

# VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF FIRE PROGRAMS

## 2006 Virginia General Assembly Legislative Tracking Report - 4/28/2006

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### HOUSE BILLS

[House Bill 33](#) - Military laws; leaves of absence for employees of the Commonwealth.

**Patron: Robert Tata**

#### **Summary as passed House:**

**Military laws; leaves of absence for employees of the Commonwealth.** Provides that whenever an employee returns from federally funded military duty and the required eight-hour rest period overlaps such employee's scheduled work shift, the employee must receive paid military leave to the extent of the overlap.

#### **Status:**

12/08/05 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 063343524  
12/08/05 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety  
01/27/06 House: Reported from Militia, Police and Public Safety (22-Y 0-N)  
01/30/06 House: Read first time  
01/31/06 House: Read second time and engrossed  
02/01/06 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (99-Y 0-N)  
02/01/06 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N)  
02/01/06 House: Communicated to Senate  
02/02/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed  
02/02/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology  
03/01/06 Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute (15-Y 0-N)  
03/02/06 Senate: Committee substitute printed 065387784-S1  
03/03/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (38-Y 0-N)  
03/03/06 Senate: VOTE: (38-Y 0-N)  
03/06/06 Senate: Read third time  
03/06/06 Senate: Reading of substitute waived  
03/06/06 Senate: Committee substitute agreed to 065387784-S1  
03/06/06 Senate: Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute HB33S1  
03/06/06 Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (40-Y 0-N)  
03/06/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)  
03/06/06 Senate: Reconsideration of Senate passage agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N)  
03/06/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)  
03/06/06 Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (40-Y 0-N)  
03/06/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)  
03/07/06 House: Placed on Calendar  
03/08/06 House: Senate substitute agreed to by House (93-Y 0-N)  
03/08/06 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (93-Y 0-N)  
03/15/06 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB33ER)  
03/15/06 House: Enrolled  
03/15/06 House: Signed by Speaker  
03/16/06 Senate: Signed by President  
04/05/06 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 621 (effective 7/1/06)

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**House Bill 37 – Retirement System; benefits for emergency medical technicians.**

**Patron: Robert Tata**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Retirement benefits; local emergency medical technicians.** Adds local emergency medical technicians to the list of local employees for whom localities may provide retirement benefits equivalent to those provided to State Police officers.

***Status:***

12/08/05 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 063375524  
12/08/05 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations  
01/18/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from VRS (HB37)  
01/27/06 House: Assigned App. sub: Compensation and Retirement (Putney)  
02/14/06 House: Reported from Appropriations (17-Y 5-N)  
02/15/06 House: Read first time  
02/16/06 House: Read second time and engrossed  
02/17/06 House: Read third time and passed House (83-Y 13-N)  
02/17/06 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (83-Y 13-N)  
02/17/06 House: Communicated to Senate  
02/20/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed  
02/20/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance  
03/01/06 Senate: Reported from Finance (15-Y 0-N)  
03/02/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (39-Y 0-N)  
03/02/06 Senate: VOTE: (39-Y 0-N)  
03/03/06 Senate: Passed by for the day  
03/06/06 Senate: Floor substitute printed 069255820-S1 (Stolle)  
03/06/06 Senate: Passed by for the day  
03/07/06 Senate: Passed by for the day  
03/08/06 Senate: Floor substitute printed 065249808-S2 (Reynolds)  
03/08/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB37S1)  
03/08/06 Senate: Floor substitute printed 064016820-S3 (Stolle)  
03/08/06 Senate: Read third time  
03/08/06 Senate: Substitute #1 by Senator Stolle withdrawn 069255820-S1  
03/08/06 Senate: Passed by for the day  
03/09/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB37S3)  
03/09/06 Senate: Read third time  
03/09/06 Senate: Substitute by Senator Reynolds withdrawn 065249808-S2  
03/09/06 Senate: Substitute #2 by Senator Stolle withdrawn 064016820-S3  
03/09/06 Senate: Passed Senate (37-Y 0-N)  
03/09/06 Senate: VOTE: (37-Y 0-N)  
03/15/06 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB37ER)  
03/15/06 House: Enrolled  
03/15/06 House: Signed by Speaker  
03/16/06 Senate: Signed by President  
03/29/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB37ER)  
03/31/06 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 388 (effective 7/1/06)  
04/06/06 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0388)

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### **House Bill 60 – Law-Enforcement Officers Retirement System; adding emergency medical technicians.**

**Patron: David Albo**

#### ***Summary as introduced:***

**Law-Enforcement Officers Retirement System; emergency medical technicians.** Adds full-time salaried emergency medical technicians to the list of those who may receive benefits equivalent to those provided under the State Police Officers' Retirement System.

#### ***Status:***

12/14/05 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 063694204

12/14/05 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

01/18/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from VRS (HB60)

01/27/06 House: Assigned App. sub: Compensation and Retirement (Putney)

02/15/06 House: Left in Appropriations

### **House Bill 208 - Fire Services Board; payment of per diem.**

**Patron: M. Kirkland Cox**

#### ***Summary as introduced:***

**Fire Services Board; payment of per diem.** Provides that members of the Fire Services Board shall receive compensation for the performance of their duties. Funding for the compensation and costs of expenses of the members is to be provided from the Fire Programs Fund established pursuant to § 38.2-401.

#### ***Status:***

01/03/06 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 064183284

01/03/06 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

01/17/06 House: Reported from General Laws (21-Y 1-N)

01/18/06 House: Read first time

01/19/06 House: Read second time and engrossed

01/20/06 House: Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N)

01/20/06 House: VOTE: Passage (97-Y 0-N)

01/20/06 House: Communicated to Senate

01/23/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

01/23/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

02/03/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB208)

02/15/06 Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N)

02/17/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)

02/17/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)

02/20/06 Senate: Read third time

02/20/06 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

02/20/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)

02/22/06 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB208ER)

02/22/06 House: Enrolled

02/23/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB208ER)

02/23/06 House: Signed by Speaker

02/23/06 Senate: Signed by President

03/08/06 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 58 (effective 7/1/06)

03/27/06 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0058)

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### **House Bill 255 – Line of Duty Act; mandatory training required for employees covered thereby.**

**Patron: John A. Cosgrove**

#### ***Summary as introduced:***

**Line of Duty Act; mandatory training.** Requires the Secretary of Public Safety to develop training guidelines to be distributed to agencies and localities with employees covered by the Line of Duty Act. Each agency or locality shall be required to provide a minimum of one hour of training concerning the Act to its eligible employees. The training will count towards in-service credit requirements for law-enforcement officers.

#### ***Status:***

01/04/06 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 064170276

01/04/06 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

01/27/06 House: Reported from Militia, Police and Public Safety with amendments (22-Y 0-N)

01/30/06 House: Read first time

01/31/06 House: Read second time

01/31/06 House: Committee amendments agreed to

01/31/06 House: Engrossed by House as amended HB255E

01/31/06 House: Printed as engrossed 064170276-E

02/01/06 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE(99-Y 0-N)

02/01/06 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N)

02/01/06 House: Communicated to Senate

02/02/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

02/02/06 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

02/09/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB255E)

02/20/06 Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice (9-Y 6-N)

02/21/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)

02/21/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)

02/22/06 Senate: Passed by for the day

02/23/06 Senate: Read third time

02/23/06 Senate: Reading of amendment waived

02/23/06 Senate: Amendment by Senator Stolle agreed to

02/23/06 Senate: Engrossed by Senate as amended

02/23/06 Senate: Passed Senate with amendment (40-Y 0-N)

02/23/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)

02/24/06 House: Placed on Calendar

02/27/06 House: Senate amendment agreed to by House (100-Y 0-N)

02/27/06 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (100-Y 0-N)

03/06/06 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB255ER)

03/07/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB255ER)

03/07/06 House: Enrolled

03/07/06 House: Signed by Speaker

03/08/06 Senate: Signed by President

04/04/06 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 535 (effective 7/1/06)

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**House Bill 371 – Law-enforcement officer, etc.; persons using abusive language towards guilty of misdemeanor.**

**Patron: Charles W. Carrico, Sr.**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Using abusive language to another.** Clarifies that any person who curses or abuses a law-enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical personnel is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. Currently, such personnel are not mentioned by name.

***Status:***

01/06/06 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 067021264  
01/06/06 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice  
01/12/06 House: Assigned to Courts of Justice sub-committee: Criminal L...  
02/15/06 House: Left in Courts of Justice

**House Bill 429 - Church or public school building; arson of any unoccupied, penalty.**

**Patron: David Nutter**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Arson; penalty.** Elevates the arson of an unoccupied church or public school building to a Class 3 felony from a Class 4 felony.

***Status:***

01/06/06 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 060889436  
01/06/06 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice  
01/11/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from VCSC (HB429)  
01/18/06 House: Assigned to Courts of Justice sub-committee: Criminal L...  
02/06/06 House: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (22-Y 0-N)  
02/06/06 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations  
02/07/06 House: Committee substitute printed 060036436-H1  
02/08/06 House: Assigned App. sub: Public Safety (Sherwood)  
02/08/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from VCSC (HB429H1)  
02/10/06 House: Reported from Appropriations (23-Y 0-N)  
02/11/06 House: Read first time  
02/13/06 House: Read second time  
02/13/06 House: Committee substitute agreed to 060036436-H1  
02/13/06 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute HB429H1  
02/14/06 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (100-Y 0-N)  
02/14/06 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (100-Y 0-N)  
02/14/06 House: Communicated to Senate  
02/15/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed  
02/15/06 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice  
03/06/06 Senate: Continued to 2007 in Courts of Justice (15-Y 0-N)

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### **House Bill 465 - Emergency response; notification of location of certain facilities.**

**Patron: Riley Ingram**

#### ***Summary as introduced:***

**Emergency response; notification of location of certain facilities.** Requires the Commissioners of Health, Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, and Social Services to notify the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) of the location and capacity of all nursing homes, hospice facilities, group homes, assisted living facilities, and adult day care facilities licensed in the Commonwealth. VDEM is then responsible for forwarding this information to designated local emergency planning contacts and the Virginia Geographic Information Network Office, in order to assist in the planning and implementation of emergency response.

#### ***Status:***

01/09/06 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 061145344

01/09/06 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

01/17/06 House: Tabled in Health, Welfare and Institutions

01/24/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB465)

### **House Bill 594 – Emergency medical services training; oxygen training**

**Patron: Matthew J. Lohr**

#### ***Summary as introduced:***

**Emergency medical services; oxygen training.** Allows certain personal vehicles of emergency medical services workers to be classified as emergency medical services vehicles, in order to allow them to carry oxygen. Training on the safe handling and transportation of oxygen tanks shall be a requirement for such classification.

#### ***Status:***

01/10/06 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 064186382

01/10/06 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

01/18/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB594)

01/19/06 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with substitute (20-Y 1-N)

01/19/06 House: Committee substitute printed 060484382-H1

01/20/06 House: Read first time

01/23/06 House: Read second time

01/23/06 House: Committee substitute agreed to 060484382-H1

01/23/06 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute (94-Y 2-N) HB594H1

01/23/06 House: VOTE: ENGROSSMENT (94-Y 2-N)

01/23/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB594H1)

01/24/06 House: Read third time and passed House (95-Y 0-N)

01/24/06 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (95-Y 0-N)

01/24/06 House: Communicated to Senate

01/25/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

01/25/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

02/16/06 Senate: Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)

02/17/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)

02/17/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)

02/20/06 Senate: Read third time

02/20/06 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

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02/20/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)  
02/27/06 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB594ER)  
02/27/06 House: Enrolled  
02/28/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB594ER)  
02/28/06 House: Signed by Speaker  
03/01/06 Senate: Signed by President  
03/24/06 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 194 (effective 7/1/06)  
04/03/06 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0194)

**House Bill 610 – Facilitating an emergency medical services quality care initiative; civil immunity**

**Patron: John M. O'Bannon, III**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Facilitating an emergency medical services quality of care initiative; civil immunity and privileged communications.** Facilitates the development of a quality of care initiative in the emergency medical services system by providing civil immunity for members of entities monitoring such care and rendering their communications privileged in the same manner as provided to other professional groups.

***Status:***

01/10/06 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 062013440  
01/10/06 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice  
01/17/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB610)  
01/18/06 House: Assigned to Courts of Justice sub-committee: Civil Law  
01/23/06 House: Reported from Courts of Justice (21-Y 0-N)  
01/25/06 House: Read first time  
01/26/06 House: Read second time and engrossed  
01/27/06 House: Read third time and passed House (94-Y 2-N)  
01/27/06 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (94-Y 2-N)  
01/27/06 House: Communicated to Senate  
01/30/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed  
01/30/06 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice  
02/20/06 Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice (15-Y 0-N)  
02/21/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)  
02/21/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)  
02/22/06 Senate: Read third time  
02/22/06 Senate: Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)  
02/22/06 Senate: VOTE: (39-Y 0-N)  
02/28/06 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB610ER)  
02/28/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB610ER)  
02/28/06 House: Enrolled  
03/01/06 House: Signed by Speaker  
03/02/06 Senate: Signed by President  
03/31/06 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 412 (effective 7/1/06)  
04/06/06 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0412)

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**House Bill 639 – Emergency directors and coordinators, local; emergency response training.**

**Patron: Clarence E. Phillips**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Local emergency directors and coordinators; emergency response training.** Requires local emergency directors and coordinators to be certified in emergency management, pursuant to guidelines and standards promulgated by the Department of Emergency Management.

***Status:***

01/10/06 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 064207460  
01/10/06 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety  
01/19/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DEM (HB639)  
02/15/06 House: Left in Militia, Police and Public Safety

**House Bill 1004 – Office of Commonwealth Preparedness; provides for appointment of director by Governor.**

**Patron: Beverly J. Sherwood**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Office of Commonwealth Preparedness.** Makes permanent the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness and provides for the appointment of a director by the Governor to serve a five-year term. The bill sets out the duties of the Office and also creates the Secure Commonwealth Panel and sets out its membership and duties. The bill contains technical amendments.

***Status:***

01/11/06 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 067681105  
01/11/06 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety  
02/03/06 House: Reported from Militia, Police and Public Safety with substitute (22-Y 0-N)  
02/03/06 House: Committee substitute printed 063976504-H1  
02/06/06 House: Read first time  
02/07/06 House: Read second time  
02/07/06 House: Committee substitute rejected 063976504-H1  
02/07/06 House: Floor substitute printed 065375504-H2 (Sherwood)  
02/07/06 House: Substitute by Delegate Sherwood agreed to 065375504-H2  
02/07/06 House: Engrossed by House - floor substitute HB1004H2  
02/08/06 House: Read third time and passed House (97-Y 0-N)  
02/08/06 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (97-Y 0-N)  
02/08/06 House: Communicated to Senate  
02/09/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed  
02/09/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology  
02/15/06 Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N)  
02/17/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)  
02/17/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)  
02/20/06 Senate: Read third time  
02/20/06 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)  
02/20/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)  
02/27/06 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1004ER)  
02/27/06 House: Enrolled

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02/28/06 House: Signed by Speaker  
03/01/06 Senate: Signed by President  
04/11/06 House: Governor's recommendation received by House  
04/18/06 House: Placed on Calendar  
04/19/06 House: House concurred in Governor's recommendation (98-Y 0-N)  
04/19/06 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (98-Y 0-N)  
04/19/06 Senate: Senate concurred in Governor's recommendation (38-Y 0-N)  
04/19/06 Senate: VOTE: (38-Y 0-N)  
04/19/06 Governor: Governor's recommendation adopted  
04/19/06 House: Reenrolled  
04/19/06 House: Signed by Speaker as reenrolled  
04/19/06 Senate: Signed by President as reenrolled  
04/19/06 House: Enacted, Chapter 860 (effective 7/1/06)  
04/19/06 House: Reenrolled bill text (HB1004ER2)

**[House Bill 1024](#) – Emergency services and disasters; constitutional rights.**

**Patron: Robert Hurt**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Emergency services and disasters; constitutional rights.** Provides that nothing in Chapter 3.2 of Title 44 relating to emergency services and disaster laws should be interpreted as allowing the Governor or any other governmental authority to limit the right to keep and bear arms pursuant to the Constitutions of Virginia and of the United States.

***Status:***

01/11/06 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 064416340  
01/11/06 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety  
02/03/06 House: Incorporated by Militia, Police and Public Safety (HB1265-Janis)

**[House Bill 1029](#) – Motor vehicle dealer; excludes those who sell & distribute fire-fighting equipment & ambulances.**

**Patron: Robert Hurt**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Definition of "motor vehicle dealer."** Amends the definition of "motor vehicle dealer" to exclude dealers who solely sell and distribute fire-fighting equipment and ambulances.

***Status:***

01/11/06 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 063716340  
01/11/06 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation  
01/24/06 House: Reported from Transportation (18-Y 2-N)  
01/26/06 House: Read first time  
01/27/06 House: Passed by for the day  
01/30/06 House: Read second time  
01/30/06 House: Engrossment refused by House (45-Y 53-N)  
01/30/06 House: VOTE: ENGROSSMENT (45-Y 53-N)

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#### **House Bill 1170 – Local emergency management; emergency coordinators.**

**Patron: Melanie L. Rapp**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Local emergency management; emergency coordinators.** Requires each locality to maintain an agency of emergency management and to appoint a coordinator of emergency management. Currently, the authority to establish such an agency and appoint a coordinator is discretionary.

***Status:***

01/11/06 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 060761480  
01/11/06 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety  
01/25/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DHCD (HB1170)  
02/03/06 House: Reported from Militia, Police and Public Safety (22-Y 0-N)  
02/06/06 House: Read first time  
02/07/06 House: Read second time and engrossed  
02/08/06 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (97-Y 0-N)  
02/08/06 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (97-Y 0-N)  
02/08/06 House: Communicated to Senate  
02/09/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed  
02/09/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology  
02/15/06 Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology (15-Y 0-N)  
02/17/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)  
02/17/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)  
02/20/06 Senate: Read third time  
02/20/06 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)  
02/20/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)  
02/27/06 House: Enrolled  
02/27/06 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1170ER)  
02/28/06 House: Signed by Speaker  
03/01/06 Senate: Signed by President  
03/23/06 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 138 (effective 7/1/06)  
03/31/06 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0138)

#### **House Bill 1346 – State employee health insurance plan; members of volunteer fire departments and rescue squads.**

**Patron: Robert B. Bell**

***Summary as introduced:***

**State employee health insurance plan; members of volunteer fire departments and rescue squads.** Authorizes members of volunteer fire departments and rescue squads to enroll in the state employees' health insurance plan.

***Status:***

01/11/06 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 061291232  
01/11/06 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations  
01/26/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB1346)  
01/27/06 House: Assigned App. sub: Compensation and Retirement (Putney)  
02/15/06 House: Left in Appropriations

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**House Bill 1348 – Virginia Search and Rescue Training and Response Program.**

**Patron: Robert B. Bell**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Virginia Search and Rescue Training and Response Program.** Creates the Virginia Search and Rescue Training and Response Program within the Department of Emergency Management to coordinate search and rescue training and response in the Commonwealth.

***Status:***

01/11/06 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 061662232  
01/11/06 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety  
01/25/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB1348)  
01/27/06 House: Continued to 2007 in Militia, Police and Public Safety

**House Bill 1387 – Line of Duty Act.**

**Patron: Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Line of Duty Act.** Creates the Line of Duty Disability Fund and funds it by imposing an additional \$50 cost for certain traffic violations. The Fund is to be used to pay the costs of continued health benefits coverage provided to employees and their families under the Line of Duty Act (the Act). The bill also provides that any local employee who meets the definition of a deceased or disabled person under the Act who was disabled on or after January 1, 1972, not otherwise already receiving the continued health insurance coverage benefit under this section, shall be entitled to the continued health insurance coverage benefit beginning July 1, 2006.

***Status:***

01/12/06 House: Presented and ordered printed 065168260  
01/12/06 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws  
01/19/06 House: Referred from General Laws  
01/19/06 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations  
01/27/06 House: Assigned App. sub: Compensation and Retirement (Putney)  
02/02/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB1387)  
02/14/06 House: Continued to 2007 in Appropriations

**House Bill 1390 – Firefighters; shall not require minor who achieved certification to repeat certification.**

**Patron: Clarke N. Hogan**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Firefighters; local ordinances.** Provides that local ordinances shall not require a minor who achieved firefighter certification as administered by the Department of Fire Programs, between the ages of 15 and 16, to repeat the certification after his sixteenth birthday.

***Status:***

01/12/06 House: Presented and ordered printed 064758324  
01/12/06 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety  
02/10/06 House: Reported from Militia, Police and Public Safety (21-Y 0-N)

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02/11/06 House: Read first time  
02/13/06 House: Read second time and engrossed  
02/14/06 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (100-Y 0-N)  
02/14/06 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (100-Y 0-N)  
02/14/06 House: Communicated to Senate  
02/15/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed  
02/15/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology  
02/22/06 Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology with amendments (15-Y 0-N)  
02/24/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (39-Y 0-N)  
02/24/06 Senate: VOTE: (39-Y 0-N)  
02/27/06 Senate: Read third time  
02/27/06 Senate: Reading of amendments waived  
02/27/06 Senate: Committee amendments agreed to  
02/27/06 Senate: Engrossed by Senate as amended  
02/27/06 Senate: Passed Senate with amendments (39-Y 0-N)  
02/27/06 Senate: VOTE: (39-Y 0-N)  
02/27/06 Senate: Reconsideration of Senate passage agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N)  
02/27/06 Senate: VOTE: (39-Y 0-N)  
02/27/06 Senate: Passed Senate with amendments (39-Y 0-N)  
02/27/06 Senate: VOTE: (39-Y 0-N)  
02/28/06 House: Placed on Calendar  
03/01/06 House: Senate amendments agreed to by House (98-Y 0-N)  
03/01/06 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (98-Y 0-N)  
03/08/06 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1390ER)  
03/08/06 House: Enrolled  
03/09/06 House: Signed by Speaker  
03/09/06 Senate: Signed by President  
03/31/06 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 462 (effective 7/1/06)  
04/06/06 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0462)

**[House Bill 1402](#) - Public safety employee hardship; powers of Governor during emergency.**

**Patron: Mark D. Sickles**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Powers of Governor during emergency; public safety employee hardship.** Allows the Governor, in his discretion, to provide up to \$2,500 per month for up to three months to a public safety employee responding to a natural or manmade disaster who has suffered an extreme personal or family hardship in the affected area.

***Status:***

01/13/06 House: Presented and ordered printed 068212510  
01/13/06 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety  
02/03/06 House: Incorporated by Militia, Police and Public Safety (HB1180-Carrico)

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### House Bill 1418 – Line of Duty Act; payment of benefits

**Patron: Terrie L. Suit**

#### **Summary as introduced:**

**Line of Duty Act; payment of benefits.** Increases from \$75,000 to \$100,000 the amount for which a beneficiary of a deceased person whose death occurred while in the line of duty as the direct or proximate result of the performance of his duty is eligible to receive.

#### **Status:**

01/16/06 House: Presented and ordered printed 067691520  
01/16/06 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations  
01/27/06 House: Assigned App. sub: Compensation and Retirement (Putney)  
02/08/06 House: Reported from Appropriations (23-Y 0-N)  
02/10/06 House: Read first time  
02/13/06 House: Read second time and engrossed  
02/14/06 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (100-Y 0-N)  
02/14/06 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (100-Y 0-N)  
02/14/06 House: Communicated to Senate  
02/15/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed  
02/15/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance  
03/01/06 Senate: Reported from Finance (15-Y 0-N)  
03/02/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (39-Y 0-N)  
03/02/06 Senate: VOTE: (39-Y 0-N)  
03/03/06 Senate: Read third time  
03/03/06 Senate: Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)  
03/03/06 Senate: VOTE: (39-Y 0-N)  
03/11/06 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1418ER)  
03/11/06 House: Enrolled  
03/11/06 House: Signed by Speaker  
03/13/06 Senate: Signed by President  
04/11/06 House: Governor's recommendation received by House  
04/18/06 House: Placed on Calendar  
04/19/06 House: House concurred in Governor's recommendation (98-Y 0-N)  
04/19/06 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (98-Y 0-N)  
04/19/06 Senate: Senate concurred in Governor's recommendation (38-Y 0-N)  
04/19/06 Senate: VOTE: (38-Y 0-N)  
04/19/06 Governor: Governor's recommendation adopted  
04/19/06 House: Reenrolled  
04/19/06 House: Signed by Speaker as reenrolled  
04/19/06 Senate: Signed by President as reenrolled  
04/19/06 House: Enacted, Chapter 878 (effective 7/1/06)  
04/19/06 House: Reenrolled bill text (HB1418ER2)

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### **House Bill 1579 – Volunteer Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Service Award Fund Board; membership.**

**Patron: Benjamin L. Cline**

#### ***Summary as introduced:***

**Volunteer Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Service Award Fund Board; membership.** Amends the membership of the Volunteer Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Service Award Fund Board to include two members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one member of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. This changes the membership of the Board from seven members to 10 members.

#### ***Status:***

01/20/06 House: Presented and ordered printed 065728268  
01/20/06 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions  
01/26/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB1579)  
02/02/06 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions (22-Y 0-N)  
02/03/06 House: Read first time  
02/06/06 House: Read second time and engrossed  
02/07/06 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (100-Y 0-N)  
02/07/06 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (100-Y 0-N)  
02/07/06 House: Communicated to Senate  
02/08/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed  
02/08/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance  
02/21/06 Senate: Reported from Finance with amendments (14-Y 0-N)  
02/22/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (39-Y 0-N)  
02/22/06 Senate: VOTE: (39-Y 0-N)  
02/23/06 Senate: Read third time  
02/23/06 Senate: Reading of amendments waived  
02/23/06 Senate: Committee amendments agreed to  
02/23/06 Senate: Engrossed by Senate as amended  
02/23/06 Senate: Passed Senate with amendments (40-Y 0-N)  
02/23/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)  
02/24/06 House: Placed on Calendar  
02/27/06 House: Senate amendments rejected by House (0-Y 100-N)  
02/27/06 House: VOTE: REJECTED (0-Y 100-N)  
03/01/06 Senate: Senate insisted on amendments (40-Y 0-N)  
03/01/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)  
03/01/06 Senate: Senate requested conference committee  
03/02/06 House: House acceded to request  
03/02/06 House: Conferees appointed by House  
03/02/06 House: Delegates: Cline, Griffith, Howell, A. T.  
03/03/06 Senate: Conferees appointed by Senate  
03/03/06 Senate: Senators: Hanger, Potts, Howell  
03/11/06 Senate: Passed by temporarily  
03/11/06 House: Conference substitute printed 064019268-H1  
03/11/06 Senate: Conference report agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N)  
03/11/06 Senate: VOTE: (39-Y 0-N)  
03/11/06 House: Conference report agreed to by House (97-Y 0-N)  
03/11/06 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (97-Y 0-N)  
03/21/06 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1579ER)

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03/21/06 House: Enrolled  
03/21/06 House: Signed by Speaker  
03/22/06 Senate: Signed by President  
03/29/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB1579ER)  
04/05/06 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 707 (effective 7/1/06)

**[House Bill 1603](#) – Multiline telephone systems.**

**Patron: Melanie L. Rapp**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Multiline telephone systems.** Requires owners or operators of multiline telephone systems serving residential facilities, hotels and motels, business locations, and educational institutions to ensure that a public safety answering point is able to identify the location from which a call to 9-1-1 is placed.

***Status:***

01/20/06 House: Presented and ordered printed 062693480  
01/20/06 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor  
01/24/06 House: Assigned C & L sub: Utilities/Employment (Byron)  
01/26/06 House: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (HB1603)  
02/09/06 House: Continued to 2007 in Commerce and Labor

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**[House Joint Resolution 76](#) – Fire & rescue squad volunteers; joint subcommittee to study income tax incentives therefore to recruit individuals.**

**Patron: Thomas Davis Rust**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Study; tax incentives for volunteer fire department and rescue squad members; report.** Creates a joint subcommittee consisting of eight members (four delegates, two senators, two non legislators) to study for one year what other states have done regarding income tax incentives used to recruit and retain volunteers in the local fire departments and rescue squads.

***Status:***

01/10/06 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 067360400  
01/10/06 House: Referred to Committee on Rules  
02/15/06 House: Left in Rules

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### SENATE BILLS

**[Senate Bill 5](#) - Motor vehicle dealer; excludes those who sell & distribute fire-fighting equipment & ambulances.**

**Patron: W. Roscoe Reynolds**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Definition of "motor vehicle dealer."** Amends the definition of "motor vehicle dealer" to exclude dealers who solely sell and distribute fire-fighting equipment and ambulances.

***Status:***

12/09/05 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 060747808

12/09/05 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

02/02/06 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Transportation

**[Senate Bill 97](#) – SOL assessments; fire drills, etc. prohibited in schools during periods of mandatory testing.**

**Patron: Harry B. Blevins**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Fire and evacuation drills prohibited in schools during periods of mandatory testing.**

Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to promulgate regulations prohibiting fire and evacuation drills in schools during periods of mandatory testing required by the Board of Education. The bill includes an enactment clause requiring the promulgation of emergency regulations.

***Status:***

01/10/06 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed with emergency clause; offered 01/11/06 067045702

01/10/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/15/06 Senate: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (SB97)

01/26/06 Senate: Reported from Education and Health (14-Y 0-N)

01/27/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (38-Y 0-N)

01/27/06 Senate: VOTE: (38-Y 0-N)

01/30/06 Senate: Read second time and engrossed

01/31/06 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (37-Y 0-N)

01/31/06 Senate: VOTE: (37-Y 0-N)

01/31/06 Senate: Communicated to House

02/14/06 House: Placed on Calendar

02/14/06 House: Read first time

02/14/06 House: Referred to Committee on Education

02/20/06 House: Reported from Education (22-Y 0-N)

02/21/06 House: Read second time

02/22/06 House: Read third time

02/22/06 House: Passed House BLOCK VOTE (98-Y 0-N)

02/22/06 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N)

02/28/06 Senate: Enrolled

03/01/06 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB97ER)

03/01/06 House: Signed by Speaker

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03/02/06 Senate: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (SB97ER)

03/02/06 Senate: Signed by President

03/23/06 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 164 (effective 3/23/06)

03/31/06 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0164)

#### **Senate Bill 102 – Waste paper products; excluded definition of combustible fibers in Fire Prevention Code.**

**Patron: Harry B. Blevins**

##### ***Summary as introduced:***

##### **The Board of Housing and Community Development; definition of combustible fibers.**

Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to promulgate regulations to exclude waste paper products from the definition of "combustible fibers."

##### ***Status:***

01/10/06 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 067057702

01/10/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

01/18/06 Senate: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (SB102)

01/25/06 Senate: Continued to 2007 in General Laws and Technology (14-Y 0-N)

#### **Senate Bill 135 – Civil procedure; persons exempt from liability.**

**Patron: Jay O'Brien**

##### ***Summary as introduced:***

**Civil procedure; persons exempt from liability.** Exempts from liability first responders who, in good faith and without compensation, render emergency care or assistance, whether or not in the locality of his employment as a first responder, to any injured or ill person, at the scene of an accident, fire, or life threatening emergency, or en route there from to any hospital, medical clinic or doctor's office.

##### ***Status:***

01/10/06 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 066055784

01/10/06 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

02/01/06 Senate: Stricken at the request of Patron in Courts of Justice

#### **Senate Bill 212 – Motor vehicles; use of warning lights, etc. while operating in emergency situations.**

**Patron: John Edwards**

##### ***Summary as introduced:***

**Motor vehicle operating in emergency situations.** Allows vehicles authorized by § 46.2-1024 to be equipped with red or red and white warning lights (vehicles owned by members of fire departments, volunteer fire companies, or volunteer rescue squads; ambulance drivers employed by privately owned ambulance services; and police chaplains) to also be equipped with sirens, exhaust whistles, and air horns. The bill also allows these vehicles to ignore certain traffic laws in emergency situations, subject to the same limitations as police vehicles, ambulances, and fire apparatus.

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**Status:**

01/10/06 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 068734728  
01/10/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation  
01/26/06 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Transportation

**[Senate Bill 321](#) – Methamphetamine laboratories; penalties**

**Patron: R. Creigh Deeds**

**Summary as introduced:**

**Methamphetamine laboratories; penalties.** Provides a term of life imprisonment with a mandatory minimum term of confinement of 20 years if a first responder suffers serious bodily injury as a direct result of a methamphetamine lab. The bill punishes the operation of a methamphetamine lab in a residential area near a home, school, or church with a penalty of 40 years imprisonment with a mandatory minimum term of confinement of 10 years.

**Status:**

01/11/06 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 064350724  
01/11/06 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice  
01/18/06 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (8-Y 7-N)

**[Senate Bill 361](#) – Workers' compensation coverage for first responders**

**Patron: John S. Edwards**

**Summary as introduced:**

**Workers' compensation coverage for first responders.** Exempts first responders injured during a declared state of emergency from the requirement that the physician treating the employee be chosen from a three-physician panel provided by the employer. The measure provides that a first responder injured during a state of emergency shall be taken forthwith to any available health care facility and be furnished medical treatment at the employer's expense. It also provides that if certain first responders become ill due to an exposure to a radioactive, chemical or biologic agent, and thereafter transmits the illness to a family member, the family member is entitled to employer-provided medical care.

**Status:**

01/11/06 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 062694728  
01/11/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor  
01/30/06 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Commerce and Labor (14-Y 1-N)

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### **Senate Bill 363 - Commonwealth Preparedness, Office of; created.**

**Patron: William C. Wampler**

#### ***Summary as introduced:***

**Office of Commonwealth Preparedness.** Makes permanent the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness and provides for the appointment of a director by the Governor to serve a five-year term. The bill sets out the duties of the Office and also creates the Secure Commonwealth Panel and sets out its membership and duties. The bill contains technical amendments.

#### ***Status:***

01/11/06 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 069819836  
01/11/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology  
02/01/06 Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology with substitute (14-Y 0-N)  
02/02/06 Senate: Committee substitute printed 065359836-S1  
02/03/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (39-Y 0-N)  
02/03/06 Senate: VOTE: (39-Y 0-N)  
02/06/06 Senate: Passed by for the day  
02/07/06 Senate: Read second time  
02/07/06 Senate: Reading of substitute waived  
02/07/06 Senate: Committee substitute rejected 065359836-S1  
02/07/06 Senate: Floor substitute printed 065371836-S2 (Wampler)  
02/07/06 Senate: Reading of substitute waived  
02/07/06 Senate: Substitute by Senator Wampler agreed to 065371836-S2  
02/07/06 Senate: Engrossed by Senate - floor substitute SB363S2  
02/08/06 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)  
02/08/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)  
02/08/06 Senate: Communicated to House  
02/14/06 House: Placed on Calendar  
02/14/06 House: Read first time  
02/14/06 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety  
02/24/06 House: Reported from Militia, Police and Public Safety (22-Y 0-N)  
02/27/06 House: Read second time  
02/28/06 House: Read third time  
02/28/06 House: Passed House BLOCK VOTE (98-Y 0-N)  
02/28/06 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N)  
03/06/06 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB363ER)  
03/07/06 Senate: Enrolled  
03/07/06 House: Signed by Speaker  
03/08/06 Senate: Signed by President  
04/11/06 Senate: Governor's recommendation received by Senate  
04/18/06 Senate: Placed on Calendar  
04/19/06 Senate: Senate concurred in Governor's recommendation (38-Y 0-N)  
04/19/06 Senate: VOTE: (38-Y 0-N)  
04/19/06 House: House concurred in Governor's recommendation (97-Y 0-N)  
04/19/06 House: VOTE: ADOPTION (97-Y 0-N)  
04/19/06 Governor: Governor's recommendation adopted  
04/19/06 House: Reenrolled  
04/19/06 Senate: Signed by President as reenrolled  
04/19/06 House: Signed by Speaker as reenrolled  
04/19/06 House: Enacted, Chapter 901 (effective 7/1/06)  
04/19/06 Senate: Reenrolled bill text (SB363ER2)

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**Senate Bill 372 – Law-enforcement vehicle; penalty for impersonating or misrepresenting.**

**Patron: Richard L. Saslaw**

### ***Summary as introduced:***

**Impersonating law-enforcement officer or misrepresenting vehicle; penalty.** Provides that it is a Class 6 felony to impersonate a law-enforcement officer or to operate a motor vehicle with the intent to make another believe that it is a law-enforcement vehicle in a way that would make such a belief reasonable.

### ***Status:***

01/11/06 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 063779816  
01/11/06 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice  
01/13/06 Senate: Fiscal impact statement from VCSC (SB372)  
01/13/06 Senate: Introduced bill reprinted 063779816  
01/25/06 Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with amendments (15-Y 0-N)  
01/25/06 Senate: Rereferred to Finance  
02/07/06 Senate: Reported from Finance (14-Y 0-N)  
02/08/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)  
02/08/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)  
02/09/06 Senate: Read second time  
02/09/06 Senate: Reading of amendments waived  
02/09/06 Senate: Committee amendments agreed to  
02/09/06 Senate: Engrossed by Senate as amended SB372E  
02/09/06 Senate: Printed as engrossed 063779816-E  
02/10/06 Senate: Fiscal impact statement from VCSC (SB372E)  
02/10/06 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)  
02/10/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)  
02/10/06 Senate: Communicated to House  
02/14/06 House: Placed on Calendar  
02/14/06 House: Read first time  
02/14/06 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice  
02/16/06 House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal Law  
03/01/06 House: Reported from Courts of Justice with amendments (21-Y 0-N)  
03/01/06 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations  
03/06/06 House: Left in Appropriations

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#### **Senate Bill 498 – Fire Programs Fund.**

**Patron: Phillip P. Puckett**

##### ***Summary as introduced:***

**Fire Programs Fund.** Authorizes the Virginia Fire Services Board to revise allocations to eligible localities.

##### ***Status:***

01/11/06 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 062679120  
01/11/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology  
01/18/06 Senate: Reported from General Laws and Technology (14-Y 0-N)  
01/20/06 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (38-Y 0-N)  
01/20/06 Senate: VOTE: (38-Y 0-N)  
01/23/06 Senate: Read second time and engrossed  
01/24/06 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)  
01/24/06 Senate: VOTE: (39-Y 0-N)  
01/24/06 Senate: Communicated to House  
01/26/06 House: Placed on Calendar  
01/26/06 House: Read first time  
01/26/06 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws  
02/16/06 House: Assigned GL sub: #1 Housing (Suit)  
02/28/06 House: Reported from General Laws (22-Y 0-N)  
03/01/06 House: Read second time  
03/02/06 House: Read third time  
03/02/06 House: Passed House BLOCK VOTE (100-Y 0-N)  
03/02/06 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (100-Y 0-N)  
03/09/06 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB498ER)  
03/09/06 Senate: Enrolled  
03/09/06 Senate: Signed by President  
03/10/06 House: Signed by Speaker  
03/30/06 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 322 (effective 7/1/06)  
04/05/06 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0322)

#### **Senate Bill 508 - Retirement; state police and state and local law-enforcement officers.**

**Patron: Phillip P. Puckett**

##### ***Summary as introduced:***

**Retirement; state police and state and local law-enforcement officers.** Modifies the retirement benefits of state police and certain state and local law-enforcement officers by increasing from 1.7% to 2.5% the percentage of average final compensation multiplied by the years of creditable service in such positions, and by deleting the supplemental allowance currently paid to members upon retirement.

##### ***Status:***

01/11/06 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 069140792  
01/11/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance  
01/26/06 Senate: Fiscal impact statement from VRS (SB508)  
02/14/06 Senate: Left in Finance (15-Y 0-N)

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**Senate Bill 516 – Motor vehicle operating in emergency situations.**

**Patron: Phillip P. Puckett**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Motor vehicle operating in emergency situations.** Allows vehicles authorized by § 46.2-1024 to be equipped with red or red and white warning lights (vehicles owned by members of fire departments, volunteer fire companies, or volunteer rescue squads; ambulance drivers employed by privately owned ambulance services; and police chaplains) to also be equipped with sirens, exhaust whistles, and air horns. The bill also allows these vehicles to ignore certain traffic laws in emergency situations, subject to the same limitations as police vehicles, ambulances, and fire apparatus.

***Status:***

01/11/06 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/11/06 067944792  
01/11/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation  
01/19/06 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Transportation

**Senate Bill 600 – Alcoholic beverage; increases tax thereof.**

**Patron: Charles J. Colgan**

***Summary as introduced:***

**Alcoholic beverage tax.** Increases the tax on alcoholic beverages by 3% with the revenues to be used for the operational support of volunteer rescue squads and fire-fighting organizations.

***Status:***

01/11/06 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 066158716  
01/11/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services  
01/20/06 Senate: Rereferred from Rehabilitation and Social Services (13-Y 0-N)  
01/20/06 Senate: Rereferred to Finance  
01/25/06 Senate: Continued to 2007 in Finance (15-Y 0-N)  
01/30/06 Senate: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (SB600)

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#### **Senate Bill 636 – Line of Duty Act.**

**Patron: Frederick M. Quayle**

##### ***Summary as introduced:***

**Line of Duty Act.** Creates the Line of Duty Disability Fund and funds it by imposing an additional \$50 cost for certain traffic violations. The Fund is to be used to pay the costs of continued health benefits coverage provided to employees and their families under the Line of Duty Act (the Act). The bill also provides that any local employee who meets the definition of a deceased or disabled person under the Act who was disabled on or after January 1, 1972, not otherwise already receiving the continued health insurance coverage benefit under this section, shall be entitled to the continued health insurance coverage benefit beginning July 1, 2006.

##### ***Status:***

01/17/06 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 068213800

01/17/06 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

01/23/06 Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice (13-Y 0-N)

01/23/06 Senate: Rereferred to Finance

02/02/06 Senate: Fiscal impact statement from DPB (SB636)

02/14/06 Senate: Incorporated by Finance (SB393-Stolle) (15-Y 0-N)

## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**Senate Joint Resolution 206 - Study; incentives for volunteer fire department and rescue squad members; report.**

**Patron: Mark Herring**

##### ***Summary as introduced:***

**Study; incentives for volunteer fire department and rescue squad members; report.**

Creates a joint subcommittee consisting of eight members (two senators, four delegates, two nonlegislators) to study for one year what other states have done regarding incentives used to recruit and retain volunteers in the local fire departments and rescue squads.

##### ***Status:***

02/08/06 Senate: Unanimous consent to introduce

02/08/06 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 062227738

02/08/06 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules

02/10/06 Senate: Reported from Rules with amendments

02/13/06 Senate: Reading waived (40-Y 0-N)

02/13/06 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)

02/14/06 Senate: Read second time

02/14/06 Senate: Reading of amendments waived

02/14/06 Senate: Committee amendments rejected

02/14/06 Senate: Reading of substitute waived

02/14/06 Senate: Floor substitute printed 064470738-S1 (Herring)

02/14/06 Senate: Substitute by Senator Herring agreed to 064470738-S1

02/14/06 Senate: Engrossed by Senate - floor substitute SJ206S1

02/14/06 Senate: Reading waived (38-Y 0-N)

02/14/06 Senate: VOTE: (38-Y 0-N)

02/14/06 Senate: Agreed to by Senate by voice vote

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02/14/06 Senate: Communicated to House

02/15/06 House: Placed on Calendar

02/15/06 House: Referred to Committee on Rules

03/02/06 House: Tabled in Rules