

VAPT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
2014 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

2014 SESSION STATISTICS

Type	Introduced	Passed		Cont'd to		Failed	Pending	Approved	Vetoed
		House	Senate	Passed	next session				
H.B.	1273	571	518	514	128	631	0	497	2
H.J.R.	489	426	420	419	8	62	0	1	0
H.R.	188	170	0	170	0	18	0	0	0
S.B.	673	325	413	320	77	276	0	307	3
S.J.R.	212	180	185	180	21	11	0	0	0
S.R.	53	0	44	44	1	8	0	0	0
Totals	2888	1672	1580	1647	235	1006	0	805	5

BILLS PASSED: (House)

HB 9 Parking of certain vehicles; adds Town of Blackstone to list of towns that may regulate or prohibit.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Regulation or prohibition of parking of certain vehicles. Adds the Town of Blackstone to the list of counties and towns that may regulate or prohibit the parking of certain vehicles.

HB 134 Diabetes; care of students who have been diagnosed.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Care of students who have been diagnosed with diabetes. Permits the parents of any public school student who has been diagnosed with diabetes to designate in a diabetes care plan a delegated care aide to provide diabetes care for the student, including the administration of insulin and glucagon, when a school nurse or physician is not present in the school or at a school-sponsored activity. The bill also requires the delegated care aide to receive training in diabetes care and every school employee to receive basic training in responses to emergency situations and changes from one to two the minimum number of employees in a school that must be trained with regard to a student with diabetes who attends the school. The bill contains technical amendments.

HB 198 Elementary and secondary school students; sufficient cause for suspension or expulsion.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Elementary and secondary school students; sufficient cause for suspension or expulsion. Prohibits an incident that occurs in any setting other than on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity from being deemed sufficient cause for the suspension or expulsion of a student, except in cases in which the division superintendent has received a report of an adjudication of delinquency or a conviction for a certain criminal offense. The bill contains technical amendments.

HB 218 Tobacco products; purchase, etc., of vapor products by minors.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Purchase, etc., of tobacco products by minors; vapor products. Adds vapor products to the definition of tobacco products that cannot be sold to or purchased or possessed by a minor. The bill defines a vapor product as a noncombustible tobacco-derived product containing nicotine that employs a mechanical heating element, battery, or circuit that can be used to heat a nicotine solution.

HB 255 Photo-monitoring; systems to enforce traffic light signals.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

"Photo-red" traffic light enforcement systems. Requires that all "photo-red" systems have yellow light signal lengths of at least three seconds.

HB 341 Natural gas vehicles; weight limit exception.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Natural gas vehicles; weight limit exception. Allows vehicles fueled, wholly or partially, by natural gas to weigh up to 2,000 pounds more than the applicable weight limit. The bill requires the operator of the vehicle to be able to demonstrate that the vehicle uses natural gas.

HB 484 Electronic cigarettes; prohibited in public elementary and secondary schools.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Electronic cigarettes in public elementary and secondary schools. Requires each school board to (i) develop and implement a policy to prohibit the use of electronic cigarettes on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity and (ii) include in its code of student conduct a prohibition against possessing electronic cigarettes on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity. The bill requires school boards to update their policies and codes of student conduct by July 1, 2015.

HB 516 Natural gas automobile mechanics & technicians; regulatory program for certification by DPOR.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; certification of natural gas automobile mechanics and technicians. Establishes a regulatory program for certification of natural gas automobile mechanics and technicians by the Director of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and sets out the requirements for certification.

HB 662 Commercial driver's licenses, etc.; compliance with federal requirements.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Commercial driver's licenses, etc.; compliance with federal requirements. Amends several sections relating to commercial driver's licenses to comply with new Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration requirements relating to commercial motor vehicles and prohibited use of handheld mobile telephones in commercial motor vehicles. The bill also requires distracted driving to be included as a part of the driver's license knowledge examination to comply with MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, P.L. 112-141). In addition, the bill provides that DMV may continue to disclose personal information from crash reports, but only if otherwise authorized by law in order to comply with federal law.

HB 851 Assault and battery; any full-time or part-time school employee, penalty.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Assault and battery; school employees; penalty. Provides that a battery against any full-time or part-time employee of a public or private elementary school who is engaged in the performance of his duties is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor and the punishment shall include a sentence of 15 days in jail, two days of which shall be a mandatory minimum sentence. Currently, only a battery against a teacher, principal, assistant principal, or guidance counselor is subject to this enhanced penalty for battery.

HB 854 Speed limits; maximum limit on nonsurface-treated highways in certain counties.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Maximum speed limit on nonsurface-treated highways. Applies statewide the 35 mph maximum speed limit currently applied only in Albemarle, Clarke, Fauquier, Frederick, Loudoun, Montgomery, Nelson, Page, Rappahannock, Warren, and Wythe Counties and in any other county whose governing body adopts an ordinance to do so.

HB 975 Hybrid electric motor vehicles; repeals annual license tax.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles. Repeals the \$64 annual license tax on hybrid electric motor vehicles that was first imposed beginning July 1, 2013.

HB 1144 Private roads; designation as highways for law-enforcement purposes in Greene County.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Law enforcement of private roads in Greene County. Provides that the governing body of Greene County may designate private roads in residential developments with 25 or more lots as highways for law-enforcement purposes.

HB 1164 Speed limits; reduction of speed limit on Route 23 and Route 58.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Maximum speed limits. Permits the increase of the maximum speed limit on U.S. Route 23 and U.S. Alternate Route 58 from 55 miles per hour to 60 miles per hour subsequent to a traffic study.

HJ 282 Celebrating the life of Floyd Withers Merryman, Jr.

BILLS PASSED: (Senate)

SB 80 Parking of certain vehicles; adds Town of Blackstone to list of towns that may regulate or prohibit.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Regulation or prohibition of parking of certain vehicles. Adds the Town of Blackstone to the list of counties and towns that may regulate or prohibit the parking of certain vehicles.

SB 97 Bicycles, etc.; minimum clearance for passing.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Minimum clearance for passing bicycles, etc. Increases from two to three feet the minimum clearance between a passing vehicle and a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, moped, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle.

SB 205 Driver training and road tests; behind-the-wheel examination for persons age 19 or older.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Licensure and examination for persons age 19 or older. Allows persons age 19 or over the option of taking the behind-the-wheel examination at a driver training school as long as they complete the current requirements already in place for persons under 19. The bill would also allow students who are not minors to take driver's education and their behind-the-wheel examination with their school or with a driver training school.

Current law allows persons age 19 or over (i) to obtain a learner's permit and hold such permit for 60 days and then take a behind-the-wheel examination administered by the DMV or (ii) to take driver's education and then take a behind-the-wheel examination administered by the DMV.

The bill retains the requirements that those seeking a commercial driver's license or on medical review take their behind-the-wheel examination administered by the DMV and that persons who fail the behind the wheel test three times at DMV must return to DMV to take the test after completing requirements at a driver training school.

SB 470 Speed limits; maximum limit on nonsurface-treated highways in certain counties.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Maximum speed limit on nonsurface-treated highways. Applies statewide the 35 mph maximum speed limit currently applied only in Albemarle, Clarke, Fauquier, Frederick, Loudoun, Montgomery, Nelson, Page, Rappahannock, Warren, and Wythe Counties and in any other county whose governing body adopts an ordinance to do so.

SB 565 Commercial driver's licenses, etc.; compliance with federal requirements.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Commercial driver's licenses, etc.; compliance with federal requirements. Amends several sections relating to commercial driver's licenses to comply with new Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration requirements relating to commercial motor vehicles and prohibited use of handheld mobile telephones in commercial motor vehicles. The bill also requires distracted driving to be included as a part of the driver's license knowledge examination to comply with MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, P.L. 112-141). In addition, the bill provides that DMV may continue to disclose personal information from crash reports, but only if otherwise authorized by law in order to comply with federal law.

SB 624 Emergency care; school board employees that render certain care shall not be liable for negligence.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Emergency care; school board employees. Provides that school board employees that render certain acts of emergency care, including emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), or use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), shall not be liable for ordinary negligence that results from the certain acts of emergency care. The bill contains an emergency clause.

BILL VETOED :

HB 1040 Photo-monitoring systems; use to enforce traffic light signals, appeals.

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Pasted by the House and Senate. Governor vetoed. House voted to override the veto; Senate voted not to override the veto.

BILLS FAILED:

HB 21 School boards; employee firearms training.

HB 34 High schools, public; local school boards to set daily school calendar, etc.

HB 35 School calendar; local school boards responsible for setting and determining opening day.

HB 42 School calendar; local school boards responsible for setting and determining opening day.

HB 51 Speed limits; prohibits driving at less than posted maximum speed in left-most lanes on Interstate.

HJ 10 Early childhood education; recognizing value to children and sets goal of extending availability.

HB 63 Public school interscholastic programs; participation by students receiving home instruction.

HB 82 Driver of any other vehicle following too closely; includes non-motor vehicles.

HB 93 Employment applications; inquiries regarding criminal arrests, charges, or convictions, penalty.

HB 96 Suspended or revoked license; person who drives motor vehicle and causes death of another person.

HB 114 Private or religious schools; possession of firearm, etc., on school property.

HB 160 Reckless driving; exceeding speed limit.

HJ 34 School buses; JLARC to study effectiveness of requiring seat belts.

HB 277 Pedestrians; crossing highways.

HB 320 Reckless driving; passing other vehicles at intersections.

HB 333 School calendar; local school boards responsible for setting and determining opening day.

HB 378 Improper driving; jury hearing case.

HB 382 Charter schools; funding.

HB 386 School calendar; local school boards responsible for setting and determining opening day.

HB 388 Charter schools; funding.

HB 462 Kindergarten; daily program in each school division required to average at least 5.5 hours.

HB 472 Student conduct; parental responsibility to prevent bullying.

HB 482 Motor vehicle safety belts; failure to wear enforceable as a primary offense.

HB 515 Students; inadmissibility of certain statements, parental notification.

HB 536 Minimum wage; increases wage from its current federally mandated level.

HB 577 Alternative schedules; opening of school year.

HB 603 Driver's license; refusal to provide social security number due to religious objection.

HB 610 School calendar; local school boards responsible for setting and determining opening day.

HB 643 Virginia Public School Improvement Program; created.

HB 726 Students; suspension and expulsion, continuation of curriculum.

HB 859 Alternative enrollment policy; schools accredited with warning for three consecutive years, etc.

HB 862 Full-day kindergarten program plans.

HB 908 Contract passenger carriers; eliminates certain requirements.

HB 973 Traffic lights; use of photo-monitoring systems.

HB 1073 Criminal history record information; unauthorized dissemination, etc., civil action.

HB 1111 Tobacco products; electronic cigarettes, minors.

HB 1128 Cooperative career & technical education; school boards to provide to middle & high school students.

HB 1215 Reckless driving; violation of right-of-way.

SB 17 Electronic cigarettes; minors may not purchase or possess.

SB 99 Traffic accidents; State Police maintenance of reports.

SB 131 School calendar; continuing waivers.

SB 153 Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families; special education programs.

SB 179 Mopeds; drivers required to obtain driver's license.

SB 180 Mature driver crash prevention course; option for court in adjudicating defendants.

SB 225 Motor vehicle doors; drivers and passengers to wait for a reasonable opportunity to open.

SB 240 Public schools; withholding child from custodial parent.

SB 491 Driver's license, restricted; written offer of employment.

SB 505 Natural gas; incentives for expanded use as transportation fuel, report.

SB 506 Hybrid electric motor vehicles; eliminates annual license tax.

SB 509 Public schools; kindergarten instructional time.

SB 531 Contract passenger carriers; eliminates certain requirements.

SB 637 School calendar; continuing waivers.