

(VDH) 2024 Office of EMS Legislative Grid
January 19, 2024

HB 15 Warning light units, certain; increases number of units person may equip on one vehicle, etc.

Chief patron: McNamara

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1024 of the Code of Virginia, relating to certain warning light units.

24101443D

Summary as introduced:

Certain warning light units. Increases from two to four the number of flashing or steady-burning red or red and white combination warning light units with which a member of a fire department, volunteer fire company, or volunteer emergency medical services agency and any police chaplain may equip one vehicle owned by him.

12/08/23 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24101443D

12/08/23 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

01/16/24 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB15)

01/16/24 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Highway Safety and Policy

01/17/24 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 0-N)

HB 38 Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers.

Chief patron: Clark

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

24103946D

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Retirement System; enhanced retirement benefits for 911 dispatchers. Allows local governments to provide enhanced retirement benefits for hazardous duty service to full-time salaried 911 dispatchers. The bill provides that such enhanced retirement benefits apply only to service earned as a full-time salaried 911 dispatcher on or after July 1, 2025, but allows an employer, as that term is defined in relevant law, to provide such enhanced retirement benefits for service earned as a full-time salaried 911 dispatcher before July 1, 2025, in addition to service earned on or after that date. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2025.

12/19/23 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24103946D

12/19/23 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

01/17/24 House: Assigned App. sub: Compensation and Retirement

HB 49 Window tint; emergency vehicles.

Chief patron: Taylor

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1052 of the Code of Virginia, relating to window tint; emergency vehicles.

24100923D

Summary as introduced:

Window tint; emergency vehicles. Authorizes window tinting on all emergency medical services vehicles and vehicles used to fight fire, including publicly owned state forest warden vehicles. Current law authorizes tinting on the rear and rear side windows of emergency medical services vehicles used to transport patients.

12/21/23 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24100923D

12/21/23 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

01/16/24 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Highway Safety and Policy

HB 68 Workers' compensation; post-traumatic stress disorder incurred by dispatchers.

Chief patron: Bulova

A BILL to amend and reenact § 65.2-107 of the Code of Virginia, relating to workers' compensation; post-traumatic stress disorder incurred by dispatchers.

24102624D

Summary as introduced:

Workers' compensation; post-traumatic stress disorder incurred by dispatchers. Allows dispatchers, as defined in the bill, to claim workers' compensation benefits relating to post-traumatic stress disorder under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act. Currently, only law-enforcement officers and firefighters may claim such benefits.

12/22/23 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24102624D

12/22/23 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce

01/15/24 House: Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #2

01/17/24 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB68)

HB 133 Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Grant Fund and Program; created, report.

Chief patron: Convirs-Fowler

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 9.1 a chapter numbered 16, consisting of a section numbered 9.1-1600, relating to Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Grant Fund and Program.

24101734D

Summary as introduced:

Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Grant Fund and Program. Creates the Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Grant Fund and Program to provide funding to local government employee responders who were exposed to toxic materials when responding to emergencies declared by the Commonwealth or a locality. The bill directs the Department of Fire Programs to convene a work group to assess eligibility for funding, qualifying emergencies, and other criteria and directs the work group to submit a report to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2024.

01/01/24 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24101734D

01/01/24 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

01/15/24 House: Assigned GL sub: Housing/Consumer Protection

01/18/24 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB133)

01/18/24 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendments (8-Y 0-N)

01/18/24 House: Subcommittee recommends referring to Committee on Appropriations

HB 137 Emergency medical services for police dogs.

Chief patron: Campbell

A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-111.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to emergency medical services regulations; police dogs.

24101326D

Summary as introduced:

Emergency medical services regulations; police dogs. Requires the State Board of Health to promulgate regulations, in consultation with the State Veterinarian, to provide emergency treatment to police dogs injured in the line of duty and for the transportation of such police dogs by emergency medical services vehicle to a veterinary care facility equipped to provide emergency treatment to such dog.

01/01/24 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24101326D

01/01/24 House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

01/16/24 House: Stricken from docket by Health and Human Services (22-Y 0-N)

HB 480 Health care; life-sustaining treatment for minors, exceptions.

Chief patron: Scott, P.A.

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-2987.2, relating to health care; life-sustaining treatment for minors; exceptions.

24104929D

Summary as introduced:

Simon's Law; health care; life-sustaining treatment for minors; exceptions. Requires a physician to obtain the written permission from at least one parent or legal guardian of a minor, defined in the bill as an unemancipated individual who is younger than 18 years of age and not under juvenile court supervision or on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States, before instituting a Do Not Resuscitate order or similar physician's order. The bill creates an exception for when a physician is unable to contact a parent or legal guardian of such minor within 72 hours of the initial contact attempt. The bill also prevents a physician from interfering with such parent's or legal guardian's efforts to obtain other medical opinions, hindering or delaying the necessary measures to facilitate a transfer of such minor to another medical facility, or refusing to continue providing life-sustaining treatment to such minor when such a transfer is imminent. Under the bill, such parent or legal guardian maintains all rights to determine whether life-sustaining treatment and cardiopulmonary resuscitation are used on such minor unless a court of law or equity determines that there is destruction of the circulatory system, respiratory system, and the entire brain. A parent or legal guardian may also request disclosure of the physician's policies involving cardiopulmonary resuscitation and life-sustaining treatment.

01/08/24 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24104929D

01/08/24 House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

01/17/24 House: Assigned sub: Health Professions

01/17/24 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB480)

01/18/24 House: House subcommittee amendments and substitutes offered

01/18/24 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (7-Y 1-N)

HB 481 First responders; proof of immunization not required to attend trainings at medical care facilities.

Chief patron: Garrett

A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-46 of the Code of Virginia, relating to first responders; proof of immunization; exemption.

24101033D

Summary as introduced:

First responders; proof of immunization; exemption. Provides that first responders shall not be required to show proof of immunization to attend trainings at medical care facilities, regardless of whether the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with their religious tenets or practices.

01/08/24 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24101033D

01/08/24 House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

01/11/24 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB481)

01/17/24 House: Assigned sub: Health

HB 491 Income tax, state; volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

Chief patron: Garrett

A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-322.02 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia taxable income; subtractions; volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical services personnel.

24102387D

Summary as introduced:

Virginia taxable income; subtractions; volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical services personnel. Provides a state income tax subtraction of \$2,000 per taxable year for bona fide volunteers who perform qualifying services, defined in the bill as volunteer firefighting and fire prevention services, emergency medical services, auxiliary police officer services, ambulance services, emergency rescue services, and all training and training-related activities required by law to perform such qualifying services.

01/08/24 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24102387D

01/08/24 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/18/24 House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #1

HB 492 Fire and emergency medical services apparatuses and equipment; procurement, report.

Chief patron: Garrett

A BILL to direct the Department of Fire Programs, the Department of Health's Office of Emergency Medical Services, and the Department of General Services to establish a work group to prepare statewide contract language for the procurement of fire and emergency medical services apparatuses and equipment; report.

24103333D

Summary as introduced:

Department of Fire Programs; statewide contract language for procurement of fire and emergency medical services apparatuses and equipment; work group; report. Directs the Department of Fire Programs, the Department of Health's Office of Emergency Medical

Services, and the Department of General Services to establish a work group to prepare statewide contract language for the procurement of fire and emergency medical services apparatuses and equipment. The bill requires the Department of Fire Programs to report the work group's findings and recommendations to the Virginia Fire Services Board and State EMS Advisory Board on or before October 1, 2024, and to make such report available to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology, upon request.

01/08/24 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24103333D
01/08/24 House: Referred to Committee on Rules

HB 494 Virginia Fire and EMS Safety Loan Fund; created.

Chief patron: Garrett

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 9.1 a chapter numbered 2.2, consisting of sections numbered 9.1-220 through 9.1-230, relating to Virginia Fire and EMS Safety Loan Fund.

24103318D

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Fire and EMS Safety Loan Fund. Creates the Virginia Fire and EMS Safety Loan Fund, to be administered by the Virginia Resources Authority. Under the bill, money in the Fund would be used exclusively for the financing of purchases by local fire and EMS services of at least \$50,000 (i) for capital projects to construct or modernize facilities that house firefighting equipment or vehicles or ambulance or rescue vehicles; (ii) of firefighting apparatus, ambulances, or rescue vehicles; and (iii) of protective, accessory, or communication equipment for firefighting or EMS services. The bill also establishes the Joint Fire and EMS Loan Board, which shall be responsible for directing the distribution of loans from the Fund, with an emphasis on localities in need of financing assistance to meet minimum standards.

01/08/24 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24103318D
01/08/24 House: Referred to Committee on Finance
01/17/24 House: Referred from Finance
01/17/24 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations
01/18/24 House: Assigned App. sub: Transportation & Public Safety
01/18/24 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB494)

HB 601 Health insurance; emergency services, mobile crisis response services.

Chief patron: Kilgore

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 38.2-3412.1 and 38.2-3438 of the Code of Virginia, relating to health insurance; emergency services; mobile crisis response services.

24103445D

Summary as introduced:

Health insurance; emergency services; mobile crisis response services. Provides that emergency services, with respect to an emergency medical condition, include (i) a screening examination, including ancillary services, that is within the capability of a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as a behavioral health crisis service provider and (ii) such further examination and treatment as is required to stabilize the patient. The bill also adds crisis receiving centers to locations where mobile crisis response services and support may be provided and thereby be covered by health insurance.

01/09/24 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24103445D

01/09/24 House: Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce

01/16/24 House: Assigned L & C sub: Subcommittee #1

HB 852 Local government ordinances related to fire departments; billing on behalf of volunteer fire depts.

Chief patron: Williams

A BILL to amend and reenact § 27-14 of the Code of Virginia, relating to local government ordinances related to fire departments; billing on behalf of volunteer fire departments.

24103794D

Summary as introduced:

Local government ordinances related to fire departments; billing on behalf of volunteer fire departments. Provides that the governing body of any county, city, or town in which a fire department or fire company is established may make such ordinances in relation to the powers and duties of such fire departments or fire companies as it deems proper, including billing on behalf of volunteer fire departments for the provision of emergency medical services.

01/09/24 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24103794D

01/09/24 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

HB 933 Alzheimer's disease and dementia; training for dispatchers, firefighters, etc.

Chief patron: LeVere Bolling

A BILL to amend and reenact § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 9.1-203.2 and 32.1-111.5:2, relating to Alzheimer's disease and dementia training for dispatchers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel.

24104583D

Summary as introduced:

Alzheimer's disease and dementia training for dispatchers, firefighters, and emergency

medical personnel. Requires certain agencies in the Commonwealth to develop curricula and provide training related to Alzheimer's disease and dementia to dispatchers employed by or in any local or state government agency, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission and the Commonwealth Council on Aging.

01/09/24 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24104583D

01/09/24 House: Referred to Committee on Public Safety

HB 1043 Virginia Firefighting Personnel and Equipment Grant Program; established, report.

Chief patron: Sickles

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 2 of Title 9.1 a section numbered 9.1-208.2, relating to Virginia Firefighting Personnel and Equipment Grant Program.

24101854D

Summary as introduced:

Virginia Firefighting Personnel and Equipment Grant Program. Establishes the Virginia Firefighting Personnel and Equipment Grant Program for the purpose of providing grants to localities to hire additional firefighters and to improve their firefighting and emergency medical services. The Department of Fire Programs shall administer the Program and two types of grants shall be made from the Program. The first shall provide grants to localities to increase the number of firefighters. Such grants shall be made for up to three years and shall be used by localities for programs to (i) hire new, additional full-time firefighters; (ii) convert part-time or volunteer firefighters to full-time firefighters; or (iii) recruit and retain volunteer firefighters. The other type of grant shall be provided to localities for improving firefighting and emergency medical services. Authorized uses of grant funds include acquiring firefighting and emergency medical services vehicles and equipment and modifying facilities. For both grants, the funds shall not be used to supplant any funds currently provided by the Commonwealth or by the locality and shall be used to increase the total amount of funds available for the provision of firefighting or emergency medical services.

The Department shall report annually, beginning November 1, 2025, to the Governor and the General Assembly information regarding a list of grants, the amount of each approved grant, information on the performance assessment system that the bill directs the Department to create, an evaluation of each grant based on such system, and any other criteria deemed relevant by the Department.

01/10/24 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24101854D

01/10/24 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

HB 1049 Firefighters and emergency medical services personnel; recruitment and professional development.

Chief patron: Batten

A BILL to direct the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to convene a work group to study the recruitment and professional development of firefighters and emergency medical services personnel; report.

24103655D

Summary as introduced:

Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security; work group to study recruitment and professional development of firefighters and emergency medical services personnel; report. Requires the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, to convene a work group to (i) study the recruitment and professional development of firefighters and emergency medical services personnel, (ii) make recommendations to ensure the uniformity of training for firefighters and emergency medical services personnel, and (iii) examine whether the state regulation of firefighters and emergency medical services personnel should be consolidated under a single secretariat and if a new secretariat should be created to oversee such regulation. The bill requires the work group to submit a report to the relevant General Assembly committees by November 1, 2024.

01/10/24 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24103655D

01/10/24 House: Referred to Committee on Rules

HB 1259 Department of Health; emergency medical services personnel; career fatigue and wellness program.

Chief patron: Shin

A BILL to direct the Department of Health to study the viability of establishing or contracting for a professional program for emergency medical services personnel that addresses career fatigue and wellness.

24103085D

Summary as introduced:

Department of Health; emergency medical services personnel; career fatigue and wellness program; report. Directs the Department of Health to convene a work group to study the viability of establishing or contracting for a professional program for emergency medical services personnel, both professional and volunteer, that addresses career fatigue and wellness, including the costs of such program and recommendations for funding. The bill requires the Department to report its findings to the Governor and relevant committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2024.

01/10/24 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24103085D
01/10/24 House: Committee Referral Pending

HB 1284 Collective bargaining by firefighters and emergency medical services providers.

Chief patron: Askew

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 40.1-55, 40.1-57.2, and 40.1-57.3 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 4 of Title 40.1 an article numbered 2.2, consisting of sections numbered 40.1-57.4 through 40.1-57.7, relating to collective bargaining by firefighters and emergency medical services providers.

24105166D

Summary as introduced:

Collective bargaining by firefighters and emergency medical services providers. Authorizes firefighters and emergency medical services providers employed by a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to engage in collective bargaining through labor organizations or other designated representatives. The bill provides for the appointment of a three-member board of arbitration regarding any dispute arising between an employer and firefighters or emergency services. Under the bill, determinations made by such board of arbitration are final on a disputed issue and are binding on the parties involved.

01/10/24 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24105166D
01/10/24 House: Committee Referral Pending

HB 1309 State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board; guidelines for the provision/emergency treatment.

Chief patron: Campbell

A BILL to have the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board develop guidelines and guidance for the provision of emergency treatment of fire, police, and search and rescue dogs.

24104689D

Summary as introduced:

State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board; guidelines for the provision of emergency treatment of fire, police, and search and rescue dogs. Requires the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, in consultation with the State Veterinarian, to develop guidelines and guidance for the provision of emergency treatment of fire, police, and search and rescue dogs injured in the line of duty and the transportation of such dogs by an emergency medical services vehicle to a veterinary care facility equipped to provide emergency treatment to such dog.

01/10/24 House: Presented and ordered printed 24104689D

01/10/24 House: Committee Referral Pending

HB 1387 Department of Health Professions; veterinary medicine; exceptions for care of animals injured.

Chief patron: Leftwich

A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-3801 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Department of Health Professions; veterinary medicine; exceptions for care of animals injured in line of duty.

24104045D

Summary as introduced:

Department of Health Professions; veterinary medicine; exceptions for care of animals injured in line of duty. Provides an exception to the unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine for any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel who provides emergency treatment to any animal in his care that is injured in the line of duty.

01/16/24 House: Presented and ordered printed 24104045D

01/16/24 House: Committee Referral Pending

SB 61 Income tax, state; establishes a subtraction for firefighter benefits.

Chief patron: Craig

A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-322.02 of the Code of Virginia, relating to income tax subtraction; firefighter benefits.

24102225D

Summary as introduced:

Income tax subtraction; firefighter benefits. Establishes an income tax subtraction for up to \$20,000 of firefighter benefits in taxable year 2024, up to \$30,000 in taxable year 2025, and up to \$40,000 in taxable year 2026 and each year thereafter. The bill defines firefighter benefits to include retirement income related to professional firefighting services and benefits paid to the surviving spouse of a firefighter whose death occurred in the line of duty.

12/26/23 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24102225D

12/26/23 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations

01/14/24 Senate: Impact statement from TAX (SB61)

SB 150 Warning light units, certain; increases number of units person may equip on one vehicle, etc.

Chief patron: Suetterlein

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1024 of the Code of Virginia, relating to certain warning light units.

24103770D

Summary as introduced:

Certain warning light units. Increases from two to four the number of flashing or steady-burning red or red and white combination warning light units with which a member of a fire department, volunteer fire company, or volunteer emergency medical services agency and any police chaplain may equip one vehicle owned by him.

01/05/24 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24103770D

01/05/24 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

01/18/24 Senate: Reported from Transportation (15-Y 0-N)

SB 181 Public elementary and secondary schools; cardiac emergency response plans required.

Chief patron: Rouse

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-271.9, relating to public elementary and secondary schools; cardiac emergency response plans required; grant program established.

24102513D

Summary as introduced:

Public elementary and secondary schools; cardiac emergency response plans required; grant program established. Requires each public elementary or secondary school to develop a cardiac emergency response plan (CERP) that addresses the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual who is experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while on school grounds and, in the event that such school has an athletic department or organized athletic program, while attending or participating in an athletic practice or event. The bill requires each such CERP to integrate nationally recognized evidence-based core elements such as those recommended by the American Heart Association guidelines and to integrate certain provisions and guidelines, including those relating to establishing a cardiac emergency response team, activating such team in response to a sudden cardiac event, and integrating the CERP into the local community's emergency medical services response protocols. The bill also requires, with such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose pursuant to the general

appropriation act, the Department to establish and administer the CERP Grant Program for the purpose of awarding grants, on a competitive basis, to any public elementary or secondary school to assist such school in the development or implementation of its CERP or in the purchase or funding of activities or equipment that further promotes CERP preparedness, giving priority to certain high-need schools.

01/08/24 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24102513D

01/08/24 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/10/24 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Public Education

01/18/24 Senate: Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)

01/18/24 Senate: Rereferred to Finance and Appropriations

SB 543 Health insurance; emergency services, mobile crisis response services.

Chief patron: Bagby

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 38.2-3412.1 and 38.2-3438 of the Code of Virginia, relating to health insurance; emergency services; mobile crisis response services.

24103447D

Summary as introduced:

Health insurance; emergency services; mobile crisis response services. Provides that emergency services, with respect to an emergency medical condition, include (i) a screening examination, including ancillary services, that is within the capability of a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as a behavioral health crisis service provider and (ii) such further examination and treatment as is required to stabilize the patient. The bill also adds crisis receiving centers to locations where mobile crisis response services and support may be provided and thereby be covered by health insurance.

01/10/24 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24103447D

01/10/24 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SB 594 Department of Health; Office of Emergency Medical Services; work group; emergency medical person.

Chief patron: McPike

A BILL to direct the Department of Health's Office of Emergency Medical Services to convene a work group to examine requirements for emergency medical personnel joining a professional program addressing career fatigue and wellness.

24103127D

Summary as introduced:

Department of Health; Office of Emergency Medical Services; work group; emergency medical personnel; career fatigue and wellness program. Directs the Department of Health's Office of Emergency Medical Services to convene a work group related to the eligibility

requirements for emergency medical personnel to join a professional program addressing career fatigue and wellness. The bill requires the work group to report its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by October 1, 2024.

01/10/24 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24103127D

01/10/24 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules

SB 623 Collective bargaining by firefighters and emergency medical services providers.

Chief patron: Lucas

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 40.1-55, 40.1-57.2, and 40.1-57.3 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 4 of Title 40.1 an article numbered 2.2, consisting of sections numbered 40.1-57.4 through 40.1-57.7, relating to collective bargaining by firefighters and emergency medical services providers.

24104645D

Summary as introduced:

Collective bargaining by firefighters and emergency medical services providers. Authorizes firefighters and emergency medical services providers employed by a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to engage in collective bargaining through labor organizations or other designated representatives. The bill provides for the appointment of a three-member board of arbitration regarding any dispute arising between an employer and firefighters or emergency services. Under the bill, determinations made by such board of arbitration are final on a disputed issue and are binding on the parties involved.

01/10/24 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/24 24104645D

01/10/24 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SB 648 Fire and Emergency Medical Services Grant Fund; vehicle registration fees; funding for fire.

Chief patron: Perry

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-694, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 27 a section numbered 27-23.12, relating to funding for fire and emergency medical services.

24103963D

Summary as introduced:

Fire and Emergency Medical Services Grant Fund; vehicle registration fees; funding for fire and emergency medical services. Increases the vehicle registration fee used to provide support for emergency medical services from \$4.25 to \$6.25 for each pickup or panel truck and each motor vehicle. The bill also creates the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Grant

Fund to provide funding (i) to increase the number of firefighters and emergency medical services personnel to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate assistance and (ii) to purchase heavy apparatus necessary for fire and emergency medical services.

01/12/24 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 24103963D

01/12/24 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

SB 650 Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Grant Fund and Program.

Chief patron: Rouse

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 9.1 a chapter numbered 16, consisting of a section numbered 9.1-1600, relating to Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Grant Fund and Program.

24102506D

Summary as introduced:

Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Grant Fund and Program. Creates the Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Grant Fund and Program to provide funding to local government employee responders who were exposed to toxic materials when responding to emergencies declared by the Commonwealth or a locality. The bill directs the Department of Fire Programs to convene a work group to assess eligibility for funding, qualifying emergencies, and other criteria and directs the work group to submit a report to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2024. The bill includes a reenactment clause for the provisions of the bill creating the Fund and Program.

01/12/24 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 24102506D

01/12/24 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules

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