

VBCOA/VPMIA 2021 Session
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT FINAL
04-08-21

Thru- HB 2338, HJ626, HR246, SB1475, SJ329, SR98

The legislative committee met via conference call on January 21 at 10 a.m.

HB 1778 Status- Signed into law by the governor

Support-

Chief patron: Ward

Removal of clutter from property; civil penalty. Provides that a locality may by ordinance require the removal of clutter from property, or may, whenever the governing body deems it necessary, after reasonable notice, have such clutter removed by its own agents or employees, in which event the cost or expenses thereof shall be chargeable to and paid by the owners of such property and may be collected by the locality as taxes are collected.

HB 1823 Status- Signed into law by the governor

No Position- Not a building code requirement, in title 22 (school statute) and 63 (Social Services statute)

Chief patron: Askew

Public schools, child day programs, and certain other programs; carbon monoxide detectors required. Requires each building that was built before 2015 and that houses any public school classroom for students, licensed child day program, or other program that serves preschool-age children to be equipped with at least one carbon monoxide detector.

HB 1824 Status- Signed into law by the governor

No Position-

Chief patron: Askew

Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; required disclosures; mold. Requires the owner of a residential dwelling who has actual knowledge of the existence of mold inside such dwelling to provide a written disclosure of such to a prospective purchaser.

HB 1937 Status- Left in committee

No Position-

Chief patron: Rasoul

Green New Deal Act. (This is a long, comprehensive energy bill with the below proposed section that is of relevance to VBCOA/VPMIA)

§ 45.1-406. *Energy efficiency of buildings.*

The Commonwealth shall have a stated goal of reducing the consumption of electric energy for heating, cooling, lighting, and appliances in buildings within the Commonwealth by 2036 to a level that is 36 percent less than the quantity of electricity that would reasonably be projected to be consumed in the Commonwealth for such purposes in 2035 in the absence of such actions. Such goal shall have benchmark goals of 2.4 percent per year of the electric energy consumption for such purposes from 2020 levels.

[HB 1938](#) Status- Left in committee

Support-

Chief patron: Wyatt

Destroying or tampering with firefighting or emergency medical services equipment or law-enforcement equipment and vehicles; penalty. Increases from a Class 1 misdemeanor to a Class 6 felony the penalty for injuring, destroying, removing, or tampering with any firefighting equipment or apparatus, emergency medical services vehicle, or law-enforcement vehicle or equipment.

[HB 1969](#) Status- Signed into law by the governor

Support- CONSIDER POINTER FOR VMC NEXT CYCLE.

Chief patron: Carr

Administration of blighted and derelict properties in certain localities. Modifies the definition of "qualifying locality" to include any locality with a score of 100 or higher on the fiscal stress index, as published by the Department of Housing and Community Development in July 2020. Removes limitation of application to listed cities.

[HB 1971](#) Status- Signed into law by the governor

No Position-

Chief patron: Carr

Virginia Fair Housing Law; reasonable accommodations; disability-related requests for parking. Provides that for the purposes of the Virginia Fair Housing Law, when a person receives a request for accessible parking to accommodate a disability, the person receiving the request shall treat such request as a reasonable accommodation, and any costs, fees, or charges related to the installation, designation, marking, or reconfiguration of a parking space related to such reasonable accommodation request shall be borne by the person receiving the request.

[HB 1974](#) Status- Left in committee

No Position-

Chief patron: Rush

Professional regulation; exemptions from license requirements for architects and professional engineers; onsite sewage systems receiving residential wastewater. Removes certain requirements from the exemption from licensure as an architect or professional engineer for persons who prepare plans, specifications, documents, and designs for conventional and alternative onsite sewage systems receiving residential wastewater. The bill removes the requirement that any such plans, specifications, documents, or designs utilize packaged equipment generally, changes the allowable flow rate from 1,000 to 1,200 gallons per day, and removes stipulations related to the inclusion of pumps.

[HB 2001](#) Status- Signed into law by the governor

No Position-

Chief patron: Helmer

Building standards for certain state and local buildings. Requires that any executive branch agency or institution or locality entering the design phase for the construction of a new building greater than 5,000 gross square feet in size or the renovation of a building where the cost of the renovation exceeds 50 percent of the value of the building ensure that such building has sufficient electric vehicle charging infrastructure, defined in the bill, and has features that permit the agency or institution to track the building's energy efficiency and carbon emissions.

[HB 2053](#) Status- Signed into law by the governor

No Position-

Chief patron: Ibraheem

Department of Housing and Community Development; stakeholder advisory group; accessory dwelling units. Directs the Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) to convene a stakeholder advisory group to evaluate the construction of internal, attached, and detached accessory dwelling units as a strategy to address the Commonwealth's growing demand for affordable and market-rate housing.

[HB 2188](#) Status- Left in committee

No Position-

Chief patron: Hodges

Department of Health; Department of Environmental Quality; pilot program; engineered septic systems. Requires the Department of Health and Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, to initiate a three-year pilot program designed to study the use of engineered septic systems that house and treat sewage effluent in an elevated, self-contained unit suitable for areas with high water tables and susceptible to flooding in Coastal Virginia.

[HB 2279](#) Status- Left in committee

Oppose-

Chief patron: Campbell

Professions and occupations; Board for Contractors; continuing education prohibited. Prohibits the Board for Contractors from requiring continuing education as a prerequisite to renewal of any certificate or license issued under its authority.

[HB 2320](#) Status- Signed into law by the governor

No Position-

Chief patron: Convirs-Fowler

Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act; required disclosures; special flood hazard areas. Requires the owner of residential real property who has actual knowledge that the property is located in one or more special flood hazard areas to provide a disclosure that states such information to a potential purchaser.

[SB 1224](#) Status- Left in committee

[HB 2227](#) Status- Signed into law by the governor

Oppose Original, No Position on House Substitute- Though we support adoption of the IECC we oppose doing so outside of the standard code adoption process and out of sync with the other I-codes.

Chief patron: Boysko SB, Kory HB

Uniform Statewide Building Code; amendments; energy efficiency and conservation. Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to adopt amendments to the Uniform Statewide Building Code within one year of publication of a new version of the International Code Council's International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to address changes related to energy efficiency and conservation. The bill requires the Board to adopt Building Code standards that are at least as stringent as those contained in the new version of the IECC.

[HJ 529](#) Status- Left in committee

Support- See about participation for VBCOA

Chief patron: Simonds

Study; Department of Labor and Industry; apprenticeship programs; report. Requests the Department of Labor and Industry to study the need for apprenticeship training programs in Virginia, including (i) the future workforce needs of the construction industry...

[HJ 561](#) Status- Left in committee

No Position-

Chief patron: Guzman

Study; efficacy of the Commonwealth's occupational licensing laws; construction trades; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to (i) determine whether more requirements are necessary to ensure all workers in relevant crafts are licensed, (ii) determine whether greater occupational licensing enforcement is necessary, (iii) determine whether the Commonwealth's occupational licensing laws should apply to a broader scope of construction trades, and (iv) make recommendations for new laws or policies that would enhance the Commonwealth's occupational licensing regulations.