

Norfolk City Council General Assembly Priorities Wrap-Up



Urban Allocation

SB 1438 Urban highway system construction funds; 2/3 portion of a city's funds can be used to service debt.

Patron: Miller, Y.B.

An Act to amend and reenact § 33.1-23.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to allocation of funds for urban highway system construction.

Summary as introduced:

Urban highway system construction funds. Increases from one-third to two-thirds the portion of a city or town's urban highway system construction funds that can be used to service debt. This bill is identical to HB 1645.

03/09/09 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB1438ER)

03/10/09 Senate: Signed by President

03/11/09 House: Signed by Speaker

03/30/09 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 693 (effective 7/1/09)

03/30/09 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0693)

HB 1645 Highway system construction, urban; not more than 1/3 of funds to be used to reimburse locality.

Patrons: Marshall, D.W. and Merricks

An Act to amend and reenact § 33.1-23.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to allocation of urban highway system construction funds; limitation of funds to be used to reimburse the localities for debt service for bonds or eligible project costs.

Summary as introduced:

Urban highway system construction allocations. Provides that not more than two-thirds (instead of the present one-third) of the annual urban system highway funds apportioned to a city or town may be used to reimburse the locality for debt service for bonds or eligible project costs incurred on approved projects included in the Six-Year Improvement Program of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the city's or town's capital improvement program. This bill is the same as SB 1438 (Y. B. Miller).

02/18/09 House: Signed by Speaker

02/18/09 Senate: Signed by President

02/19/09 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1645ER)

02/25/09 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 52 (effective 7/1/09)

02/25/09 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0052)



Courthouse Maintenance Fees

HB 2311 Courthouses; localities to assess fee as part of costs in each criminal or traffic case, etc.

Patron: Melvin

An Act to amend and reenact § 17.1-281 of the Code of Virginia, relating to assessment for courthouse construction, renovation, or maintenance.

Summary as enacted with Governor's Recommendations:

Construction, renovation, or maintenance of a courthouse; fees. Allows localities to assess an additional three dollar fee as part of the costs in each civil, criminal, or traffic case to be used solely for the construction, reconstruction, renovation of, or adaptive re-use of a structure for a courthouse. Such fee shall not be assessed in any civil action if the amount

SB 1387 Courthouses; localities to assess fee as part of costs in each criminal or traffic case, etc.

Patron: Stolle

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in controversy is \$500 or less. The additional fee may only be assessed by localities that, on or after January 1, 2008, operated a courthouse not in compliance with the current safety and security guidelines contained in the Virginia Courthouse Facility Guidelines and the courthouse cannot be feasibly renovated to correct the non-compliance. This bill is identical to SB 1387.

04/08/09 House: Reenrolled bill text (HB2311ER2)
04/08/09 House: Signed by Speaker as reenrolled
04/08/09 Senate: Signed by President as reenrolled
04/08/09 House: Enacted, Chapter 814 (effective 7/1/09)
04/08/09 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0814)

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04/08/09 Senate: Reenrolled bill text (SB1387ER2)
04/08/09 Senate: Signed by President as reenrolled
04/08/09 House: Signed by Speaker as reenrolled
04/08/09 House: Enacted, Chapter 857 (effective 7/1/09)
04/08/09 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0857)



Derelict Buildings

SB 1094 Derelict buildings and structures; locality authorized to require removal, repair, etc., thereof.

Patrons: Locke, Lucas, Miller, Y.B. and Whipple

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 36-3, 36-49.1:1, 36-105, 48-5, 58.1-3965, and 58.1-3969 of the Code of Virginia, and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-907.1, relating to derelict buildings and structures.

Summary as passed Senate:

Derelict buildings. Defines derelict buildings as a building, whether or not construction has been completed, that might endanger the public's health, safety, or welfare and has been (i) vacant, (ii) boarded up in accordance with the building code, and (iii) not lawfully connected to electric service from a utility service provider or not lawfully connected to any required water or sewer service from a utility service provider for a continuous period in excess of six months. Authorizes local governments to incentivize owners' timely submission of a plan for demolition or renovation, by providing real estate tax abatements and fee refunds. Simplifies tax lien enforcement and blight provisions and encourages action on derelict buildings by adjusting time frames. This bill is recommended by the Virginia Housing Commission. This bill is identical to HB 1671.

02/24/09 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1094ER)
02/25/09 House: Signed by Speaker
02/27/09 Senate: Signed by President
03/27/09 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 551 (effective 7/1/09)
03/27/09 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0551)

HB 1671 Derelict buildings and structures; locality authorized to require removal, repair, etc., thereof.

Patrons: Dance, Alexander, BaCote, Bouchard, Hall, Herring, Howell, A.T., Ingram, Marshall, D.W., Mathieson, McClellan, McQuinn, Melvin, Miller, P.J., Spruill, Toscano, Tyler, Ward and Ware, O.

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02/28/09 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1671ER)
02/28/09 House: Signed by Speaker
02/28/09 Senate: Signed by President
03/27/09 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 181 (effective 7/1/09)

03/27/09 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0181)

Smoking

SB 1105 Indoor Clean Air Act; prohibits smoking in certain public buildings, restaurants, etc., exceptions.

Patron: Northam

An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-511.1 of the Code of Virginia, to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 15.2 a chapter numbered 28.2, consisting of articles numbered 1, 2, and 3, containing sections numbered 15.2-2820 through 15.2-2833, and to repeal Chapter 28 (§§ 15.2-2800 through 15.2-2810) of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Indoor Clean Air Act; penalty.

Summary as passed:

Virginia Indoor Clean Air Act; penalty. Establishes a statewide ban on smoking in restaurants. The bill contains several exemptions from this prohibition where smoking may be permitted, including a restaurant that is constructed in such a manner that areas where smoking may be permitted are structurally separated from the portion of the restaurant in which smoking is prohibited and such areas are separately vented. The bill contains technical amendments.

03/04/09 Senate: Signed by President

03/06/09 House: Signed by Speaker

03/09/09 Senate: Impact statement from DPB (SB1105ER)

03/09/09 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 154 (effective 12/1/09)

03/09/09 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0154)

HB 1703 Indoor Clean Air Act; prohibits smoking in certain public buildings, restaurants, etc., exceptions.

Patrons: Cosgrove, Hamilton, Bouchard, Brink, Bulova, Ebbin, Eisenberg, Englin, Herring, Howell, A.T., Marsden, Mathieson, Shannon, Tata and Vanderhye

An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-511.1 of the Code of Virginia, to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 15.2 a chapter numbered 28.2, consisting of articles numbered 1, 2, and 3, containing sections numbered 15.2-2820 through 15.2-2833, and to repeal Chapter 28 (§§ 15.2-2800 through 15.2-2810) of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Indoor Clean Air Act; penalty.

Summary as passed:

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03/04/09 Senate: Signed by President

03/05/09 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1703ER)

03/06/09 House: Signed by Speaker

03/09/09 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 153 (effective 12/1/09)

03/09/09 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0153)