2020 LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP REPORT

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This is a brief narrative of the Virginia Legislative Session to provide members with an understanding of the context of this year's legislative session.

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Did you know that Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn is the first female Speaker of the House of the Virginia General Assembly - the oldest continuous law-making body in the New World - established on July 30, 1619?

STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

A record 3,911 bills were introduced in the 2020 regular session of the Virginia General Assembly.

This year 57% of the bills introduced passed. However, if one removes resolutions from the bill list, the pass rate was 46%. It should also be noted that 3,128 bills were introduced in the 2019 regular session; 3,722 bills were introduced in the 2018 regular session; 2,959 bills were introduced in the 2017 regular session; 3,286 bills were introduced in the 2016 regular session; 2,776 were introduced in the 2015 regular session; 2,888 were introduced in the 2014 regular session and
2,575 were introduced in the 2013 regular session.

So, between 2013 and 2020, the number of bills introduced that were not resolutions and passed the General Assembly grew from 715 to 1,291 and the pass rate went from 41% to 46%.

Statistically speaking, the Virginia General Assembly continues to propose and pass more laws every year. The good news is that for the first time in 10 years, there was no special session, but Governor Northam has indicated that there may be one in August.

The chart below is a historical view of VMA legislative session activities.

Year	Bills Managed	Priority Bills*	Legislative Bulletin & Alerts	Government Affairs Council Meetings	Frequency Staff Testified Before Committees
2003	105	14	7	7	31
2004	160	17	29	7	46
2005	65	12	26	7	46
2006	114	14	31	7	37
2007	125	8	21	8	43
2008	122	11	18	8	32
2009	243	8	20	8	36
2010	346	12	36	9	43
2011	133	14	25	7	22
2012	548	16	32	8	30
2013	422	18	21	7	27
2014	379	16	18	9	28
2015	932	27	12	7	15
2016	534	26	18	7	36
2017	416	30	21	7	42
2018	374	29	39	8	47
2019	555	46	20	7	31
2020	577	18	33	9	51

VMA also categorized the bills managed during this session into 18 policy areas to highlight the issues that required the greatest attention:

Legislation Category	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Budget	9	3	4	4	1
Constitutional	22	27	9	20	0
Economic Development	34	25	13	31	18
Education/Workforce Training	54	68	41	80	41
Employment/Safety	3	6	8	10	7
Energy Regulation	38	37	82	58	100
Environmental	67	51	60	60	101
General Government	27	20	25	21	49
Health Insurance	25	13	25	44	45
Labor-Management	35	23	21	47	63
Procurement	23	14	9	12	7
Product Liability	6	5	4	15	9
Professional/Occupational Licensing	1	1	5	3	0
Taxation	94	75	38	90	78
Transportation	53	13	12	28	17
Unemployment	5	1	4	4	1
Virginia Chemistry Council				9	24
Workers Compensation	19	11	18	19	16

COALITIONS

The VMA generally avoids the political entanglements that can be created by coalition advocacy. However, the new political dynamics in the Commonwealth require innovative government affairs strategies. Starting in 2019, the VMA began developing key busines coalitions that would preserve foundational public policies such as “Right to Work” and oppose anticompetitive policies such as “Fair Share” and product bans. This resulted in the formation of the Coalition for a Strong Virginia Economy and the Coalition for Consumer Choices.

With 29 members and growing, the Coalition for a Strong Virginia Economy is the largest business association coalition in the Commonwealth. The work of the coalition is credited with stopping the repeal of Virginia’s Right to Work, stopping “Fair Share” legislation, stopping mandatory paid leave for all workers, preserving “Dillon Rule,” supporting low energy costs, and modifying the $15 per hour minimum wage as well as delaying its effective date due to COVID-19 impacts on employers. The Coalition has been so successful that the members have voted to remain a permanent coalition.

The Coalition for Consumer Choices is part of a national campaign to stop the bans and restrictions on products like food containers, grocery packages and drinking straws. Members include the Virginia Retail Federation, Virginia Food Industry Association, Virginia Retail Merchants, Virginia Restaurant Travel and Lodging Association, VMA and ACC. The Coalition was responsible for stopping the ban on polystyrene food packaging and making the case for mechanical and advanced recycling solutions as alternatives to plastic packaging product bans.

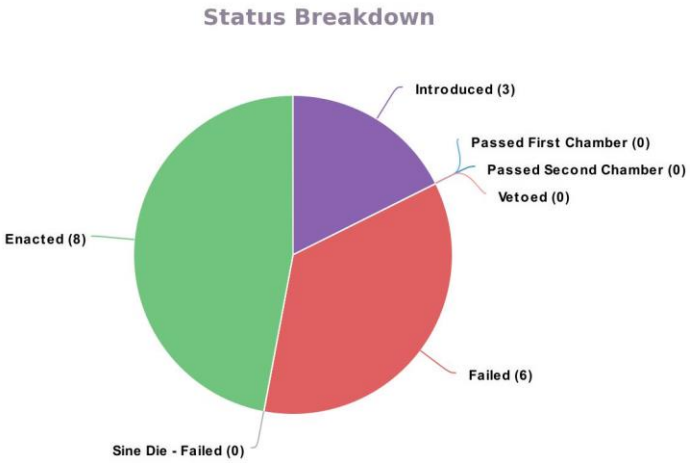
2020 VMA PRIORITY BILL OVERVIEW

The VMA produced a 65% success rate with this year's 18 priority bills. 35% of the priority bills had Republican patrons and 65% had Democratic patrons.

Priority bills represent legislation that was introduced on VMA's behalf, or a coalition to which it belongs, and directly relates to VMA legislative priorities that have been developed by members, member committees and the Board of Directors. They are supported by the VMA's Virginia MFG Competitiveness Plan.

For a detailed review of **VMA Bill Watch List,** go to www.vamanufacturers.com.

Note: VMA affiliate organizations also work on industry-specific legislation in the policy areas of alcoholic beverage control, chemicals, firearms, pharmaceuticals, and tobacco. Please contact VMA Member Services at thefuture@vamanufacturers.com for more information.



State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 272	House Left In Appropriations 20200211	Failed	Support	High

Title
Sixth grade science curriculum; DOE & DEQ to update.

Primary Sponsors
Schuyler VanValkenburg

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 528	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0662 2020 04 06	Enacted	Support	High

Title
Electric generation facilities: SCC shall determine retirement of facilities.

Primary Sponsors
Suhas Subramanyam

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 705	House Continued To 2021 With Substitute In Agriculture Chesapeake And Natural Resources by Voice Vote 2020 02 05	In House	Support	High

Title
State air, waste, and water boards; permit authority, appointment of members.

Primary Sponsors
Mark Keam

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1132	Senate Passed By Indefinitely In Commerce And Labor 8 Y 7 N 2020 03 02	Failed	Support	High

Title
Electric utility regulation; initial triennial review, requirements.

Primary Sponsors
Jay Jones

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1170	House Left In Agriculture Chesapeake And Natural Resources 2020 02 11	Failed	Support	High

Title
Regional electric utility programs; participation by Commonwealth.

Primary Sponsors
Charlie Poindexter

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1354	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0798 2020 04 07	Enacted	Support	High

Title
Plastic Waste Prevention Advisory Council; established.

Primary Sponsors
Ken Plum

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1413	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0255 2020 03 10	Enacted	Support	High

Title
Commonwealth's tax system; conformity with the Internal Revenue

Code.

Primary Sponsors
Vivian Watts

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 1628**	**House Left In Labor And Commerce 20200211**	**Failed**	**Support**	**High**

Title
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative; prohibition on participation by Commonwealth.

Primary Sponsors
Charlie Poindexter

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 1629**	**House Left In Labor And Commerce 20200211**	**Failed**	**Support**	**High**

Title
Regional transportation sector emissions programs; participation by Commonwealth.

Primary Sponsors
Charlie Poindexter

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 1680**	**Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0692 2020 04 06**	**Enacted**	**Support**	**High**

Title
Career and Technical Education Work-Based Learning Guide; Board of Education to review and revise.

Primary Sponsors
Roz Tyler

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**SB 582**	**Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0001 2020 02 17**	**Enacted**	**Support**	**High**

Title
Commonwealth's tax system; conformity with the Internal Revenue Code.

Primary Sponsors
Janet Howell

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**SB 590**	**Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0789 2020 04 07**	**Enacted**	**Support**	**High**

Title
Advanced recycling; incentives in income tax, sales tax, and machinery and tools tax, taxable years.

Primary Sponsors
Emmett Hanger

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 591	House Left In Appropriations 2020 03 03	Failed	Support	High

Title
Gasification facilities and pyrolysis facilities; economic development incentives.

Primary Sponsors
Emmett Hanger

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 779	Senate Continued To 2021 In Finance And Appropriations 15 Y 0 N 2020 02 06	In Senate	Support	High

Title
Sixth grade science curriculum; DOE & DEQ to update.

Primary Sponsors
Lynwood Lewis

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 789	Senate Incorporated By Finance And Appropriations Sb 590 Hanger 12 Y 0 N 2020 01 30	In Senate	Support	High

Title
Advanced recycling; incentives in income tax, sales tax, and machinery and tools tax.

Primary Sponsors
Lynwood Lewis

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 817	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0960 2020 04 09	Enacted	Support	High

Title
Nuclear energy; considered a clean energy source.

Primary Sponsors
Lynwood Lewis

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority

VA	SJ42	Senate Bill Text As Passed Senate And House	Enacted	Support	High
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Title
Waste Diversion and Recycling Task Force; DEQ to establish.

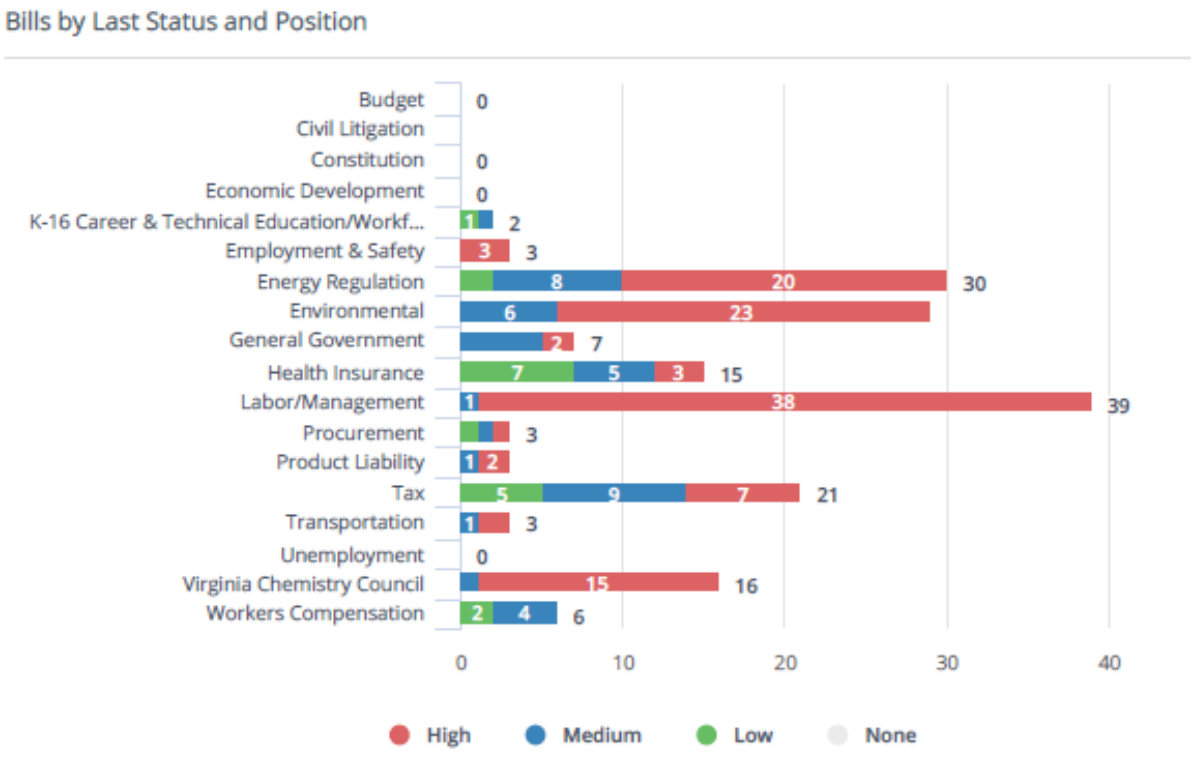
Primary Sponsors
Emmett Hanger

2020 VMA DEFENSIVE BILL OVERVIEW

The VMA was 77% successful with defensive bills this session. This section provides details on only select defensive bills that required significant amendment, protection from amendment, or opposition to reduce the impact on Virginia industry or the VMA's own legislative agenda. 10% of the select defensive bills had Republican patrons and 90% had Democratic patrons.

There were 148 select defensive bills this session. Prior years compared as follows:

- **2019 = 37**
- **2018 = 67**
- **2017 = 44**
- **2016 = 58**
- **2015 = 43**
- **2014 = 8**



State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 20**	**House Incorporated By Labor And Commerce Hb 981 Herring by Voice Vote 2020 02 04**	**In House**	**Oppose**	**High**

Title
Va. Alternative Energy & Coastal Protection Act; DEQ to implement final carbon trading regulation.

Primary Sponsors
Joe Lindsey

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 45**	**House Failed To Report Defeated In Labor And Commerce 10 Y 10 N 2020 01 23**	**Failed**	**Oppose**	**Medium**

Title
Workers' compensation; retaliatory discharge of employee.

Primary Sponsors
Lee Carter

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 46**	**Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1086 2020 04 10**	**Enacted**	**Oppose**	**Low**

Title
Workers' compensation: employer to notify employee of intent.

Primary Sponsors
Lee Carter

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 47**	**House Left In Labor And Commerce 2020 02 11**	**Failed**	**Oppose**	**Medium**

Title
Workers' compensation; foreign injuries.

Primary Sponsors
Lee Carter

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 68**	**House Left In Communications Technology And Innovation 2020 02 11**	**Failed**	**Oppose**	**High**

Title
Digital devices; deactivation or alteration of embedded software.

Primary Sponsors

Lee Carter

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 73**	**House Continued To 2021 In General Laws By Voice Vote 2020 02 06**	**In House**	**Oppose**	**Medium**

Title
Virginia Housing Development Authority: power to make loans, etc.

Primary Sponsors
Kaye Kory

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 77**	**House Left In Appropriations 2020 02 11**	**Failed**	**Oppose**	**High**

Title
Green New Deal Act; fossil fuel projects moratorium, clean energy mandates, civil penalties.

Primary Sponsors
Sam Rasoul

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 79**	**House Incorporated By Agriculture Chesapeake And Natural Resources Hb 1448 Plum by Voice Vote 2020 01 29**	**In House**	**Oppose**	**Medium**

Title
Menhaden; VMRC to adopt regulations for managing the Commonwealth's fishery.

Primary Sponsors
Barry Knight

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 114**	**House Incorporated By Labor And Commerce Hb 833 Carroll Foy By Voice Vote 2020 01 30**	**In House**	**Oppose**	**Low**

Title
Prevailing wage; public works contracts, penalty.

Primary Sponsors
Kaye Kory

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 122	House Incorporated By General Laws Hb 358 Lopez By Voice Vote 2020 01 30	In House	Oppose	Medium

Title
Project labor agreements; public procurement.

Primary Sponsors
Jennifer Carroll Foy

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 153	House Left In Appropriations 2020 02 11	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Right to work; repeals provisions of Code that refers to denial or abridgement.

Primary Sponsors
Lee Carter

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 200	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0427 2020 03 23	Enacted	Oppose	Low

Title
Mecklenburg County; additional sales and use tax, appropriations to incorporated towns.

Primary Sponsors
Tommy Wright

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 325	House Left In Labor And Commerce 2020 02 11	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Minimum wage; local alternative minimum wage.

Primary Sponsors
Mark Levine

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 326	House Incorporated By Labor And Commerce Hb 416 Cole J G by Voice Vote 2020 01 30	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Employment; wage inquiries, civil penalty.

Primary Sponsors
Mark Levine

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 327	House Incorporated By Labor And Commerce Hb 582 Guzman By Voice Vote 2020 01 28	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Public employees; collective bargaining.

Primary Sponsors
Mark Levine

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 328	House Left In Appropriations 2020 0211	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program; funding by employee and employer taxes.

Primary Sponsors
Mark Levine

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 330	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0948 2020 04 09	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Employment: covenants not to compete, definition of low-wage employees, civil penalty.

Primary Sponsors
Schuyler VanValkenburg

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 339	House Continued To 2021 In Labor And Commerce by Voice Vote 2020 02 06	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Virginia Minimum Wage Act; removes certain exemption.

Primary Sponsors
Cia Price

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 358	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1203 2020 04 22	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Public works contracts; definitions, authorization of project labor agreements.

Primary Sponsors

Alfonso Lopez

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 395	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1204 2020 04 22	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Minimum wage; increases to $9.50 per hour effective May 1, 2021.

Primary Sponsors
Jeion Ward

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 403	House Continued To 2021 In Labor And Commerce by Voice Vote 2020 01 30	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Safe days for employees; private employers required to allow days.

Primary Sponsors
Mark Keam

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 417	House Left In Labor And Commerce 2020 02 11	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Employment; requiring the purchase or provision of materials.

Primary Sponsors
Joshua Cole

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 418	House Incorporated By Labor And Commerce Hb 898 Guzman By Voice Vote 2020 01 30	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Employees; paid earned sick leave, civil penalties.

Primary Sponsors
Joshua Cole

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 433	House Incorporated By Labor And Commerce Hb 395 Ward by Voice Vote 2020 01 30	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Minimum wage; increases to $9 per hour effective January 1, 2021.

Primary Sponsors

Jennifer Carroll Foy

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 442	House Continued To 2021 In Labor And Commerce by Voice Vote 2020 01 28	In House	Oppose	Low

Title
Health insurance; coverage for donated human breast milk.

Primary Sponsors
Jennifer Carroll Foy

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 448	House Incorporated By Agriculture Chesapeake And Natural Resources Hb 1448 Plum by Voice Vote 2020 01 29	In House	Oppose	Medium

Title
Menhaden; management of the fishery, regulations.

Primary Sponsors
Nancy Guy

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 482	House Incorporated By Labor And Commerce Hb 123 Carroll Foy By Voice Vote 2020 01 30	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Nonpayment of wages; private action.

Primary Sponsors
Kaye Kory

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 486	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0327 2020 03 12	Enacted	Oppose	Low

Title
Henry, Northampton, Patrick, & Pittsylvania Counties & City of Danville; additional sales &use tax.

Primary Sponsors
Danny Marshall

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 530	House Continued To 2021 In Labor And Commerce by Voice Vote 2020 01 30	In House	Oppose	Low

Title

Health care coverage; qualified health plans.

Primary Sponsors
Ibraheem Samirah

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 533**	**Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap**	**Enacte**	**Oppose**	**High**

Title
Expanded polystyrene food service containers; definitions, prohibition on dispensing, penalty.

Bill Summary: Last edited by Brett Vassey at Feb 5, 2020, 10:01 PM Bans legal, recyclable and FDA regulated Polystyrene food packaging.

Primary Sponsors
Betsy Carr

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 534**	**Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1022 2020 04 10**	**Enacted**	**Oppose**	**High**

Title
Disposable plastic bags; local tax.

Primary Sponsors
Betsy Carr

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 577**	**House Left In Appropriations 2020 02 11**	**Failed**	**Oppose**	**High**

Title
State Air Pollution Control Board; implementation of a low emissions vehicle program.

Primary Sponsors
Mark Keam

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**HB 582**	**Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1209 2020 04 22**	**Enacted**	**Oppose**	**High**

Title
Employees of local governments; collective bargaining.

Primary Sponsors
Liz Guzman

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 615	House Incorporated By Labor And Commerce Hb 395 Ward By Voice Vote 2020 01 30	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Minimum wage; increases to $10.10 per hour effective January 1, 2021, etc.

Primary Sponsors
Ken Plum

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 617	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0549 2020 03 31	Enacted	Oppose	Low

Title
Workers' compensation; repetitive motion injuries.

Primary Sponsors
Liz Guzman

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 624	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0901 2020 04 09	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Human Rights, Division of; requirements for equal pay irrespective of sex.

Primary Sponsors
Chris Hurst

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 640	House Left In Agriculture Chesapeake And Natural Resources 2020 02 11	Failed	Oppose	Medium

Title
Product safety; liquid containers containing bisphenol A prohibited, civil penalty.

Primary Sponsors
Ibraheem Samirah

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 643	Senate Passed By Indefinitely In Agriculture Conservation and Natural Resources 13 Y 1 N 2020 02 18	Failed	Oppose	Medium

Title
Pipeline construction; certification requirement, minimum

diameter, stop work orders.

Primary Sponsors
Chris Hurst

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 644	Senate Passed By Indefinitely In Agriculture Conservation and Natural Resources 13 Y 1 N 2020 02 18	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Pipeline construction projects; violations, cumulative effect, civil penalties.

Primary Sponsors
Chris Hurst

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 645	House Left In Labor And Commerce 2020 02 11	Failed	Oppose	Low

Title
Health insurance; coverage for diabetes.

Primary Sponsors
Cia Price

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 646	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0449 2020 03 25	Enacted	Oppose	Medium

Title
Pipeline construction permit; amount of civil penalty for violation.

Primary Sponsors
Chris Hurst

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 691	House Continued To 2021 In Health Welfare And Institutions by Voice Vote 2020 02 04	In House	Oppose	Medium

Title
Prescription Drug Affordability Board and Office, etc.; established.

Primary Sponsors
Shelly Simonds

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 706	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0451 2020 03 25	Enacted	Oppose	Medium

Title
Offshore drilling; prohibition on leases, policy.

Primary Sponsors
Mark Keam

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 714	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1192 2020 04 11	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Virginia Energy Plan; climate change pressing challenge.

Primary Sponsors
David Reid

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 734	Senate Continued To 2021 In Finance And Appropriations 14 Y 0 N 2020 02 19	In Senate	Oppose	Medium

Title
Income tax, state; rolling conformity with the Internal Revenue Code.

Primary Sponsors
Vivian Watts

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 739	House Continued To 2021 In Finance By Voice Vote 2020 02 05	In House	Oppose	Medium

Title
Income tax, corporate; combined reporting requirements.

Primary Sponsors
Vivian Watts

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 768	House Left In Finance 2020 02 11	Failed	Oppose	Medium

Title
Commercial and industrial property; additional real property tax in certain localities.

Primary Sponsors
Dave LaRock

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 785	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1214 2020 04 22	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Localities; authority to levy taxes.

Primary Sponsors
Vivian Watts

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 798	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1136 2020 04 11	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Employment; prohibited retaliatory action.

Primary Sponsors
Karrie Delaney

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 800	Senate Continued To 2021 In Commerce And Labor 14 Y 1 N 2020 02 17	In Senate	Oppose	High

Title
Employment; disclosure of terms.

Primary Sponsors
Karrie Delaney

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 802	House Incorporated By Labor And Commerce Hb 416 Cole J G by Voice Vote 2020 01 30	In House	Oppose	Medium

Title
Employment; wage inquiries, prohibited retaliatory action.

Primary Sponsors
Karrie Delaney

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 805	House Continued To 2021 In Labor And Commerce by Voice Vote 2020 01 30	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Employment health and safety standards; heat illness prevention.

Primary Sponsors
Jeion Ward

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 898	House Left In Appropriations 2020 02 11	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Employees; earned sick leave, civil penalties.

Primary Sponsors
Liz Guzman

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 954	House Continued To 2021 In Communications Technology And Innovation By Voice Vote 2020 01 27	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Cybersecurity; care and disposal of customer records, security for connected devices.

Primary Sponsors
Hala Ayala

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 958	House Subcommittee Recommends Continuing To 2021 By Voice Vote 2020 01 20	In House	Oppose	Low

Title
College and Career Readiness Steering Committee; Secretary of Education to establish.

Primary Sponsors
Hala Ayala

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 977	House Incorporated By Finance Hb 729 Watts By Voice Vote 2020 02 05	In House	Oppose	Low

Title
County food and beverage tax; allowable tax rate, removal of referendum requirement.

Primary Sponsors
Paul Krizek

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 981	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1219 2020 04 22	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Clean Energy and Community Flood Preparedness Act; definitions, funds, report.

Primary Sponsors
Charniele Herring

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1016	House Incorporated By Agriculture Chesapeake And Natural Resources Hb 706 Keam By Voice Vote 2020 01 29	In House	Oppose	Medium

Title
Offshore energy resources; moratorium on offshore oil and gas development.

Primary Sponsors
Nancy Guy

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1018	House Stricken From House Calendar 2020 01 10	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Virginia Health Benefit Exchange; created, report.

Primary Sponsors
Mark Sickles

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1046	House Incorporated By Agriculture Chesapeake And Natural Resources Hb 533 Carr By Voice Vote 2020 02 05	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Expanded polystyrene food service containers; prohibition, civil penalty.

Primary Sponsors
Paul Krizek

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1112	House Continued To 2021 In Labor And Commerce By Voice Vote 2020 01 30	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Employment; covenants not to compete.

Primary Sponsors
Sally Hudson

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1119	House Continued To 2021 In Finance By Voice Vote 2020 02 05	In House	Oppose	Medium

Title
Flavored tobacco products; sale prohibited, civil penalty.

Primary Sponsors
Patrick Hope

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1128	House Incorporated By Agriculture Chesapeake And Natural Resources Hb 1205 Tran By Voice Vote 2020 01 29	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Discharge of deleterious substance into state waters; notice to State Water Control Board.

Primary Sponsors
Alfonso Lopez

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1129	House Left In Agriculture Chesapeake And Natural Resources 2020 02 11	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Product safety; flame retardants, regulations, civil penalty.

Primary Sponsors
Alfonso Lopez

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1131	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1224 2020 04 22	Enacted	Oppose	Low

Title
Solar energy projects; revenue share assessment.

Primary Sponsors

Jay Jones

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1136	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0491 2020 03 27	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Hazardous Waste Site Inventory; DEQ to publish, update annually.

Primary Sponsors
Alfonso Lopez

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1151	Senate Requires 21 Affirmative Votes For Passage 2020 02 26	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Plastic bag tax; use of revenues.

Primary Sponsors
Alfonso Lopez

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1152	House Incorporated By Labor And Commerce Hb 981 Herring by Voice Vote 2020 02 04	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Carbon dioxide cap and trade program; establishes program, etc.

Primary Sponsors
Alfonso Lopez

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1154	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0782 2020 04 07	Enacted	Oppose	Low

Title
Litter taxes; increases annual amount of tax.

Primary Sponsors
Alfonso Lopez

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1184	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1189 2020 04 11	Enacted	Oppose	Medium

Title
Distributed solar & other renewable energy; sales of electricity under third-party agreements.

Primary Sponsors
Alfonso Lopez

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1192	House Continued To 2021 In Courts Of Justice By Voice Vote 2020 02 07	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Hazardous Substance Aboveground Storage Tank Fund; created.

Primary Sponsors
Alfonso Lopez

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1202	House Incorporated By General Laws Hb 358 Lopez By Voice Vote 2020 01 30	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Project labor agreements; public procurement by local governments.

Primary Sponsors
Kathy Tran

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1295	House Left In Finance 2020 02 11	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Fossil fuel investments; tax on electric utilities.

Primary Sponsors
Dan Helmer

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1298	House Failed To Report Defeated In Labor And Commerce 10 Y 10 N 2020 02 06	Failed	Oppose	Medium

Title
Electric utility regulation; approval of generating facilities.

Primary Sponsors
Kaye Kory

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1347	House Incorporated By Agriculture Chesapeake And Natural Resources Hb 533 Carr By Voice Vote 2020 02 05	In House	Oppose	High

Title

Expanded polystyrene food service containers; prohibition on dispensing, civil penalty.

Primary Sponsors
Ken Plum

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1372	House Continued To 2021 In Finance By Voice Vote 2020 02 05	In House	Oppose	Medium

Title
Vapor products; licensing of retailers.

Primary Sponsors
Jay Leftwich

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1404	House Left In Health Welfare And Institutions 2020 02 11	Failed	Oppose	Medium

Title
Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program; established, report.

Primary Sponsors
Jay Leftwich

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1407	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0681 2020 04 06	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Misclassification of employees as independent contractors; Dept. of Taxation to investigate, etc.

Primary Sponsors
Jeion Ward

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1428	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0916 2020 04 09	Enacted	Oppose	Low

Title
Virginia Health Benefit Exchange; created.

Primary Sponsors
Mark Sickles

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1450	House Failed To Pass In House 2020 03 12	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Electric utility regulation; energy efficiency standard, energy efficiency programs

Primary Sponsors
Rip Sullivan

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1451	House Failed To Pass In House 2020 03 12	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Electric utility regulation; mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard.

Primary Sponsors
Rip Sullivan

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1458	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0622 2020 04 02	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Water protection permits; administrative withdrawal of application.

Primary Sponsors
Kat Murphy

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1464	House Continued To 2021 In Agriculture Chesapeake And Natural Resources by Voice Vote 2020 01 29	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Restrict nutrient credit usage; local authority.

Primary Sponsors
Wendy Gooditis

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1503	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0613 2020 04 02	Enacted	Oppose	Low

Title
Health insurance; coverage for autism spectrum disorder, individual and small group markets, etc.

Primary Sponsors
Jeion Ward

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1526	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1193 2020 04 11	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Electric utility regulation; environmental goals.

Primary Sponsors
Rip Sullivan

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1541	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1235 2020 04 22	Enacted	Oppose	Medium

Title
Central Virginia Transportation Authority; created.

Primary Sponsors
Delores McQuinn

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1559	House Continued To 2021 In Health Welfare And Institutions by Voice Vote 2020 02 04	In House	Oppose	Medium

Title
Prescription drug price transparency; penalties.

Primary Sponsors
Chris Hurst

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1576	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0799 2020 04 07	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Electric utility regulation; energy efficiency programs.

Primary Sponsors
Terry Kilgore

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1583	House Stricken From Docket By Finance 21 Y 0 N 2020 01 29	Failed	Oppose	Medium

Title
Treasurers, local; power to summon taxpayers and other persons.

Primary Sponsors

Steve Heretick

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1596	House Incorporated By Labor And Commerce	In House	Oppose	Medium

Hb 438 Heretick By Voice Vote 2020 02 06

Title
Workers' compensation; psychological injuries.

Primary Sponsors
Kat Murphy

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1607	House Incorporated By Labor And Commerce	In House	Oppose	High

Hb 1664 Hayes By Voice Vote 2020 02 04

Title
Offshore wind generation facilities; development of facilities.

Primary Sponsors
Joe Lindsey

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1610	House Left In Labor And Commerce 2020 02 11	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Employment health and safety standards; heat illness prevention.

Primary Sponsors
Martha Mugler

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1642	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0845 2020 04 07	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Coal ash ponds; definitions, well monitoring program, wells near ponds.

Primary Sponsors
Hala Ayala

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1664	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1240 2020 04 22	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Electric utilities; offshore wind development.

Primary Sponsors

Cliff Hayes

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1673	House Incorporated By Finance Hb 1151 Lopez By Voice Vote 2020 02 05	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Plastic bag tax; use of revenues.

Primary Sponsors
Lee Ware

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1676	House Continued To 2021 In Finance By Voice Vote 2020 02 05	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Consolidated corporate income tax; returns of affiliated corporations.

Primary Sponsors
Mark Keam

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1684	House Incorporated By Labor And Commerce Hb 898 Guzman By Voice Vote 2020 01 30	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Public and private employers; earned paid sick time for employees.

Primary Sponsors
Mark Sickles

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1712	House Continued To 2021 In Agriculture Chesapeake And Natural Resources By Voice Vote 2020 02 05	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Food packaging; PFAS chemicals, penalty.

Primary Sponsors
Sally Hudson

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	HB 1726	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1241 2020 04 22	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Hampton Roads Regional Transit Program and Fund; created,

transit funding.

Primary Sponsors
Alex Askew

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**SB 7**	**Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1242 2020 04 22**	**Enacted**	**Oppose**	**High**

Title
Minimum wage; increases to $9.50 per hour effective May 1, 2021.

Primary Sponsors
Dick Saslaw

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**SB 8**	**Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1243 2020 04 22**	**Enacted**	**Oppose**	**High**

Title
Virginia Public Procurement Act; public works contracts, prevailing wage rate, penalty.

Primary Sponsors
Dick Saslaw

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**SB 11**	**Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1023 2020 04 10**	**Enacted**	**Oppose**	**High**

Title
Disposable plastic bags; local tax.

Primary Sponsors
Adam Ebbin

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**SB 26**	**Senate Incorporated By Finance And Appropriations Sb 11 Ebbin 16 Y 0 N 2020 01 30**	**In Senate**	**Oppose**	**High**

Title
Plastic bags; tax in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Primary Sponsors
Chap Petersen

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	**SB 73**	**Senate Incorporated By Commerce And Labor Sb 7 Saslaw 14 Y 1 N 2020 01 27**	**In Senate**	**Oppose**	**High**

Title
Minimum wage; increases to $10 per hour effective July 1, 2020, etc.

Primary Sponsors
Mamie Locke

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 78	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1146 2020 04 11	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Minimum wage; pay based on work done.

Primary Sponsors
Janet Howell

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 81	Senate Incorporated By Commerce And Labor Sb 7 Saslaw 14 Y 1 N 2020 01 27	In Senate	Oppose	High

Title
Minimum wage; increases to $9.75 per hour, effective July 1, 2020, etc.

Primary Sponsors
Dave Marsden

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 94	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1191 2020 04 11	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Virginia Energy Plan; climate change pressing challenge.

Primary Sponsors
Barbara Favola

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 95	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1160 2020 04 11	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Health insurance; coverage for essential health benefits, preventive services.

Primary Sponsors
Barbara Favola

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 157	Senate Incorporated By Agriculture Conservation And Natural Resources Sb 791 Lewis 14 Y 0 N 2020 02 04	In Senate	Oppose	Medium

Title
Menhaden; VMRC to adopt regulations for managing the Commonwealth's fishery.

Primary Sponsors
Bill DeSteph

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 158	Senate Passed By Indefinitely In Agriculture Conservation And Natural Resources 14 Y 0 N 2020 02 04	Failed	Oppose	Medium

Title
Menhaden fishing; prohibited in Chesapeake Bay.

Primary Sponsors
Bill DeSteph

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 180	Senate Stricken At Request Of Patron In Commerce And Labor 15 Y 0 N 2020 02 03	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Prevailing wage; public works contracts, penalty.

Primary Sponsors
Barbara Favola

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 193	Senate Stricken At Request Of Patron In Finance And Appropriations 11 Y 0 N 2020 01 30	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Single-use plastic and expanded polystyrene products; local prohibition, local tax.

Primary Sponsors
Barbara Favola

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 194	**Senate Incorporated By Agriculture Conservation And Natural Resources Sb 791 Lewis 14 Y 0 N 2020 02 04**	In Senate	Oppose	Medium

Title
Menhaden; VMRC to adopt regulations for managing the Commonwealth's fishery.

Primary Sponsors
John Cosgrove

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 198	**Senate Incorporated By Finance And Appropriations Sb 11 Ebbin 16 Y 0 N 2020 01 30**	In Senate	Oppose	High

Title
Disposable plastic shopping bags; local option.

Primary Sponsors
Mamie Locke

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 222	**Senate Passed By Indefinitely In Agriculture Conservation And Natural Resources 15 Y 0 N 2020 02 04**	Failed	Oppose	Medium

Title
Menhaden; harvest after closure of fishery, penalty.

Primary Sponsors
Bill DeSteph

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 226	**Senate Incorporated By Commerce And Labor Sb 732 Mcclellan 14 Y 0 N 2020 01 27**	In Senate	Oppose	Medium

Title
Virginia Health Benefit Exchange; created.

Primary Sponsors
John Edwards

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 295	**Senate Continued To 2021 In Commerce And Labor 14 Y 0 N 2020 02 03**	In Senate	Oppose	High

Title
Employment; disclosure of terms to employees.

Primary Sponsors
Dave Marsden

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 354	Senate Stricken At Request Of Patron In Commerce And Labor 15 Y 0 N 2020 02 09	Failed	Oppose	Medium

Title
Electric utility regulation; energy efficiency standard.

Primary Sponsors
John Bell

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 381	Senate Incorporated By Commerce And Labor Sb 9 Saslaw 15 Y 0 N 2020 01 13	In Senate	Oppose	Medium

Title
Workers' compensation; presumption of compensability for certain diseases.

Primary Sponsors
Jeremy McPike

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 423	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1094 2020 04 10	Enacted	Oppose	Low

Title
Health insurance; mandated coverage for hearing aids for minors and services.

Primary Sponsors
Bill DeSteph

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 426	Senate Passed By Indefinitely In Commerce And Labor 12 Y 3 N 2020 02 09	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Agreements between private employer and labor or organization; fair share fees.

Primary Sponsors
Dick Saslaw

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 481	Senate Failed To Pass In Senate 2020 03 12	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Employees; earned sick leave, civil penalties.

Primary Sponsors
Barbara Favola

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 484	Senate Incorporated By Finance And Appropriations Sb 588 Hanger 16 Y 0 N 2020 02 05	In Senate	Oppose	Medium

Title
Local taxing authority; equalizes city and county taxing authorities.

Primary Sponsors
Barbara Favola

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 588	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1263 2020 04 22	Enacted	Oppose	Medium

Title
Localities; authority to levy taxes.

Primary Sponsors
Emmett Hanger

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 626	Senate Continued To 2021 In Agriculture Conservation And Natural Resources 15 Y 0 N 2020 02 04	In Senate	Oppose	High

Title
Hazardous Substance Aboveground Storage Tank Fund; created.

Primary Sponsors
Scott Surovell

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 632	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1190 2020 04 11	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Public utilities; aggregate energy storage capacity in the Commonwealth.

Primary Sponsors
Scott Surovell

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 654	Senate Incorporated By Commerce And Labor Sb605Mcdougle15Y0N20200120	In Senate	Oppose	Low

Title
Healthinsurance;formulaandenteralnutritionproducts.

Primary Sponsors
Jennifer Boysko

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 682	Senate Incorporated By Finance And Appropriations Sb 588 Hanger 16 Y 0 N 2020 02 05	In Senate	Oppose	Low

Title
Food and beverage tax; county imposing a tax greater than four percent.

Primary Sponsors
Monty Mason

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 725	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0790 2020 04 07	Enacted	Oppose	Medium

Title
Classification of land and improvements for tax purposes; City of Richmond.

Primary Sponsors
Jenn McClellan

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 732	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0917 2020 04 09	Enacted	Oppose	Medium

Title
Virginia Health Benefit Exchange; created.

Primary Sponsors
Jenn McClellan

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 762	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1270 2020 04 22	Enacted	Oppose	Low

Title
Solar energy projects; revenue share assessment.

Primary Sponsors

George Barker

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 770	Senate Letter Sent To The Virginia Chief Workforce Advisor 2020 04 08	In Senate	Oppose	High

Title
Paid family and medical leave program; Virginia Employment Commission to establish.

Primary Sponsors
Jennifer Boysko, Ghazala Hashmi

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 782	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0165 2020 03 04	Enacted	Oppose	Medium

Title
Undergrounding electric transmission lines; pilot program.

Primary Sponsors
Dick Saslaw

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 799	Senate Incorporated By Finance And Appropriations Sb 588 Hanger 16 Y 0 N 2020 02 05	In Senate	Oppose	Medium

Title
County food and beverage tax; eliminates limit that restricts a county from imposing.

Primary Sponsors
Lynwood Lewis

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 816	Senate Incorporated By Commerce And Labor Sb 7 Saslaw 14 Y 1 N 2020 01 27	In Senate	Oppose	High

Title
Minimum wage; increases to $8.50 per hour on July 1, 2020, to $9.75 per hour on July 2, 2021.

Primary Sponsors
Joe Morrissey

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 851	GovernorActsOfAssemblyChapterTextChap 1194 2020 04 11	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Electric utility regulation; environmental goals.

Primary Sponsors
Jenn McClellan

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 860	GovernorActsOfAssemblyChapterTextChap 1273 2020 04 22	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Electric utilities; offshore wind development.

Primary Sponsors
Monty Mason

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 868	GovernorActsOfAssemblyChapterTextChap 1140 2020 04 11	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Discrimination; prohibited in public accommodations, etc., causes of action, civil actions.

Primary Sponsors
Adam Ebbin

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 876	Senate Incorporated By Commerce And Labor Sb 851 Mcclellan 13 Y 0 N 2020 02 03	In Senate	Oppose	High

Title
Electricutilityregulation;mandatorycleanenergystandard program.

Primary Sponsors
Dave Marsden

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 894	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0381 2020 03 18	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Misclassification of workers; cause of action.

Primary Sponsors
Dick Saslaw

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 921	Senate Incorporated By Finance And Appropriations Sb 588 Hanger 16 Y 0 N 2020 02 05	In Senate	Oppose	High

Title
Cigarette tax, local; authorizes all counties to impose without rate limit.

Primary Sponsors
Mamie Locke

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 939	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1276 2020 04 22	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Employees of local governments; collective bargaining.

Primary Sponsors
Dick Saslaw

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 966	Senate Defeated By Senate 19 Y 21 N 2020 02 11	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Flavored nicotine vapor product; prohibition, penalty.

Primary Sponsors
Adam Ebbin, Ghazala Hashmi

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 998	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1279 2020 04 22	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Electric utilities; offshore wind development.

Primary Sponsors

Louise Lucas

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 1022	Senate Incorporated By Commerce And Labor Sb 939 Saslaw 14 Y 0 N 2020 02 03	In Senate	Oppose	High

Title
Collective bargaining for public employees; labor organization representation.

Primary Sponsors
Jennifer Boysko

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 1027	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1280 2020 04 22	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Clean Energy and Community Flood Preparedness Act; definitions, funds, report.

Primary Sponsors
Lynwood Lewis

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 1075	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 1110 2020 04 10	Enacted	Oppose	High

Title
Environmental Quality, Department of; public comment.

Primary Sponsors
Jenn McClellan

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 1096	Senate Failed To Pass In Senate 2020 03 12	Failed	Oppose	High

Title
Electric utilities; electric school bus projects.

Primary Sponsors
Louise Lucas

COVID-19

Executive Order 51 – Declaration of a State of Emergency

On March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam issued Executive Order 51, declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to further prepare and coordinate our response to the potential spread of COVID-19, a communicable disease and public health threat. EO51 was modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Executive Actions that materialized in a worker "stay at home" order, closure of all or most entertainment and hospitality businesses, maintaining the manufacturing sector as "essential businesses," and the largest health care capacity and personal protective equipment (PPE) mobilization efforts in recent history.

As of June 22, 2020, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management Services reported 58,465 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 1,620 deaths due to COVID-19. Further, 1,234 of the deaths (76%) were among people over 70 years old and 1,005 of the deaths (62%) were people living in long term care facilities.

In May 2020, the Virginia Employment Commission reported that private sector job loss was 324,500 and the manufacturing sector alone shed 15,000 jobs. Public and private sector job loss was 368,100 - a 9.1% unemployment rate as compared to the 2.7% unemployment rate measured in January 2020. Most of the manufacturing sector job loss was in the beverage, automotive, and hotel/hospitality supply chain.

The VMA's primary response was advocating for "essential service" designation and reasonable regulation, providing industrial hygiene and pandemic protection training, providing weekly COVID-19 webinars for the Board and membership, developing the VMA COVID-19 Resource Center, opening the PPE Sourcing Center, presenting the "MFG Makes Virginia Safer: Back to Work Plan" to Governor Northam, implementing the *MFG Makes Virginia Safer* pledge and campaign, assisting the Virginia Department of Emergency Management Services with PPE donations and sourcing, forming the Virginia Hand Sanitizer Consortium, helping members convert operations to PPE manufacturing, preparing a Model MFG Employer Action Plan, and providing a COVID-19 industry-best practice resource Facebook page. The goal was to get Virginia into Phase 3 and reopen the economy before July 4, 2020.

The new challenge is that Governor Northam and organized labor are attempting to mandate COVID-19 emergency standards on all employers through the Virginia Department of Labor's Health and Safety Board. The Administration is using an emergency standard code section to justify the regulations and barring all public testimony at online hearings, which violates the bylaws of the Board. For details, see VMA comments here and details about the draft emergency regulations here.

VETO SESSION

Lost Opportunity

The Virginia General Assembly returned to Richmond to consider the amendments and vetoes of the Governor on legislation passed during the session. The Senate convened off-campus, but the House convened outside in a tent pavilion on the Capitol Grounds. The VMA, Coalition for a Strong Virginia Economy and Coalition for Customer Choice had high hopes that the Governor would amend priority and defensive priority bills to provide for economic balance involving disputed legislation, especially considering the economic deterioration and closures that resulted from COVID-19. However, the Governor's amendments and vetoes were inadequate and harmful to Virginia businesses.

Specifically, SB 939 (local government collective bargaining) was amended to defer implementation until May 2021; SB590 (advanced recycling incentives) was not amended to expand its definitions to comply with the national model; HB395 ($15 minimum wage) was amended to defer implementation until May 2021; and the Governor vetoed all group health benefit bills for association health plans again – SB235, SB861 and HB795. These actions were upheld by the General Assembly on party line votes.

Clerks and technical staff sit near the floor during the veto session at the Virginia State Capitol in Richmond, VA Wednesday, April 22, 2020. The House members were meeting outside in a tent instead of the House Chamber in order to practice social distancing due to the COVID-19 virus.
Source: BOB BROWN, Richmond-Times Dispatch, April 22, 2020.

COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS & STUDIES

How to Create a Full-Time Legislature

Another way the VMA will help ensure Virginia's business competitiveness is through its ongoing involvement in the growing number of legislative/government commissions, councils, and studies. This includes the following created this session:

1. (SJ 42) Waste Diversion and Recycling Task Force
2. (HB 1354) Plastic Waste Prevention Advisory Council
3. (HB 586) PFOA, PFOS, and PFAS; substances in public drinking water Work Group

Figure 1 - 2020 Day on the Hill

It should also be noted that environmental activists have developed a new advocacy tool – the Virginia Council on Environmental Justice (SB883). The bill defines "environmental justice" as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, faith, disability, national origin, or income, regarding the development, implementation, or enforcement of any environmental law, regulation, or policy. It defines "fair treatment" as the equitable consideration of all people whereby no group of people bears a disproportionate share of any negative environmental consequence resulting from an industrial, governmental, or commercial operation, program, or policy. All 21 members will be appointed by the Governor – there is no requirement to have business representation. This development now fully solidifies the integration of racial and social factors into all environmental permits, policies, and infrastructure decisions in the Commonwealth.

Citizen and legislative Boards can pose significant challenges, especially if they have regulatory and/or permit authority. The actions of activists appointed to many environmental citizen boards and their use as a political tool to circumvent the legislature is what prompted the VMA's priority bill – HB705. HB705 proposed to remove

permit authority from DEQ Citizen Boards and align its authority with all other similar citizen Boards in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) state footprint. Now that the Northam Administration is utilizing the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry's Health and Safety Board to promulgate a COVID-19 emergency standard and regulations for all employers, because of a petition from organized labor that was rejected at the Federal level, this bill will be expanded beyond environmental citizen Boards in future sessions.

SUMMARY

The New Democratic Majority

The VMA and its allies were prepared for a challenging legislative session. For the first time since 1993, Democrats held a trifecta, controlling all three branches of government. Many held out hope that "the Virginia Way" would emerge as a worthy tradition and protecting Virginia's coveted "Best Place for Business" ranking would hold remain valuable. Except for a few examples in the Senate, tradition was exactly what the new majority wanted to sweep away, along with Virginia's pro-business reputation, in favor of a California-or New England-modeled progressive brand and pro-labor reputation. This General Assembly session was overwhelmingly focused on issues pertaining to organized labor, the "Green New Deal," and environmental regulation.

Despite remarkable party-discipline and party-line votes, the VMA produced a 65% success rate with its priority bills and was able to defeat or amend 77% of its defensive priority bills. We also built dependable coalitions with partners that share our commitment to competitiveness. The strong bi-partisan relationships that we have developed over the decades also paid dividends. In particular, senior Democratic leaders such as Senator Chap Petersen, Senator Dick Saslaw, Senator Lynwood Lewis, Senator David Marsden, Senator Adam Ebbin, Delegate Ken Plum, Delegate David Bulova, Delegate Mark Keam, Delegate Roz Tyler and Delegate Vivian Watts helped to find common ground with the business community on issues that matter to the Commonwealth's competitiveness for job creation and innovation.

It should also be recognized that senior Republican leaders such as Delegate Lee Ware, Delegate Kathy Byron, Delegate Todd Gilbert, Delegate Charles Poindexter, Senator Emmett Hanger, and Senator Steve Newman distinguished themselves this session trying to preserve Virginia's pro-business position.

Prior to this session, the VMA published and distributed to the Virginia General Assembly, the "Virginia MFG Competitiveness Plan." The 18-point plan, built upon "A Vision for a More Competitive Virginia Manufacturing Sector" and the "VA MFG Competitiveness Index," covers issues ranging from taxation to climate change. In its preamble, the Plan states:

> *Due to the global nature of manufacturing, industry is susceptible to the increasing costs of worker training, taxation, energy, and regulation. Virginia has an opportunity to reinforce its position as a national leader in manufacturing. We must advocate for common sense legislation which supports industry to strengthen Virginia's competitiveness.*

This was intended as a "playbook" for new legislators to help them support a growing manufacturing sector in Virginia.

Regardless of our intentions to run an aggressive offense, the VMA's advocacy quickly fell back to a defensive position. The record number of bills introduced, as well as the gravity of their economic impact, were daunting. Most legislatures do not deal with 3,911 bills in 12 months and no other state legislature in our region does so in 60 days. As such, the General Assembly's lack of analysis and investigation into the economic effects of legislation was shocking. Examples are most prevalent in the areas of labor/management, environment, energy, and economic development policy.

Labor/Management

It is no secret that organized labor has found a friendly new majority and chief executive. They took advantage of that opportunity by introducing a record 63 bills that would have repealed the Right-to-Work, required "Fair Share" dues payments from non-union members, allowed all government employees to collectively bargain, mandated that all employers provide full-time and part-time employees paid time off, and required a $15 minimum wage for all workers, just to name a few.

The good news is that Right-to-Work is intact, "Fair Share" was defeated, collective bargaining is only allowed at the local level after a local government vote to authorize it, there is no mandatory paid time off, and the $15 minimum wage will be not begin phasing in until May 2021 with an allowance for a "training wage" and a future study that may allow for regional adjustments.

The VMA would like to recognize the members of the Coalition for a Strong Virginia Economy, particularly NFIB and the Virginia Retail Federation, for working with us to build the most effective business coalition in the Commonwealth – the Coalition for a Strong Virginia Economy. The amendment and defeat of these bills, and others, are a direct result of the collaboration among the member organizations and the leadership of their executives.

Energy and Environment

The VMA managed and monitored 101 environmental and 100 energy bills this session. These policy issues have become politically synonymous. It is no longer academic speculation; environmental activists have been successful in using environmental legislation and regulation to control energy markets. Many of this year's bills were motivated by the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (NCEL) priorities and formed with support from the USC Digital Environmental Legislative Handbook. The VMA spends a great deal of its legislative efforts on balancing competing regulatory interests because industrial issues are complicated and generate passionate positions at both ends of the political spectrum.

The VMA, Virginia Chemistry Council and American Chemistry Council continued the successful demonstration of principles based upon environmental, societal, and economic balance. This materialized in the form of the most substantial advanced recycling incentives model bill in the U.S. – SB590. Building coalitions and consistent science-based advocacy also resulted in no plastic products being banned. Instead, industry's circular economy goals were codified in the newly formed Plastic Waste Prevention Advisory Council (HB1354) along with a seat on the Council.

Unfortunately, energy policy developments were far less positive for consumers concerned about reliability and affordability. This year's entire focus was the codification of the "Green New Deal" in the form of the "Virginia Clean Economy Act" (HB1526) and "Clean Energy and Community Flood Preparedness Act" (SB 1027). HB1526 and its companion bill, SB851, mandate that Dominion Energy Virginia and American Electric Power produce their electricity from 100 percent renewable sources by 2045 and 2050. This bill includes everything from mandated energy efficiency standards on industry to the most expensive offshore development in the United States. SB1027 and its companion bill, H981, establish a tax on electricity (through mandatory participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative), bypasses the General Assembly appropriation process, and allows the Executive branch to use the proceeds to provide forgivable loans in low-income areas of the state for flood prevention and remediation as well as grants for studies. It is expected that the prioritization of these funds will be susceptible to political influence. The State Corporation Commission estimated that the Virginia Clean Economy Act alone could result in electricity prices increasing by as much as 24%.

Many repeated the refrain, "What's the social cost of carbon?" or "We have to do something!" Delegate Lee Ware, a consistent critic of the VA Clean Energy Economy Act and co-patron of the Fair Energy Bills Act (HB1132), answered that question in an opinion piece on March 11, 2020:

> *…the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's social cost of carbon measurement ranges from $7 to $50 per ton of carbon dioxide emissions. Using these measurements, the 33.5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide from Virginia's entire electricity generation fleet has a social cost of $235 million to $16.8 billion. Yet, just one solution, the offshore wind project mandated in the VCEA, would cost Virginia ratepayers an estimated $15.5 billion over its expected service life.*

So, when it comes to energy policy, the new Democratic majority spent the most money in history on the least affordable renewable energy solutions, established a multi-million dollar tax system on carbon emissions from electricity, ignored pleas for affordable and competitive costs, and set in motion a journey along a gilded pathway to a utopian "carbon free" future.

Economic Development

Virginia continues to lack focus on small business, entrepreneurship, and trade. The Commonwealth is still firmly committed to traditional economic development strategies (e.g., mega-sites, incentives, grants). It is the VMA's goal to work with the Governor, General Assembly, and economic development agencies to create a long-term sector strategy to improve Virginia's manufacturing competitiveness. This will include raising awareness about the importance of international trade to manufacturing and small businesses through Trade Builds Virginia as well as continued participation in VITAL. The VMA is also working on other partnerships to improve opportunities for reshoring critical manufacturing industries and improving the maritime industrial base supply chain.

In closing, this session was a demonstration of hyper-partisanship. It was not unexpected because it has been 27 years since the Democrat party had a political trifecta in Virginia. By the first day of session, it was clear that the political dam had burst, and everyone downstream better grab a raft. As is the VMA tradition, regardless of political party in power, we grabbed a boat, put a motor on it and started back upstream immediately. We must paint a picture of prosperity through competitiveness and economic diversification. We also must be determined in our pursuit of bipartisanship and balance. Simply put, elections have consequences, but good public policy can break through the partisan rhetoric with persistence and planning. In preparation for the 2021 legislative session, we will be revising plans to protect our Right-to-Work, ensure affordable energy, build a world-class talent pool, increase international trade 50%, improve worker safety, and building bi-partisan support for a competitive manufacturing sector and supply chain.

Join a VMA Committee today and be part of charting our path forward. #MFGMakesVA.

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