearing of any medical equipment or apparel. The bill provides that it shall be no less a medical mandate for such entities to condition an individual's receipt of otherwise ordinary services, benefits, or employment upon the performance or acquiescence of undergoing or participating in a health-related test, procedure, tracking or monitoring program, or bodily insertion or injection of any drug or the wearing of any medical equipment or apparel. The bill sets out exceptions, including protocols in health care facilities and food handling operations and valid orders of quarantine or isolation.

12/27/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22100433D
12/27/21 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions
01/21/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB22)
01/25/22 House: Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #3
02/15/22 House: Left in Health, Welfare and Institutions

[**HB 27**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB27)**COVID-19 vaccination status; mandatory COVID-19 vaccination prohibited, discrimination prohibited.**

*Patron:* Anderson

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-2901.1, 2.2-3004, 15.2-1500.1, 15.2-1507, 15.2-1604, 22.1-271.2, 22.1-271.4, 22.1-289.031, 22.1-295.2, 22.1-306, 23.1-800, 32.1-43, 32.1-47, 32.1-47.1, 32.1-48, 44-146.17, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, and 63.2-603 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-15.2, by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-48.002, by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 37.2 a section numbered 37.2-205, by adding in Chapter 24 of Title 54.1 a section numbered 54.1-2409.6, and by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 63.2 a section numbered 63.2-221.1, relating to COVID-19 vaccination status; mandatory COVID-19 vaccination prohibited; discrimination

*Summary as introduced:*
**COVID-19 vaccination status; mandatory COVID-19 vaccination prohibited; discrimination prohibited.** Prohibits the State Health Commissioner and the Board of Health, the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Department of Health Professions and any regulatory board therein, and the Department of Social Services from requiring any person to undergo vaccination for COVID-19 and prohibits discrimination based on a person's COVID-19 vaccination status with regard to education or public employment and in numerous other contexts.

12/29/21 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22100819D
12/29/21 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions
01/13/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB27)
01/25/22 House: Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #3
02/15/22 House: Left in Health, Welfare and Institutions

[**HB 57**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB57)**Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders.**

*Patron:* Anderson

A BILL to amend and reenact § 44-146.17 of the Code of Virginia, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 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 adjournment of the regular session of the General Assembly. The bill contains technical amendments.

01/03/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22100810D
01/03/22 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
01/20/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB57)
02/15/22 House: Left in Rules

[**HB 80**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB80)**Healthcare Regulatory Sandbox Program; established, report, sunset date.**

*Patron:* Davis

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 32.1 a chapter numbered 21, consisting of sections numbered 32.1-376 through 32.1-383, relating to the Health Care Regulatory Sandbox Program.

*Summary as passed House:*

**Healthcare Regulatory Sandbox Program; established.** Requires the Department of Health to establish the Healthcare Regulatory Sandbox Program to enable a person to obtain limited access to the market in the Commonwealth to temporarily test an innovative healthcare product or service on a limited basis without otherwise being licensed or authorized to act under the laws of the Commonwealth. Under the Program, an applicant requests the waiver of certain laws, regulations, or other requirements for a 24-month testing period, with an option to request an additional six-month testing period. The bill provides application requirements, consumer protections, procedures for exiting the Program or requesting an extension, and recordkeeping and reporting requirements. The bill requires the Department to provide an annual report to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health that provides information regarding each Program participant and that provides recommendations regarding the effectiveness of the Program. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2027.

02/16/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
02/23/22 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health Professions
03/03/22 Senate: Reported from Education and Health (13-Y 2-N)
03/03/22 Senate: Rereferred to Finance and Appropriations
03/03/22 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with amendment (10-Y 4-N 1-A)

[**HB 81**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB81)**Statewide Telehealth Plan; Board of Health shall contract with the Virginia Telehealth Network.**

*Patrons:* Kilgore and Kory

An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-122.03:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Board of Health; Statewide Telehealth Plan; Virginia Telehealth Network.

*Summary as passed:*

**Board of Health; Statewide Telehealth Plan; Virginia Telehealth Network.** Requires the Board of Health (the Board) to consult with the Virginia Telehealth Network in amending and maintaining the Statewide Telehealth Plan. The bill requires the Board to contract with the Virginia Telehealth Network, or another Virginia-based nongovernmental organization focused on telehealth if the Virginia Telehealth Network is no longer in existence, to (i) provide direct consultation to any advisory groups and groups tasked by the Board with implementation and data collection, (ii) track implementation of the Statewide Telehealth Plan, and (iii) facilitate changes to the Statewide Telehealth Plan as accepted medical practices and technologies evolve.

02/25/22 House: Enrolled
02/25/22 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB81ER)
02/25/22 House: Signed by Speaker
02/25/22 Senate: Signed by President
02/28/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB81ER)

[**HB 87**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB87)**Pandemic response and preparedness; joint subcommittee established to study, report.**

*Patron:* Ware

A BILL to establish the Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness in the Commonwealth; report.

*Summary as passed House:*

**Study; joint subcommittee to study pandemic response and preparedness in the Commonwealth; report.** Establishes a joint subcommittee to study pandemic response and preparedness in the Commonwealth. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee is tasked with examining existing laws in the Commonwealth and developing recommendations regarding the pandemic response and future needs of the Governor, the General Assembly, local governments, public and private health care systems and other facilities and providers, health districts, the judicial system, K-12 and higher education systems, and the business regulatory system.

02/09/22 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (99-Y 0-N)
02/09/22 House: VOTE: Block Vote Passage (99-Y 0-N)
02/10/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed
02/10/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules
02/25/22 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Rules (15-Y 1-N)

[**HB 114**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB114)**Volunteer firefighters and emergency personnel; special lifetime hunting and fishing licenses.**

*Patrons:* March, Cordoza, LaRock, Runion and Taylor

A BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-302.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to special lifetime hunting and fishing licenses; volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Special lifetime hunting and fishing licenses; volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.** Qualifies volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel who have completed three consecutive years of service to obtain basic resident lifetime hunting and fishing licenses without any fee. The applicant is required to provide proof of the three years of consecutive service when applying.

01/07/22 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
01/24/22 House: Assigned ACNR sub: Natural Resources
01/25/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB114)
01/26/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 0-N)
02/15/22 House: Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

[**HB 123**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB123)**Firefighting, emerg. medical services, or law-enforcement equipment & vehicles; destroying, penalty.**

*Patron:* Wyatt

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

*Summary as passed House:*

**Destroying or tampering with firefighting or emergency medical services equipment or law-enforcement vehicles and equipment; 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 vehicle used by emergency medical services personnel or law-enforcement officers.

02/15/22 House: Read third time and passed House (55-Y 44-N)
02/15/22 House: VOTE: Passage (55-Y 44-N)
02/16/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed
02/16/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary
02/28/22 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Judiciary (6-Y 6-N)

[**HB 131**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB131)**Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.**

*Patrons:* Cherry and Campbell, R.R.

A BILL to amend and reenact § 51.1-138 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.** Adds 911 dispatchers to the list of local employees eligible to receive enhanced retirement benefits for hazardous duty service. Under current law, localities may provide such benefits to first responders, including firefighters and emergency medical technicians, and certain other hazardous duty positions. The bill provides that such benefits would be available only to dispatchers hired starting on or after January 1, 2022.

01/19/22 House: Assigned App. sub: Compensation and Retirement
01/28/22 House: Impact statement from DHCD/CLG (HB131)
02/03/22 House: House subcommittee amendments and substitutes offered
02/03/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 2-N)
02/15/22 House: Left in Appropriations

[**HB 135**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB135)**Emergency custody and temporary detention; transportation of person when transfer of custody.**

*Patrons:* Cherry, Anderson and Durant

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 37.2-808 and 37.2-810 of the Code of Virginia, relating to emergency custody and temporary detention; transportation; transfer of custody.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Emergency custody and temporary detention; transportation; transfer of custody.** Provides that, in cases in which transportation of a person subject to an emergency custody order or temporary detention order is ordered to be provided by an alternative transportation provider, the primary law-enforcement agency that executes the order may transfer custody of the person to the alternative transportation provider immediately upon execution of the order, and that the alternative transportation provider shall maintain custody of the person from the time custody is transferred to the alternative transportation provider by the primary law-enforcement agency until such time as custody of the person is transferred to the community services board or its designee that is responsible for conducting the evaluation or the temporary detention facility, as is appropriate. The bill also adds employees of and persons providing services pursuant to a contract with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to the list of individuals who may serve as alternative transportation providers.

01/28/22 House: Reported from Courts of Justice with amendment(s) (18-Y 0-N)
01/28/22 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations
01/29/22 House: Assigned App. sub: Health & Human Resources
02/01/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (8-Y 0-N)
02/15/22 House: Left in Appropriations

[**HB 151**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB151)**Emergency laws; limits powers and duties of Governor, executive orders.**

*Patrons:* March and Williams

A BILL to amend and reenact § 44-146.17 of the Code of Virginia, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, relating to emergency laws; powers and duties of Governor; executive orders.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Emergency laws; powers and duties of Governor; executive orders.** Limits the Governor's powers as the Director of Emergency Management by requiring that emergency rules, regulations, and executive orders be objectively necessary and required to control, restrict, allocate, or regulate the use, sale, production, and distribution of food, fuel, clothing and other commodities, materials, goods, services, and resources under any state or federal emergency services programs, rather than necessary in the Governor's judgment. The bill also prohibits an emergency executive order from establishing any moratoriums on the payment of rent to landlords in the Commonwealth unless pursuant to a confirmed order of quarantine or isolation. Finally, the bill limits the duration of any executive order issued by the Governor to no more than 45 days from the date of issuance and 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.

01/09/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22101549D
01/09/22 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
01/31/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB151)
02/15/22 House: Left in Rules

[**HB 157**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB157)**Public health emergency; emergency orders and regulations, limitations.**

*Patrons:* Byron, Avoli, Batten, Campbell, J.L., Campbell, R.R., Durant, Fowler, LaRock, Ransone, Runion, Walker, Wilt, Wright and Wyatt

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, 35.1-10, and 40.1-22 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-38.1, relating to public health emergency; emergency orders and regulations; limitations.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Public health emergency; emergency orders and regulations; limitations.** Provides that any emergency order or regulation adopted by the Board of Health shall be valid for no more than 45 days and that such order may be extended by the Board for a subsequent period of 45 days, provided that the Board provides notice and receives public comment on the order or regulation proposed to be extended, but that in no case shall such emergency order or regulation be valid for more than 18 months from the effective date of the initial order or regulation. The bill also provides that in any case in which the Commissioner of Health exercises the authority of the Board to enact an emergency order or regulation, such order or regulation shall be valid for no more than 45 days from the effective date of the order or regulation unless the Board adopts an order or regulation to such effect.

The bill also limits the duration of an emergency temporary standard adopted by the Safety and Health Codes Board to 45 days and provides for an extension of such emergency temporary standard for a subsequent period of 45 days, provided that the Board provides notice and receives public comment on the emergency temporary standard proposed to be extended. However, no emergency temporary order shall be valid for a period of more than six months.

01/09/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22102279D
01/09/22 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
01/25/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB157)
02/15/22 House: Left in Rules

[**HB 159**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB159)**Emergency custody and temporary detention orders; transportation of minor, acceptance of custody.**

*Patrons:* Byron, Avoli, Ballard, Campbell, R.R., Durant, Taylor, Walker and Williams

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 16.1-340, 16.1-340.1, 37.2-808, 37.2-809, and 37.2-829 of the Code of Virginia, relating to emergency custody and temporary detention orders; custody.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Emergency custody and temporary detention orders; custody.** Requires a facility or location to which a minor or adult who is subject to an emergency custody or temporary detention order is transported to accept custody of the minor or adult upon completion of transportation and arrival of the minor or adult at the facility and specifies that the primary law-enforcement agency shall provide transportation of a person who is involved in the involuntary commitment process, rather than a sheriff, as provided under current law .

01/09/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22103519D
01/09/22 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
02/03/22 House: Assigned Courts sub: Subcommittee #4
02/07/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB159)
02/15/22 House: Left in Courts of Justice

[**HB 163**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB163)**Emergency custody and temporary detention; governing transportation & custody of minors and adults.**

*Patrons:* Ransone, Durant and Fariss

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 16.1-340, 16.1-340.1, 16.1-340.1:1, 16.1-340.2, 37.2-808, 37.2-809, 37.2-809.1, 37.2-810, 37.2-829, and 37.2-1104 of the Code of Virginia, relating to emergency custody and temporary detention; transportation and custody.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Emergency custody and temporary detention; transportation and custody.** Amends numerous sections governing emergency custody and temporary detention of minors and adults to clarify duties of law-enforcement agencies and mental health facilities with regard to custody. The bill requires facilities to take custody of a minor or person who is the subject of an emergency custody order or temporary detention order immediately upon completion of transportation and arrival of the minor or person at the facility; specifies that if a facility does not take custody of a minor or person immediately upon completion of transportation and arrival at the facility, the order is void and the minor or person shall be released; provides that emergency custody orders shall not be extended; and makes other changes to clarify the role and obligations of law enforcement in the emergency custody and temporary detention process.

02/07/22 House: Committee substitute printed 22106129D-H1
02/07/22 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations
02/08/22 House: Assigned App. sub: Health & Human Resources
02/08/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (8-Y 0-N)
02/15/22 House: Left in Appropriations

[**HB 183**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB183)**Governor; powers and duties, limitation on duration of executive orders.**

*Patron:* Marshall

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

*Summary as introduced:*
**Powers and duties of Governor; limitation on duration of executive orders.** Limits the duration of any executive rule, regulation, or order issued by the Governor to the completion of the Governor's term in office. Under current law, once issued, such executive orders are effective until June 30 following the next adjournment of the regular session of the General Assembly. The bill contains technical amendments.

01/10/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22102469D
01/10/22 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
01/26/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB183)
02/15/22 House: Left in Rules

[**HB 191**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB191)**Health Workforce Development; creates position of Special Advisor to the Governor.**

*Patrons:* Hodges, Austin, Head, Willett, Avoli, Convirs-Fowler, Durant, Greenhalgh, Helmer, Keam, LaRock, Maldonado, Murphy, Rasoul, Shin, Simonds and Williams

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 2.2 a chapter numbered 4.5, consisting of a section numbered 2.2-450, and by adding a section numbered § 2.2-2240.7, relating to health workforce development; Special Advisor to the Governor for Health Workforce Development; Virginia Health Workforce Development Fund.

*Summary as passed House:*

**Health workforce development; Special Advisor to the Governor for Health Workforce Development; Virginia Health Workforce Development Fund.** Creates the position of Special Advisor to the Governor for Health Workforce Development (the Special Advisor) in the Office of the Governor and creates the Virginia Health Workforce Development Fund to (i) provide incentives for the removal of barriers to educating and training health workforce professionals that include increasing eligible faculty, clinical placements, and residencies; (ii) incentivize the production of health workforce credentials, degrees, and licensures based on a rigorous analysis of the need by the Office of Education and Labor Market Alignment; (iii) address regulatory barriers to entering into and staying in health professions; and (iv) provide education and training for health and health science professionals to align education and training initiatives with existing and evolving health workforce needs.

The bill also requires the Special Advisor to review and evaluate the structure and organization of the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority (the Authority) and make recommendations regarding the long-term administrative structure and funding of the Authority to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2022.

The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2026.

03/02/22 Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology with amendments (15-Y 0-N)
03/02/22 Senate: Rereferred to Finance and Appropriations
03/03/22 Senate: Senate committee, floor amendments and substitutes offered
03/03/22 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (12-Y 3-N)
03/03/22 Senate: Committee substitute printed 22107419D-S1

[**HB 208**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB208)**Regulatory Innovation, Department of, and Virginia Regulatory Sandbox Program; created, report.**

*Patron:* Webert

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-3705.7 and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 2.2 a chapter numbered 20.2, containing articles numbered 1 and 2, consisting of sections numbered 2.2-2035 through  2.2-2044, relating to creation of Department of Regulatory Innovation; Virginia Regulatory Sandbox Program.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Department of Regulatory Innovation; Virginia Regulatory Sandbox Program; created.** Creates the Department of Regulatory Innovation to oversee the Virginia Regulatory Sandbox Program, also created by the bill, which allows an individual or business to demonstrate a product, production method, or service under a waiver or suspension of one or more state laws or regulations. The bill sets out the process by which an individual or business may apply for participation in the Program, the role of the Department in reviewing such applications for approval or denial, and the requirements for participation in the Program, including provisions related to consumer protection.

02/08/22 House: House committee, floor amendments and substitutes offered
02/08/22 House: Reported from General Laws with amendment(s) (13-Y 8-N)
02/08/22 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations
02/09/22 House: Assigned App. sub: Commerce Agriculture & Natural Resources
02/11/22 House: Tabled in Appropriations (18-Y 0-N)

[**HB 229**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB229)**Social determinants of health; VDH shall collect & analyze information including demographic data.**

*Patrons:* Coyner and Bourne

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 32 a section numbered 32.1-23.5, relating to Department of Health; social determinants of health.

*Summary as passed House:*

**Department of Health; social determinants of health.**Directs the Department of Health to collect and analyze information, including demographic data, regarding social determinants of health, defined in the bill, and their impact on health risks and health outcomes of residents of the Commonwealth, and to make information regarding social determinants of health, their impact on health, and strategies for addressing social determinants of health to improve health outcomes available to the public on its website.

03/03/22 Senate: Read third time
03/03/22 Senate: Reading of substitute waived
03/03/22 Senate: Committee substitute agreed to 22106488D-S1
03/03/22 Senate: Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute HB229S1
03/03/22 Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (39-Y 0-N)

[**HB 264**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB264)**Public health emergency; out-of-state licenses, deemed licensure.**

*Patron:* Head

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-2901, 54.1-2904, and 54.1-3011 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public health emergency; out-of-state licenses; deemed licensure.

*Summary as passed House:*

**Public health emergency; out-of-state licensees; deemed licensure.** Allows a practitioner of a profession regulated by the Board of Medicine who is licensed in another state or the District of Columbia and who is in good standing with the applicable regulatory agency in that state or the District of Columbia to engage in the practice of that profession in the Commonwealth with a patient located in the Commonwealth when (i) such practice is for the purpose of providing continuity of care through the use of telemedicine services and (ii) the patient is a current patient of the practitioner with whom the practitioner has previously established a practitioner-patient relationship and the practitioner has performed an in-person examination of the patient within the previous 12 months. The bill also provides that when the Board of Health has issued an emergency order, the Boards of Medicine and Nursing may waive (i) the requirement for submission of a fee for renewal or reinstatement of a license to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine or as a physician assistant or nurse practitioner and (ii) the requirement for submission of evidence that a practitioner whose license was allowed to lapse for failure to meet professional activity requirements has satisfied such requirements and is prepared to resume practice in a competent manner for any person who held a valid, unrestricted, active license within the four-year period immediately prior to the application for renewal or reinstatement of such license.

03/02/22 House: Enrolled
03/02/22 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB264ER)
03/02/22 House: Signed by Speaker
03/03/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB264ER)
03/03/22 Senate: Signed by President

[**HB 283**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB283)**Human trafficking; training for law-enforcement personnel.**

*Patrons:* Brewer, Delaney, Austin, Avoli, Ballard, Bell, Byron, Campbell, J.L., Cherry, Cordoza, Durant, Fariss, Greenhalgh, Head, Hodges, Kilgore, LaRock, Leftwich, McGuire, McNamara, O'Quinn, Orrock, Ransone, Robinson, Scott, P.A., Tata, Taylor, Wachsmann, Walker, Wampler, Webert, Wiley, Williams, Wilt, Wright and Wyatt

An Act to amend and reenact § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia, relating to human trafficking training for law-enforcement personnel.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Human trafficking training for law-enforcement personnel.** Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish training standards for law-enforcement personnel regarding the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.

02/23/22 House: Enrolled
02/23/22 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB283ER)
02/23/22 House: Signed by Speaker
02/23/22 Senate: Signed by President
02/24/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB283ER)

[**HB 302**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB302)**Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders.**

*Patrons:* Freitas, LaRock, Scott, P.A., Tata, Taylor, Walker and Ware

A BILL to amend and reenact § 44-146.17 of the Code of Virginia, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 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.**Provides that no rule, regulation, or order issued declaring a state of emergency may remain effective for more than seven days without approval of two-thirds of each house of the General Assembly. The bill also provides that no rule, regulation, or order issued declaring a state of emergency may remain effective for more than 30 days without the approval of at least two-thirds of each house of the General Assembly. The bill contains technical amendments.

01/11/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22102517D
01/11/22 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
02/02/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB302)
02/15/22 House: Left in Rules

[**HB 366**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB366)**Assault and battery; penalties when committed against certain persons.**

*Patron:* Watts

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-57 of the Code of Virginia, relating to assault and battery; penalties.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Assault and battery; penalties.**Provides that a simple assault or 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 by a juvenile who has not been previously convicted of or proceeded against informally or adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. Currently, any such offense is a punishable as a Class 6 felony, with a mandatory minimum term of confinement of six months. The bill also provides that any person charged with such offense who has been diagnosed by a psychiatrist or clinical psychologist with a mental illness, developmental disability, or intellectual disability and the violation was caused by or had a direct and substantial relationship to the person's mental illness or disability, then such person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

01/11/22 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
01/27/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB366)
01/29/22 House: Assigned Courts sub: Subcommittee #1
01/31/22 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely (6-Y 2-N)
02/15/22 House: Left in Courts of Justice

[**HB 412**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB412)**Human trafficking; training for law-enforcement personnel.**

*Patrons:* Delaney, McNamara and Williams

A BILL to amend and reenact § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia, relating to human trafficking training for law-enforcement personnel.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Human trafficking training for law-enforcement personnel.** Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish standards for law-enforcement personnel regarding trauma-informed training for the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.

01/17/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB412)
01/18/22 House: Assigned PS sub: Subcommittee #2
01/27/22 House: House subcommittee amendments and substitutes offered
01/27/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 3-N)
02/15/22 House: Left in Public Safety

[**HB 420**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB420)**Opioid-related emergencies; evidence-based best practices in the emergency department.**

*Patrons:* Delaney and Carr

A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-127 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-23.02, relating to Department of Health; evidence-based best practices for opioid-related emergencies in the emergency department.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Department of Health; evidence-based best practices for opioid-related emergencies in the emergency department.** Requires hospitals to establish and implement policies and protocols consistent with evidence-based best practices for opioid-related emergencies in the emergency department published and regularly updated by the Department of Health.

02/08/22 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations
02/08/22 House: Assigned App. sub: Health & Human Resources
02/09/22 House: Subcommittee failed to recommend reporting (3-Y 5-N)
02/09/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB420H1)
02/15/22 House: Left in Appropriations

[**HB 527**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB527)**Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and Commission; created.**

*Patron:* Helmer

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 29 of Title 54.1 an article numbered 11, consisting of a section numbered 54.1-2999, relating to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.** Creates the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact to create a process for expedited issuance of a license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth for qualifying physicians to enhance the portability of medical licenses while protecting patient safety. The bill establishes requirements for coordination of information systems among member states and procedures for investigation and discipline of physicians alleged to have engaged in unprofessional conduct. The bill creates the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission to administer the compact.

01/11/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22101860D
01/11/22 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws
01/20/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB527)
01/25/22 House: Stricken from docket by General Laws (22-Y 0-N)

[**HB 537**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB537)**Telemedicine; out-of-state providers, behavioral health services provided by practitioner.**

*Patron:* Batten

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-2901, 54.1-3501, 54.1-3601, and 54.1-3701 of the Code of Virginia, relating to telemedicine; out of state providers; behavioral health services.

*Summary as passed House:*

**Telemedicine; out of state providers; behavioral health services.**Allows certain practitioners of professions regulated by the Boards of Medicine, Counseling, Psychology, and Social Work who provide behavioral health services and who are licensed in another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States territory or possession and in good standing with the applicable regulatory agency to engage in the practice of that profession in the Commonwealth with a patient located in the Commonwealth when (i) such practice is for the purpose of providing continuity of care through the use of telemedicine services and (ii) the practitioner has previously established a practitioner-patient relationship with the patient. The bill provides that a practitioner who provides behavioral health services to a patient located in the Commonwealth through use of telemedicine services may provide such services for a period of no more than one year from the date on which the practitioner began providing such services to such patient.

02/09/22 House: VOTE: Block Vote Passage (99-Y 0-N)
02/10/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed
02/10/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
02/23/22 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health Professions
03/03/22 Senate: Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)

[**HB 637**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB637)**Drivers of vehicles approaching stationary vehicles displaying certain warning lights; penalty.**

*Patrons:* Carr (by request) and Fowler

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-861.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to duties of drivers of vehicles approaching stationary vehicles displaying certain warning lights; penalty.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Duties of drivers of vehicles approaching stationary vehicles displaying certain warning lights; penalty.** Establishes a minimum fine of $500 for a violation of the requirement for drivers to make a lane change or proceed with caution when approaching stationary vehicles displaying certain warning lights, commonly known as the "Move Over" law. The bill requires a driver who cannot change lanes safely to pass the stationary vehicle at no more than 10 miles per hour.

01/11/22 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation
01/19/22 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #3 Highway Safety and Policy
01/26/22 House: House subcommittee amendments and substitutes offered
01/26/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 3-N)
02/15/22 House: Left in Transportation

[**HB 680**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB680)**Medical assistance services; state plan, case management service, individuals w/severe brain injury.**

*Patrons:* Hope and Willett

A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-325 of the Code of Virginia, relating to state plan for medical assistance services; case management services; individuals with severe traumatic brain injury.

*Summary as introduced:*
**State plan for medical assistance services; case management services; individuals with severe traumatic brain injury.** Directs the Board of Medical Assistance Services to update the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for the payment of medical assistance for targeted case management services for individuals with severe traumatic brain injury.

03/03/22 Senate: Read third time
03/03/22 Senate: Reading of amendment waived
03/03/22 Senate: Committee amendment agreed to
03/03/22 Senate: Engrossed by Senate as amended
03/03/22 Senate: Passed Senate with amendment (39-Y 0-N)

[**HB 722**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB722)**Virginia Freedom of Information Act; meetings held through electronic communication means.**

*Patrons:* Gooditis and Shin; Senator: Boysko

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; meetings held through electronic communication means; local advisory boards and commissions.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Virginia Freedom of Information Act; meetings held through electronic communication means; local advisory boards and commissions.**Allows a local public body that serves in an advisory capacity to gather through electronic communication means without a quorum of the public body physically assembled at one primary or central meeting location if certain conditions, outlined in the bill, are met.

01/11/22 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws
01/19/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB722)
01/21/22 House: Assigned GL sub: Subcommittee #4
01/25/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (5-Y 3-N)
02/15/22 House: Left in General Laws

[**HB 746**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB746)**Volunteer Fire Department Training Fund; created.**

*Patrons:* Bell and Wright

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 9.1 a section numbered 9.1-208.1, relating to the Volunteer Fire Department Training Fund.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Volunteer Fire Department Training Fund.** Creates a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Volunteer Fire Department Training Fund that shall be used solely for the purposes of assisting or reimbursing volunteer fire departments or volunteer fire companies with the costs of training and certifying volunteer firefighters. The bill also requires the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to establish a workgroup to study the accessibility and availability of training programs with a specific focus on providing training programs to volunteer fire departments, volunteer fire companies, and volunteer firefighters in a cost-efficient and effective manner.

02/16/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed
02/16/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
03/02/22 Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N)
03/02/22 Senate: Rereferred to Finance and Appropriations
03/03/22 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)

[**HB 754**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB754)**Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders.**

*Patron:* Adams, L.R.

A BILL to amend and reenact § 44-146.17 of the Code of Virginia, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 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 60 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 60 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 adjournment of the regular session of the General Assembly. The bill contains technical amendments.

01/11/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22101518D
01/11/22 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
01/27/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB754)
02/15/22 House: Left in Rules

[**HB 770**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB770)**Freestanding emergency departments; Bd. of Health to promulgate regulations related to departments.**

*Patron:* Hodges

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-123, 32.1-125, 32.1-127, 59.1-200, and 59.1-204 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-125.6, relating to freestanding emergency departments.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Freestanding emergency departments.** Requires the Board of Health to promulgate regulations related to freestanding emergency departments, defined in the bill as facilities located in the Commonwealth that (i) provide emergency services, (ii) are owned and operated by a licensed hospital and operate under the hospital's license, and (iii) are located on separate premises from the primary campus of the hospital. The bill also requires freestanding emergency departments to make certain disclosures to patients, in advertisements, and on any online platforms associated with such emergency department.

02/02/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB770)
02/03/22 House: House subcommittee amendments and substitutes offered
02/03/22 House: House subcommittee amendments and substitutes offered
02/03/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (7-Y 1-N)
02/15/22 House: Left in Health, Welfare and Institutions

[**HB 777**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB777)**Emergency Services and Disaster Law; emergency orders and regulations, limitations, civil penalty.**

*Patrons:* LaRock, Walker, Wiley and Williams; Senator: Chase

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, 32.1-42, and 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; Commissioner of Health; emergency orders and regulations; limitations; civil penalty.

*Summary as introduced:*

**Emergency Services and Disaster Law; Commissioner of Health; emergency orders and regulations; limitations; civil penalty.** Provides that neither the Board of Health nor the Commissioner of Health shall make any emergency order or regulation unless, on the basis of the evidence available to the Board, (i) such order or regulation is necessary to suppress a nuisance dangerous to the public health or a communicable, contagious, or infectious disease or other danger to the public life and health; (ii) no alternatives to the proposed order or regulation that are reasonable in light of the impact on quality of life and economic well-being exist; and (iii) the provisions of such order or regulation are narrowly tailored to address the nuisance dangerous to the public health or a communicable, contagious, or infectious disease or other danger to the public life and health. The bill also provides that the Governor shall not issue any emergency rule, regulation, or order unless, on the basis of the evidence available to the Governor, (a) such rule, regulation, or order is necessary to address a compelling circumstance; (b) no alternatives to the proposed rule, regulation, or order that are reasonable in light of the impact on quality of life and economic well-being exist; and (c) the provisions of such rule, regulation, or order are narrowly tailored to address the compelling circumstance.

The bill provides that any order that limits the number of individuals who may gather together in person, in public or private, or categorizes individuals on the basis of their relationship to or association with such individuals and limits the categories of individuals with whom an individual who is not known or reasonably suspected to have been exposed to or infected with a communicable disease of public health threat may associate is presumed to negatively impact quality of life and economic well-being.

The bill also limits the duration of any emergency rule, regulation, or order to 15 days; provides for one extension of such rule, regulation, or order; and provides that any person who violates such rule, regulation, or order shall be subject to a civil penalty of no more than $100 per violation. Under current law, any person who violates the provisions of an executive order is subject to a Class 1 misdemeanor.

01/11/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22101934D
01/11/22 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
01/24/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB777)
02/15/22 House: Left in Rules

[**HB 793**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB793)**Traffic incident management vehicles; certain vehicles exempt when en route to scene of an accident.**

*Patron:* LaRock

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-1029.2 and 46.2-1030 of the Code of Virginia, relating to traffic incident management vehicles.

*Summary as passed:*

**Traffic incident management vehicles.**Authorizes traffic incident management vehicles, defined in the bill, operated by persons who complete certain training and recertification requirements to be equipped with flashing red or red and white secondary warning lights.

02/28/22 House: Enrolled
02/28/22 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB793ER)
02/28/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB793ER)
02/28/22 House: Signed by Speaker
02/28/22 Senate: Signed by President

[**HB 810**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB810)**Political subdivisions; powers and duties, emergency management assessment.**

*Patron:* Price

A BILL to amend and reenact § 44-146.19 of the Code of Virginia, relating to powers and duties of political subdivisions; emergency management assessment.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Powers and duties of political subdivisions; emergency management assessment.** Provides that all political subdivisions shall provide an annually updated emergency management assessment and data related to emergency sheltering capabilities to the State Coordinator of Emergency Management on or before August 1 of each year. Under current law, such assessment and data is due to the State Coordinator of Emergency Management on or before May 1 of each year.

01/12/22 House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety
01/18/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB810)
01/25/22 House: Assigned PS sub: Subcommittee #1
01/27/22 House: Subcommittee recommends passing by indefinitely (5-Y 4-N)
02/15/22 House: Left in Public Safety

[**HB 835**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB835)**Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders.**

*Patron:* Wilt

A BILL to amend and reenact § 44-146.17 of the Code of Virginia, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 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 authority of the Governor to issue an executive order declaring a state of emergency that restricts, limits, or prohibits otherwise lawful action by a private business, nonprofit entity, or individual for a period more than 45 days in duration unless the General Assembly votes by a two-thirds majority to approve a period longer than 45 days. If the General Assembly does not approve such extension, the Governor is prohibited from issuing a rule, regulation, or order for the same emergency. The General Assembly is permitted to extend the executive order to a date requested by the Governor or to a date of the General Assembly's choosing, but it shall not approve the extension to a date beyond the first full week of the next regular session of the General Assembly, unless such date is requested by the Governor. The bill contains technical amendments.

01/12/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22102804D
01/12/22 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
01/28/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB835)
02/15/22 House: Left in Rules

[**HB 854**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB854)**Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.**

*Patrons:* Reid, Willett, Avoli, Clark, Delaney, Jenkins, Keam, Kory, Lopez, Maldonado, Plum, Sewell, Shin, Simon, Simonds and Subramanyam

A BILL to amend and reenact § 51.1-138 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.** Adds 911 dispatchers to the list of local employees eligible to receive enhanced retirement benefits for hazardous duty service. Under current law, localities may provide such benefits to first responders, including firefighters and emergency medical technicians, and certain other hazardous duty positions.

01/18/22 House: Impact statement from VRS (HB854)
01/20/22 House: Assigned App. sub: Compensation and Retirement
02/03/22 House: House subcommittee amendments and substitutes offered
02/03/22 House: Subcommittee recommends incorporating (HB131-Cherry)
02/15/22 House: Left in Appropriations

[**HB 874**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB874)**Tax credit, state; automated external defibrillator.**

*Patrons:* Kory and Rasoul

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding, in Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 a section numbered 58.1-339.13, relating to tax credit; automated external defibrillator.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Tax credit; automated external defibrillator.** Creates a one-time, individual income tax credit of up to $1,200 for the purchase of an automated external defibrillator that is placed in the taxpayer's vehicle. The credit may be claimed during taxable years 2022 through 2026 and includes an aggregate annual cap of $500,000.

01/27/22 House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #1
01/30/22 House: Impact statement from TAX (HB874)
01/31/22 House: House subcommittee amendments and substitutes offered
01/31/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 3-N)
02/15/22 House: Left in Finance

[**HB 900**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB900)**Public health emergency; hospital or nursing home, addition of beds.**

*Patrons:* Avoli, LaRock and Wiley

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-102.2 and 32.1-127 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public health emergency; hospitals and nursing homes; addition of beds.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Public health emergency; hospital or nursing home; addition of beds.** Creates an exemption from the requirement for a certificate of public need or a license for the temporary addition of beds located in a temporary structure or satellite location by a hospital or nursing home in cases in which the Board of Health or the Commissioner of Health (the Commissioner) has entered an emergency order for the purpose of suppressing a nuisance dangerous to public health or a communicable, contagious, or infectious disease or other danger to the public life and health and provides that such exemption shall apply for the duration of the emergency order plus 30 days. The bill also expands the duration of the existing exemption from the requirement for a certificate of public need or a license for the addition of temporary beds when the Commissioner has determined that a natural or man-made disaster has caused the evacuation of a hospital or nursing home and that a public health emergency exists due to a shortage of hospital or nursing home beds to the duration of such determination plus 30 days and makes clear that such exemption shall apply to the temporary addition of beds located in a temporary structure or satellite location by a hospital or nursing home.

03/01/22 Senate: Read third time
03/01/22 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
03/03/22 House: Enrolled
03/03/22 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB900ER)
03/04/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB900ER)

[**HB 910**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB910)**Hospitals; emergency department severity code data reporting, quarterly reports.**

*Patron:* Orrock

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-137.09, relating to hospital emergency department severity code data reporting.

*Summary as passed House:*

**Hospital emergency department severity code data reporting.** Requires every hospital in the Commonwealth that includes an emergency department to report quarterly to the Department of Health (the Department), for the preceding quarter, (i) the total number of visits to the hospital's emergency department, by location, and (ii) the total number of visits to the hospital's emergency department by emergency department evaluation and management (E/M) Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code. The bill also requires the Department to annually publish a report setting forth the average number of hospital emergency department visits by location and by emergency department E/M CPT code statewide and by region for each month.

02/28/22 Senate: Read third time
02/28/22 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
03/03/22 House: Enrolled
03/03/22 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB910ER)
03/04/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB910ER)

[**HB 911**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB911)**Approved local volunteer activities; enables localities to provide credit against taxes & fees.**

*Patron:* Orrock

An Act 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 shall not be applied 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.

02/28/22 House: Enrolled
02/28/22 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB911ER)
02/28/22 House: Signed by Speaker
02/28/22 Senate: Signed by President
03/01/22 House: Impact statement from TAX (HB911ER)

[**HB 939**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB939)**Necessary drugs, devices, and vaccines; Comm. of Health to authorize administration and dispensing.**

*Patron:* Robinson

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-42.1 and 54.1-3408 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Commissioner of Health; administration and dispensing of necessary drugs, devices, and vaccines during public health emergency; emergency.

*Summary as passed House:*

**Commissioner of Health; administration and dispensing of necessary drugs and devices during public health emergency.** Allows the Commissioner of Health to authorize persons who are not authorized by law to administer or dispense drugs or devices to do so in accordance with protocols established by the Commissioner when the Board of Health has made an emergency order for the purpose of suppressing nuisances dangerous to the public health and communicable, contagious, and infectious diseases and other dangers to the public life and health for the limited purpose of administering vaccines as an approved countermeasure for such communicable, contagious, and infectious diseases. Current law limits the Commissioner's ability to make such authorizations to circumstances when the Governor has declared a disaster or a state of emergency or the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services has issued a declaration of an actual or potential bioterrorism incident or other actual or potential public health emergency. The bill includes an emergency clause.

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02/28/22 Senate: Read third time
02/28/22 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
03/03/22 House: Enrolled
03/03/22 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB939ER)
03/04/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB939ER)

[**HB 981**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB981)**Health professions, certain; licensure by endorsement.**

*Patron:* Scott, P.A.

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-2709, 54.1-2722, 54.1-2927, 54.1-2951.1, 54.1-2957, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 54.1-2957.04, 54.1-3018, 54.1-3021, and 54.1-3024 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-3042.1, relating to certain health professions; licensure by endorsement.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Certain health professions; licensure by endorsement.** Requires the Boards of Dentistry, Medicine, and Nursing to grant an application by endorsement to any applicant who is licensed, certified, or registered in another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States territory or possession upon submission of evidence satisfactory to such board. Currently, the Boards of Dentistry, Medicine, and Nursing are authorized but not required to grant a license, certification, or registration by endorsement for applicants wishing to practice regulated professions.

01/21/22 House: Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #2
01/21/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB981)
02/03/22 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2023 (voice vote)
02/03/22 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2023
02/08/22 House: Continued to 2023 in Health, Welfare and Institutions

[**HB 1037**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB1037)**Emergency custody and temporary detention; transportation of person when transfer of custody.**

*Patron:* Sewell

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 37.2-808 and 37.2-810 of the Code of Virginia, relating to emergency custody and temporary detention; transportation; transfer of custody.

*Summary as introduced:*

**Emergency custody and temporary detention; transportation; transfer of custody.** Provides that, in cases in which transportation of a person subject to an emergency custody order or temporary detention order is ordered to be provided by an alternative transportation provider, the primary law-enforcement agency that executes the order may transfer custody of the person to the alternative transportation provider immediately upon execution of the order, and that the alternative transportation provider shall maintain custody of the person from the time custody is transferred to the alternative transportation provider by the primary law-enforcement agency until such time as custody of the person is transferred to the community services board or its designee that is responsible for conducting the evaluation or the temporary detention facility, as is appropriate. The bill also adds employees of and persons providing services pursuant to a contract with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to the list of individuals who may serve as alternative transportation providers.

The bill also requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to expand its existing contract for the provision of alternative transportation of a person who is subject to a temporary detention order or enter into new contracts for alternative transportation of a person who is subject to a temporary detention order to ensure sufficient availability of alternative transportation providers to take custody of and provide alternative transportation for all persons for whom alternative transportation is ordered.

01/12/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22102701D
01/12/22 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
01/31/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1037)
02/15/22 House: Left in Courts of Justice

[**HB 1039**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB1039)**Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders.**

*Patron:* Scott, P.A.

A BILL to amend and reenact § 44-146.17 of the Code of Virginia, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 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 30 days from the date of issuance unless the General Assembly votes to approve a period longer than 30 days by a two-thirds majority of each house. If a special session is called to address the emergency, it shall take place by electronic means only. Under current law, once issued, such executive orders are effective until June 30 following the next adjournment of the regular session of the General Assembly. The bill contains technical amendments.

01/12/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22101300D
01/12/22 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
01/25/22 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1039)
02/15/22 House: Left in Rules

[**HB 1102**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HB1102)**Gubernatorial appointments to boards; membership and terms.**

*Patron:* Ransone

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 3.2-1701, 3.2-1801, 3.2-2101, 3.2-2603, 3.2-2701, 23.1-3102, and 54.1-500.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to gubernatorial appointments to boards; membership and terms.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Gubernatorial appointments to boards; membership and terms.** Revises the length of terms for persons appointed to several commodity and commodity-related boards within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and further standardizes the term dates so all terms begin on July 1 and end on June 30. The bill amends the membership of the Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors, standardizes the term dates for appointments to the Board of Visitors of Mount Vernon, and clarifies that certain members of the A.L. Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership Board of Trustees may name a designee to serve on the Board. The bill corrects the staggering of terms for the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board.

03/01/22 Senate: Passed by for the day
03/02/22 Senate: Passed by temporarily
03/02/22 Senate: Passed by for the day
03/03/22 Senate: Read third time
03/03/22 Senate: Passed by for the day

[**HJ 52**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HJ52)**Commonwealth's public health system; JLARC to study.**

*Patron:* Mullin

Directing the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the Commonwealth's public health system. Report.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission; study; Commonwealth's public health system; report.** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the Commonwealth's public health system, including the structure, organization, operations, and resources of the existing public health system and the effectiveness of the current public health system in meeting public health need, and develop recommendations for improving the Commonwealth's public health system to improve overall public health.

01/11/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22103603D
01/11/22 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
01/28/22 House: Assigned Rules sub: Studies
01/31/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 0-N)
02/15/22 House: Left in Rules

[**HJ 165**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+HJ165)**Commending the Richmond Ambulance Authority.**

*Patrons:* Bagby; Senator: McClellan

Commending the Richmond Ambulance Authority.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Commending the Richmond Ambulance Authority.**

01/31/22 House: Engrossed by House
01/31/22 House: Agreed to by House by voice vote
02/01/22 Senate: Received
02/01/22 Senate: Laid on Clerk's Desk
02/03/22 Senate: Agreed to by Senate by voice vote

[**SB 4**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB4)**Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders.**

*Patrons:* Suetterlein, Lewis, Peake, Chase, Cosgrove, Dunnavant, Kiggans, Petersen, Reeves and Ruff; Delegate: Byron

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 passed Senate:*

**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. This bill incorporates SB 166 and SB 731.

02/21/22 House: Placed on Calendar
02/21/22 House: Read first time
02/21/22 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
03/03/22 House: Reported from Rules with substitute (18-Y 0-N)
03/03/22 House: Committee substitute printed 22107417D-H1

[**SB 63**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB63)**Safe haven protections; newborn safety device at hospitals for reception of children.**

*Patrons:* Ruff, Peake and Suetterlein

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 8.01-226.5:2, 16.1-228, 18.2-371, 18.2-371.1, 40.1-103, and 63.2-100 of the Code of Virginia, relating to save haven protections; newborn safety device.

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Safe haven protections; newborn safety device.** Provides an affirmative defense in certain criminal prosecutions and civil proceedings regarding child abuse or neglect to a parent who safely delivers his child within the first 30 days of the child's life to a newborn safety device located at a hospital that provides 24-hour emergency services or at an attended emergency medical services agency that employs emergency medical services personnel. The bill also provides civil and criminal immunity to such hospitals and emergency medical services agencies for injuries to children received through such newborn safety devices, provided that (i) the injuries are not the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct and (ii) the hospital or emergency medical services agency meets certain requirements regarding the establishment, functioning, and testing of the device. Current law requires the child to be delivered within the first 14 days of the child's life at such hospital or emergency medical services agency. This bill incorporates SB 175 and is identical to HB 16.

02/25/22 House: VOTE: Passage (85-Y 14-N)
03/01/22 Senate: Enrolled
03/01/22 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB63ER)
03/01/22 House: Signed by Speaker
03/02/22 Senate: Signed by President

[**SB 130**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB130)**Public health emergency; hospital or nursing home, addition of beds.**

*Patron:* Favola

 A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-102.2 and 32.1-127 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public health emergency; hospitals and nursing homes; addition of beds.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Certificate of public need; conditions and licensure of nursing homes and hospitals; public health emergency.** Provides for an exemption from the requirement for a certificate of public need, for the duration of the State Health Commissioner's determination, emergency order of the State Board of Health, or Commissioner's exercising of authority on behalf of the Board, plus a period of 30 days, for projects involving a temporary increase in the total number of beds in an existing hospital or nursing home, which may include temporary structures or satellite locations that are operated by the hospital or nursing home in response to a public health emergency, when the Commissioner has determined that a natural or man-made disaster has caused the evacuation of a hospital or nursing home and that a public health emergency exists due to a shortage of hospital or nursing home beds, or when the Board has made an emergency order or the Commissioner is exercising authority on behalf of the Board for the purpose of suppressing nuisances dangerous to the public health and communicable, contagious, and infectious diseases and other dangers to the public life and health.

03/01/22 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute SB130H1
03/01/22 House: Passed House with substitute BLOCK VOTE (100-Y 0-N)
03/01/22 House: VOTE: Block Vote Passage (100-Y 0-N)
03/03/22 Senate: House substitute agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)
03/03/22 Senate: Title replaced 22106840D-H1

[**SB 148**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB148)**Public health emergencies; expands immunity for health care providers.**

*Patron:* Norment

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 8.01-225.01 and 8.01-225.02 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public health emergencies; immunity for health care providers; emergency.

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Public health emergencies; immunity for health care providers; emergency.** Expands immunity provided to health care providers responding to a disaster to include actions or omissions taken by the provider as directed by any order of public health in response to such disaster when a local emergency, state of emergency, or public health emergency has been declared. The bill contains an emergency clause.

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03/02/22 House: Read third time
03/02/22 House: Committee amendments agreed to
03/02/22 House: Engrossed by House as amended
03/02/22 House: Passed House with amendments (73-Y 24-N)
03/02/22 House: VOTE: Passage (73-Y 24-N)

[**SB 166**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB166)**Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders.**

*Patrons:* Peake, Kiggans 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 30 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 30 days during which the rule, regulation, or order is effective, the Governor may once again issue the same rule, regulation, or order but 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 adjournment of the regular session of the General Assembly. The bill contains technical amendments.

01/10/22 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22102274D
01/10/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
01/27/22 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB166)
02/09/22 Senate: Incorporated by General Laws and Technology (SB4-Suetterlein) (14-Y 0-N)

[**SB 170**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB170)**Statewide Telehealth Plan; emergency services coordination.**

*Patron:* Peake

A BILL to direct the Department of Health to amend the Statewide Telehealth Plan regarding emergency services coordination.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Department of Health; Statewide Telehealth Plan; emergency services coordination.** Directs the Department of Health to amend the Statewide Telehealth Plan to require health care providers providing telehealth services to directly contact and coordinate with emergency services in accordance with the standard of care that is appropriate to the patient's situation and to the services rendered during the telehealth visit.

01/10/22 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22102426D
01/10/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
01/13/22 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB170)
02/10/22 Senate: Stricken at request of patron in Education and Health (11-Y 0-N)

[**SB 176**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB176)**Emergency custody and temporary detention; transportation of person when transfer of custody.**

*Patron:* Peake

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 37.2-808 and 37.2-810 of the Code of Virginia, relating to emergency custody and temporary detention; transportation; transfer of custody.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Emergency custody and temporary detention; transportation; transfer of custody.** Makes clear that, in cases in which transportation of a person subject to an emergency custody order or temporary detention order is ordered to be provided by an alternative transportation provider, the primary law-enforcement agency that executes the order may transfer custody of the person to the alternative transportation provider immediately upon execution of the order, and that the alternative transportation provider shall maintain custody of the person from the time custody is transferred to the alternative transportation provider by the primary law-enforcement agency until such time as custody of the person is transferred to the community services board or its designee that is responsible for conducting the evaluation or the temporary detention facility, as is appropriate. The bill also adds employees of and persons providing services pursuant to a contract with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to the list of individuals who may serve as alternative transportation providers.

01/10/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
01/24/22 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB176)
01/28/22 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health
02/01/22 Senate: Senate subcommittee amendments and substitutes offered
02/03/22 Senate: Incorporated by Education and Health (SB650-Hanger) (15-Y 0-N)

[**SB 189**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB189)**Employer-mandated vaccinations for COVID-19; discrimination prohibited, civil penalties.**

*Patron:* Chase

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 40.1-27.5, relating to employer-mandated vaccinations for COVID-19; discrimination prohibited; civil penalties.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Employer-mandated vaccinations for COVID-19; discrimination prohibited; civil penalties.**Prohibits an employer from requiring its employees to receive a vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19. The bill prohibits an employer from discrimination against an employee because the employee has or has not received a vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19. The bill also provides for civil penalties not to exceed $10,000 by an employer with fewer than 100 employees or $50,000 by an employer with 100 or more employees for each violation of the bill's provisions.

01/10/22 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22103782D
01/10/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
01/24/22 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (12-Y 2-N)

[**SB 192**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB192)**Health director, local; qualifications.**

*Patrons:* Mason and Locke

A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-30 of the Code of Virginia, relating to local health director; qualifications.

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Local health director; qualifications.** Amends the qualification requirements for local health directors to permit local health directors to possess a master's or doctoral degree in the area of public health and have at least three years of professional experience in a full-time position in either a public health agency or public health-related position, or be otherwise qualified for the position as determined by the Commissioner of Health, as an alternative to the current requirement that local health directors be physicians licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth. The bill states that if a local health director is not a physician licensed to practice medicine and there is no licensed physician on staff, the local health director shall enter into a consulting agreement with a licensed physician to execute prescribing duties, consult on clinical matters, and perform all other duties as requested.

03/01/22 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (5-Y 1-N)
03/01/22 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with substitute (11-Y 10-N)
03/01/22 House: Committee substitute printed 22107305D-H1
03/02/22 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB192H1)
03/03/22 House: Read second time

[**SB 202**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB202)**Alternative custody arrangements; options to increase use for certain individuals.**

*Patron:* Newman

An Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, together with the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, to study options to increase the use of alternative custody arrangements for individuals who are subject to an emergency custody or temporary detention order; report.

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Study; Secretary of Health and Human Resources and Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security; increase use of alternative custody arrangements for individuals subject to an emergency custody or temporary detention order; report.** Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, together with the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, to study options to increase the use of alternative custody arrangements for individuals who are subject to an emergency custody or temporary detention order and to report his findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations by October 1, 2022.

03/01/22 House: Passed House BLOCK VOTE (100-Y 0-N)
03/01/22 House: VOTE: Block Vote Passage (100-Y 0-N)
03/03/22 Senate: Enrolled
03/03/22 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB202ER)
03/04/22 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB202ER)

[**SB 205**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB205)**Certificate of public need; expedited review process for certain projects.**

*Patron:* Petersen

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-102.1 and 32.1-102.2 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-102.6:2, relating to certificate of public need; expedited review process.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Certificate of public need; expedited review process.** Requires the Department of Health to establish an expedited review process for certain projects involving addition of imaging equipment, addition of a new ambulatory or outpatient surgery center, addition of operating rooms at an existing ambulatory or outpatient surgery center, and addition of psychiatric beds or conversion of existing beds at a medical care facility to psychiatric beds and requires the Board of Health to include in regulations governing the certificate of public need program a provision for the development of review criteria and standards for specific medical care facilities and health care services for each health planning region that take into account the unique needs and characteristics of such region. The bill also amends the definition of "charity care" and defines "health care service" and "indigent."

02/03/22 Senate: Committee substitute printed 22105861D-S1
02/03/22 Senate: Reported from Education and Health with substitute (8-Y 7-N)
02/03/22 Senate: Rereferred to Finance and Appropriations
02/07/22 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB205S1)
02/08/22 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (11-Y 4-N 1-A)

[**SB 268**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB268)**Emergency custody and temporary detention; transportation, transfer of custody, alternative custody.**

*Patrons:* Favola, Deeds, Hanger, Boysko, Mason and McClellan

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 37.2-808 through 37.2-810 of the Code of Virginia, relating to emergency custody and temporary detention; transportation; transfer of custody; alternative custody.

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Emergency custody and temporary detention; transportation; transfer of custody.** Requires a magistrate to consider all alternative transportation options when designating the person who will provide transportation for a person subject to an emergency custody order, and provides that the magistrate shall only designate the local law enforcement agency as the transportation provider if no alternative transportation provide is available. The bill provides that in cases in which transportation is provided by an alternative transportation provider designated in an emergency custody order or a temporary detention order, the law enforcement officer who executed the order may transfer custody of the person to the alternative transportation provider immediately upon execution of the order. The bill also provides that when a state hospital is designated as the facility of temporary detention, the state hospital may designate an available alternative transportation provider to assume custody of the person who is the subject of the temporary detention order and transport the person to the state hospital. The bill also requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to amend its existing contract for the provision of alternative transportation of a person who is subject to an emergency custody or temporary detention order to ensure sufficient availability of sufficient staff to take custody of and transport person subject to emergency custody and temporary detention orders in accordance with the provisions of the bill.

02/25/22 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations
02/26/22 House: Assigned App. sub: Health & Human Resources
02/28/22 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB268H1)
03/01/22 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendments (7-Y 1-N)
03/02/22 House: Reported from Appropriations with amendment(s) (21-Y 0-N)

[**SB 289**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB289)**Workers' compensation; anxiety disorder or depressive disorder incurred by law-enforcement, etc.**

*Patrons:* DeSteph, Bell, Boysko, Cosgrove and Surovell

A BILL to amend and reenact § 65.2-107 of the Code of Virginia, relating to workers' compensation; anxiety disorder or depressive disorder incurred by law-enforcement officers and firefighters.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Workers' compensation; anxiety disorder or depressive disorder incurred by law-enforcement officers and firefighters.** Provides that an anxiety disorder or depressive disorder, as both are defined in the bill, incurred by a law-enforcement officer or firefighter is compensable under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act on the same basis as post-traumatic stress disorder. The bill provides that a mental health professional must diagnose the law-enforcement officer or firefighter as suffering from anxiety disorder or depressive disorder as a result of a qualifying event, as defined in the Code, and includes other conditions for compensability.

02/04/22 Senate: Read second time and engrossed
02/07/22 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
02/21/22 House: Placed on Calendar
02/21/22 House: Read first time
02/21/22 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Energy

[**SB 308**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB308)**Gubernatorial appointments to boards; membership and terms.**

*Patron:* Deeds

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 3.2-1701, 3.2-1801, 3.2-2101, 3.2-2603, 3.2-2701, 23.1-3102, and 54.1-500.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to gubernatorial appointments to boards; membership and terms.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Gubernatorial appointments to boards; membership and terms.** Revises the length of terms for persons appointed to several commodity and commodity-related boards within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and further standardizes the term dates so all terms begin on July 1 and end on June 30. The bill amends the membership of the Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors, standardizes the term dates for appointments to the Board of Visitors of Mount Vernon, and clarifies that certain members of the A.L. Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership Board of Trustees may name a designee to serve on the Board. The bill corrects the staggering of terms for the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board.

02/25/22 House: Reported from Privileges and Elections (20-Y 1-N)
03/01/22 House: Read second time
03/02/22 House: Read third time
03/02/22 House: Passed House (100-Y 0-N)
03/02/22 House: VOTE: Passage (100-Y 0-N)

[**SB 317**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB317)**Out-of-state health care practitioners; temporary authorization to practice.**

*Patrons:* Favola and Dunnavant

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-2408.4, relating to out-of-state health care practitioners; temporary authorization to practice pending licensure; licensure by reciprocity for physicians; emergency.

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Out-of-state health care practitioners; temporary authorization to practice; licensure by reciprocity for physicians; emergency.** Allows a health care practitioner licensed in another state or the District of Columbia who has submitted an application for licensure to the appropriate health regulatory board to temporarily practice for a period of 90 days pending licensure, provided that certain conditions are met. The bill directs the Department of Health Professions to pursue reciprocity agreements with jurisdictions that surround the Commonwealth to streamline the application process in order to facilitate the practice of medicine. The bill requires the Department of Health Professions to annually report to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions the number of out-of-state health care practitioners who have utilized the temporary authorization to practice pending licensure and have not subsequently been issued full licensure. The bill contains an emergency clause.

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02/25/22 House: VOTE: Passage (99-Y 0-N)
03/01/22 Senate: House substitute agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)
03/01/22 Senate: Title replaced 22106790D-H1
03/04/22 Senate: Enrolled
03/04/22 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB317ER)

[**SB 340**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB340)**Freestanding emergency departments; Bd. of Health to promulgate regulations related to departments.**

*Patron:* Barker

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-123, 32.1-125, 32.1-127, 59.1-200, and 59.1-204 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-125.6, relating to freestanding emergency departments.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Freestanding emergency departments.** Requires the Board of Health to promulgate regulations related to freestanding emergency departments, defined in the bill as facilities located in the Commonwealth that (i) provide emergency services, (ii) are owned and operated by a licensed hospital and operate under the hospital's license, and (iii) are located on separate premises from the primary campus of the hospital. The bill also requires freestanding emergency departments to make certain disclosures to patients, in advertisements, and on any online platforms associated with such emergency department.

01/11/22 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22101751D
01/11/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
01/21/22 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health
02/02/22 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB340)
02/10/22 Senate: Continued to 2023 in Education and Health (11-Y 0-N)

[**SB 361**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB361)**Marcus alert system; optional participation, voluntary database.**

*Patron:* Stuart

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 9.1-193 and 37.2-311.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Marcus alert system; optional participation.

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Marcus alert system; optional participation.** Provides that participation in the Marcus alert system is optional for localities with a population of less than 40,000. The bill requires every locality, regardless of population, to establish local protocols to divert calls from the 9-1-1 dispatch and response system to a crisis call center for risk assessment and engagement, including assessment for mobile crisis or community care team dispatch if available. The bill also delays from July 1, 2026, to July 1, 2028, the requirement that all community services board and behavioral health authority geographical areas have established a Marcus alert system that uses a community care or mobile crisis team.

03/02/22 House: Read third time
03/02/22 House: Committee substitute agreed to 22106957D-H1
03/02/22 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute SB361H1
03/02/22 House: Passed House with substitute (93-Y 7-N)
03/02/22 House: VOTE: Passage (93-Y 7-N)

[**SB 369**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB369)**Public health emergency; out-of-state licenses, deemed licensure.**

*Patron:* Stuart

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-2901, 54.1-2904, and 54.1-3011 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public health emergency; out-of-state licenses; deemed licensure.

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Telemedicine services; practitioners licensed by Board of Medicine.** Allows a practitioner of a profession regulated by the Board of Medicine who is licensed in another state or the District of Columbia and who is in good standing with the applicable regulatory agency in that state or the District of Columbia to engage in the practice of that profession in the Commonwealth with a patient located in the Commonwealth when (i) such practice is for the purpose of providing continuity of care through the use of telemedicine services and (ii) the patient is a current patient of the practitioner with whom the practitioner has previously established a practitioner-patient relationship with an initial in-person evaluation within the previous 12 months.

03/01/22 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute SB369H1
03/01/22 House: Passed House with substitute BLOCK VOTE (100-Y 0-N)
03/01/22 House: VOTE: Block Vote Passage (100-Y 0-N)
03/03/22 Senate: House substitute agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)
03/03/22 Senate: Title replaced 22106838D-H1

[**SB 416**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB416)**Virginia Public Procurement Act; purchase of personal protective equipment.**

*Patron:* DeSteph

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-4328.2, relating to the Virginia Public Procurement Act; purchase of personal protective equipment.

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Virginia Public Procurement Act; purchase of personal protective equipment.** Requires a state agency, whenever purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) for public use, to purchase such PPE from a Virginia-based company or manufacturer that uses materials or components made in Virginia or the United States, or a United States-based manufacturer that uses materials or components made in the United States, if available, and that complies with all applicable federal and international certifications and requirements for such products. The bill provides that if a state agency is unable to purchase PPE from such company or manufacturer, it may purchase from another company or manufacturer, pending the results of independent laboratory testing of the PPE. The bill directs the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to establish a work group to make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding products other than PPE that state agencies should purchase with the same requirements and to report the recommendations of the work group to the Chairs of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology by September 1, 2022.

02/22/22 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws
03/01/22 House: House committee, floor amendments and substitutes offered
03/01/22 House: Reported from General Laws with substitute (22-Y 0-N)
03/01/22 House: Committee substitute printed 22107316D-H1
03/01/22 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

[**SB 436**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB436)**Statewide Telehealth Plan; Board of Health shall contract with the Virginia Telehealth Network.**

*Patrons:* Barker and Mason

An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-122.03:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Board of Health; Statewide Telehealth Plan; Virginia Telehealth Network.

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Board of Health; Statewide Telehealth Plan; Virginia Telehealth Network.** Requires the Board of Health (the Board) to consult with the Virginia Telehealth Network in amending and maintaining the Statewide Telehealth Plan. The bill requires the Board to contract with the Virginia Telehealth Network, or another Virginia-based nongovernmental organization focused on telehealth if the Virginia Telehealth Network is no longer in existence, to (i) provide direct consultation to any advisory groups and groups tasked by the Board with implementation and data collection, (ii) track implementation of the Statewide Telehealth Plan, and (iii) facilitate changes to the Statewide Telehealth Plan as accepted medical practices and technologies evolve.

03/01/22 House: Read third time
03/01/22 House: Passed House BLOCK VOTE (100-Y 0-N)
03/01/22 House: VOTE: Block Vote Passage (100-Y 0-N)
03/04/22 Senate: Enrolled
03/04/22 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB436ER)

[**SB 448**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB448)**Hospital regulations; policies and procedures related to victims of domestic violence.**

*Patrons:* Boysko, Hashmi, Locke and McClellan

A BILL to direct the Task Force on Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault to convene a workgroup to develop best practices for hospital policies and procedures related to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; report.

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Task Force on Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault; hospital policies and procedures related to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; work group; report.**Directs the Task Force on Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault (the Task Force) to convene a work group to develop best practices for hospital policies and procedures related to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The bill requires the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2022.

02/21/22 House: Read first time
02/21/22 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions
02/21/22 House: Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #3
03/01/22 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2023
03/01/22 House: Continued to 2023 in Health, Welfare and Institutions

[**SB 450**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB450)**Traffic incident management vehicles; certain vehicles exempt when en route to scene of an accident.**

*Patron:* Boysko

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-1029.2 and 46.2-1030 of the Code of Virginia, relating to traffic incident management vehicles.

*Summary as passed Senate:*

**Traffic incident management vehicles.** Authorizes traffic incident management vehicles, defined in the bill, operated by persons who complete certain training and recertification requirements to be equipped with flashing red or red and white secondary warning lights.

03/01/22 House: Passed House BLOCK VOTE (100-Y 0-N)
03/01/22 House: VOTE: Block Vote Passage (100-Y 0-N)
03/02/22 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB450E)
03/04/22 Senate: Enrolled
03/04/22 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB450ER)

[**SB 467**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB467)**Human trafficking; training for law-enforcement personnel.**

*Patrons:* Vogel; Delegate: Edmunds

A BILL to amend and reenact § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia, relating to human trafficking training for law-enforcement personnel.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Human trafficking training for law-enforcement personnel.** Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish training standards for law-enforcement personnel regarding the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.

02/25/22 House: Reported from Public Safety (22-Y 0-N)
03/01/22 House: Read second time
03/02/22 House: Read third time
03/02/22 House: Passed House BLOCK VOTE (100-Y 0-N)
03/02/22 House: VOTE: Block Vote Passage (100-Y 0-N)

[**SB 468**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB468)**Line of Duty Act; Virginia licensed health practitioners required to conduct medical reviews.**

*Patrons:* DeSteph, Cosgrove and Ebbin; Delegate: Keam

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 9.1-404 and 9.1-405 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Retirement System; Line of Duty Act; medical reviews to be conducted by Virginia practitioners.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Virginia Retirement System; Line of Duty Act; medical reviews to be conducted by Virginia practitioners.** Provides that, for any medical review of a claim made pursuant to the provisions of the Line of Duty Act, the Virginia Retirement System shall require that such review be conducted by a doctor, nurse, or psychologist who is licensed in Virginia or a contiguous state. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2023.

02/04/22 Senate: Passed Senate (37-Y 2-N)
02/23/22 House: Placed on Calendar
02/23/22 House: Read first time
02/23/22 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations
03/02/22 House: Reported from Appropriations (21-Y 0-N)

[**SB 545**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB545)**Motor vehicles; registration fees, state park access fee.**

*Patron:* Marsden

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 10.1-200.3, 10.1-202, 46.2-686, and 46.2-694, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, of the Code of Virginia, relating to registration fees for motor vehicles; state park access fee.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Registration fees for motor vehicles; state park access fee.** Imposes a $5 state park access fee to be collected at the time other vehicle registration fees are paid and to be deposited into the State Park Conservation Resources Fund. Under the bill, a person who shows proof of payment of the fee is not required to pay any additional fees for access to a state park.

01/12/22 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22100223D
01/12/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
01/25/22 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (7-Y 7-N 1-A)

[**SB 585**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB585)**Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.**

*Patrons:* Reeves and DeSteph; Delegates: Keam and Rasoul

A BILL to amend and reenact § 51.1-138 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.** Adds 911 dispatchers to the list of local employees eligible to receive enhanced retirement benefits for hazardous duty service. Under current law, localities may provide such benefits to first responders, including firefighters and emergency medical technicians, and certain other hazardous duty positions.

01/12/22 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22101540D
01/12/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations
01/18/22 Senate: Impact statement from VRS (SB585)
02/01/22 Senate: Senate committee, floor amendments and substitutes offered
02/09/22 Senate: Continued to 2023 in Finance and Appropriations (15-Y 0-N)

[**SB 617**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB617)**Health, Commissioner of, and local health director; qualifications, local variances.**

*Patron:* Locke

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-17, 32.1-30, and 32.1-34 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Commissioner of Health and local health director qualifications; local variances.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Commissioner of Health and local health director qualifications; local variances.** Requires the Commissioner of Health to possess a Doctor of Public Health degree, a Master of Public Health degree, or a doctoral degree in the area of public health in addition to the current requirement that the Commissioner of Health be a physician licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth with certification from the American Board of Preventive Medicine or a recognized board in a primary care specialty as approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties. The bill allows local health directors to possess a Doctor of Public Health degree, a Master of Public Health degree, or a doctoral degree in the area of public health as an alternative to the current requirement that local health directors be physicians licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth. Additionally, the bill allows the Commissioner to grant a variance to a state law or regulation of the Board when the Commissioner determines that, upon review of an application from a county, city, or town, (i) the applicant for such variance has demonstrated that the implementation of a regulation would impose a substantial financial or programmatic hardship and (ii) the variance would not adversely affect the safety and well-being of residents of the county, city, or town or the Commonwealth.

01/12/22 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 22103430D
01/12/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
01/14/22 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health
01/26/22 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB617)
01/27/22 Senate: Incorporated by Education and Health (SB192-Mason) (15-Y 0-N)

[**SB 647**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB647)**Public health emergency; administration and dispensing of necessary drugs, devices, and vaccines.**

*Patron:* Dunnavant

A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-42.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Commissioner of Health; administration and dispensing of necessary drugs, devices, and vaccines during public health emergency.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Commissioner of Health; administration and dispensing of necessary drugs, devices, and vaccines during public health emergency.** Allows the Commissioner of Health to authorize persons who are not authorized by law to administer or dispense drugs or devices to do so in accordance with protocols established by the Commissioner when the Board of Health has made an emergency order for the purpose of suppressing nuisances dangerous to the public health and communicable, contagious, and infectious diseases and other dangers to the public life and health for the limited purpose of administering vaccines as an approved countermeasure for such communicable, contagious, and infectious diseases. Current law limits the Commissioner's ability to make such authorizations to circumstances when the Governor has declared a disaster or a state of emergency or the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services has issued a declaration of an actual or potential bioterrorism incident or other actual or potential public health emergency.

03/02/22 House: Read third time
03/02/22 House: Committee substitute agreed to 22107065D-H1
03/02/22 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute SB647H1
03/02/22 House: Passed House with substitute (97-Y 3-N)
03/02/22 House: VOTE: Passage (97-Y 3-N)

[**SB 650**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB650)**Emergency custody and temporary detention; hospitals and providers of behavioral health services.**

*Patrons:* Hanger and Peake

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-127 and 37.2-808 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 37.2-421.2, relating to emergency custody and temporary detention; hospitals and providers of behavioral health services; acceptance of custody.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Emergency custody and temporary detention; hospitals and providers of behavioral health services; acceptance of custody.**Requires every hospital with an emergency department to employ sufficient security staff to be able to accept custody of a person who is subject to emergency custody or temporary detention and who is transported to such hospital by a law-enforcement officer or receiving services at such hospital and requires every provider of behavioral health services licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to a person who is subject to emergency custody and may be transported for the required evaluation to (i) be licensed to provide the level of security necessary to protect both the person and others from harm, and actually capable of providing the level of security necessary to protect the person and others from harm, and (ii) accept custody of every person transported to such provider for evaluation by law enforcement.

02/03/22 Senate: Incorporates SB176 (Peake)
02/03/22 Senate: Reported from Education and Health with substitute (15-Y 0-N)
02/03/22 Senate: Rereferred to Finance and Appropriations
02/07/22 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB650S1)
02/08/22 Senate: Incorporated by Finance and Appropriations (SB268-Favola) (16-Y 0-N)

[**SB 663**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB663)**Telemedicine services; State plan for medical assistance services, provision for payment.**

*Patron:* Stanley

A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-325 of the Code of Virginia, relating to state plan for medical assistance services; provision for payment of telemedicine services facilitated by emergency medical services.

*Summary as introduced:*
**State plan for medical assistance services; provision for payment of telemedicine services facilitated by emergency medical services.** Directs the Board of Health to amend the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for the payment of the originating site fee to emergency medical service agencies for facilitating synchronous telehealth visits with a distant site provider delivered to a Medicaid member. The bill defines "originating site" as any location where the patient is located, including any medical care facility or office of a health care provider, the home of the patient, the patient's place of employment, or any public or private primary or secondary school or postsecondary institution of higher education at which the person to whom telemedicine services are provided is located.

03/01/22 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with substitute (22-Y 0-N)
03/01/22 House: Committee substitute printed 22107225D-H1
03/02/22 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB663H1)
03/03/22 House: Motion to refer to committee agreed to
03/03/22 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

[**SB 731**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SB731)**Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders.**

*Patron:* Lewis

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 60 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 60 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 adjournment of the regular session of the General Assembly. The bill contains technical amendments.

01/21/22 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 22104327D
01/21/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
01/27/22 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB731)
02/09/22 Senate: Incorporated by General Laws and Technology (SB4-Suetterlein) (14-Y 0-N)

[**SJ 42**](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+sum+SJ42)**Health-related social need; Jt. Com. on Health Care to study benefit of hospitals, etc. addressing.**

*Patrons:* Suetterlein and Kiggans

Directing the Joint Commission on Health Care to study the benefits of hospitals, health systems, and other providers in addressing the health-related social needs of Virginians. Report.

*Summary as introduced:*
**Study; Joint Commission on Health Care; benefits of hospitals, health systems, and other providers addressing the health-related social needs of Virginians; report.** Directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to study the benefits of hospitals, health systems, and other providers in addressing the health-related social needs of Virginians. The study shall identify opportunities for policy making to make health care in Virginia more affordable and effective through innovations in care coordination, workforce development, payment options, and improved data collection.

02/02/22 Senate: Read third time and agreed to by Senate by voice vote
02/22/22 House: Placed on Calendar
02/22/22 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
02/25/22 House: Assigned Rules sub: Studies
02/28/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 0-N)