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OVERVIEW

The 2007 Regular Session of the General Assembly convened on January 10th and adjourned February 24th.

The **Virginia Manufacturers Association (VMA)** continued our multi-year, proactive effort to advance our *Virginia Strategy for Growth and Manufacturing Renewal* in the General Assembly. Specifically, the association **was successful in advocating for 5 of 6 priority bills** that will help us build the most competitive manufacturing business climate in the Southern states.

1. HB 1442 (Nutter) CTE Training Requirements (Pass)
2. SB 1147 (Wagner) CTE Training Requirements (Pass)
3. HB 2148 (Fralin) Rolling Stock (Pass)
4. HB 2181 (Saxman) M&T Tax Reform, Idle Equipment (Pass)
5. SB 1151 (Wagner) M&T Tax Reform, Idle Equipment (Pass)
6. HB 2666 (Purkey) M&T Tax Reform, Pollution Control Equipment (KIA)

As with any strategy, a team effort is always necessary. The Board of Directors, Committees, VMA Government Affairs Council and key allies were all essential to our success. In that spirit, it is important to note those allies that played an integral role in helping secure some of our more specialized legislation. These relationships are important to our overall success and are growing each year.

The Virginia Trucking Association, Virginia Poultry Federation, National Federation of Independent Businesses, Virginia Association of Auto Dealers, Printing Industries of Virginia and Virginia Waste Industries Association were essential partners in advocating for many of the bills in this report.

The VMA owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Senator Frank Wagner and the other members of the newly codified Manufacturing Development Commission (formerly the Joint Subcommittee Studying Manufacturing) for their leadership on behalf of manufacturers in Virginia. We also recognize other legislators that patroned VMA priority legislation: Delegate Dave Nutter, Delegate William Fralin, Delegate Chris Saxman, Delegate Bob Purkey and Senator Frank Wagner.

The Virginia General Assembly held its reconvened session on April 4th, known as the “veto” session. Of the 3,069 bills introduced – 1,553 were approved by the legislature and the Governor vetoed 12. This resulted in a mere 31% of all bills being approved this session. The Virginia Manufacturers Association (VMA) tracked 123 bills and six of these bills were priority bills for the association. Of the VMA’s six priority bills, one was withdrawn in committee and the rest passed, resulting in an impressive 83% success rate for the 2007 Session.

The VMA’s Legislative Agenda draws from the primary needs of the industry. The VMA Board of Directors and key membership committees developed a proactive legislative “blueprint” aimed at reforming statutes and regulations that hinder manufacturing competitiveness – the *Virginia Strategy for Growth and Manufacturing Renewal*. This policy document was also adopted in a resolution by the General Assembly in 2004 and is central to the mission of the recently created Manufacturing Development Commission of the Virginia General Assembly. Each year the VMA uses the “*Virginia Strategy*” as a central guide in developing specific legislative proposals.

The association’s efforts this session were principally focused on eliminating machinery and tools taxation, reforming manufactured product sales taxation, improving career and technical education achievement,

regulating electric utilities, exempting all pollution control equipment from taxation, and insuring flexible and science-based environmental regulation. The VMA also has a substantial defensive lobbying effort. This year's defensive effort was principally focused on renewable portfolio standards in electricity sales, workers' compensation insurance regulation, illegal alien employment regulations, workplace smoking ban regulations, product liability changes and environmental board consolidation proposals.

Session Highlights

- Machinery & Tools Tax – Exempts idle machinery and tools from taxation and directs the Virginia Department of Taxation to promulgate rules to create a bona fide independent appraisal process for manufacturers to use in contesting machinery and tools valuations. Idle equipment exemption was passed with an “emergency clause” making it effective January 1, 2007, rather than the usual July 1 date. The bill passed with only two dissenting votes out of 140.
- Sales Tax, Rolling Stock – Eliminates sales tax on railroad rolling stock. Virginia statute is now consistent with over 30 other states. The bill passed with unanimous votes.
- Pollution Control Equipment – Exempts certified pollution control equipment from local machinery and tools taxation. The bill failed in committee.
- Technical Diploma – Creates a new high school diploma that shall meet or exceed the requirements of a standard diploma and will include a concentration in career and technical education. The House co-patron for the legislation, Delegate Dave Nutter, noted, “In order to compete economically, Virginia’s education system must display a commitment to producing the highly skilled workforce our dynamic economy demands. Trades and industries have a growing need for skilled professionals, and this bill goes a long way towards fulfilling that need.” The bill passed.
- Electric Utility Re-Regulation - After 10 years of planning and preparation to deregulate electric utilities in Virginia, the principle accomplishment of this legislation is that it recognized that the experiment with electric utility deregulation has not worked, and that some form of regulation is necessary to insure cost competitiveness of electricity and encourage the construction of 4,000 megawatts of new electricity generation to serve Virginia in the next decade.

The following statistics illustrate the importance of VMA Legislative Services and the volume of work that it carries for the Membership. **VMA managed 123 bills this year, with 6 priority bills. The Legislative Scorecard yielded an 83% success rate for priority bills thus far.**

VMA Legislative Services Statistics: 2003-2007

Year	Bills Managed	Correspondence Written	VMA LAC Alerts	Legislative Bulletin & Alerts	Government Affairs Council Meetings	Policy Primers Written	Frequency Staff Testified Before Committees
2003	105	572	9	7	7	28	31
2004	160	852	4	29	7	52	46
2005	65	202	14	26	7	35	46
2006	114	1042	10	31	7	31	37
2007	123	853	5	21	8	26	43

Type	<u>Introduced</u>	<u>Passed House</u>	<u>Passed Senate</u>	<u>Passed both</u>	<u>Continued</u>	<u>Failed</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Vetoed</u>
H.B.	1599	736	624	623	193	1166	0	616	7
H.J.R.	460	356	337	336	36	159	0	0	0
H.R.	50	43	0	43	0	7	0	0	0
S.B.	695	338	446	335	110	470	0	330	5
S.J.R.	237	193	209	191	19	64	0	2	0
S.R.	28	0	25	25	0	3	0	0	0
Totals	3069	1666	1641	1553	358	1869	0	948	12

Source: Virginia General Assembly, Legislative Information System, 2007.

What does all this mean to you?

There are literally hundreds of millions of dollars in potential costs associated with the 3,000+ bills introduced in the General Assembly each year. Having a well informed, respected and effective representative organization insures that there is clear focus and adequate resources directed at these challenges. Conversely, these resources can also be focused on being proactive as well. The entire VMA legislative affairs effort takes months and often years of preparation and diligence, but it is worth the investment. For example, Virginia's return to a regulated electricity market will save industry millions of dollars. Exempting idle machinery and tools is a significant savings for manufacturers in the nearly one dozen jurisdictions that were taxing this capital. In addition, creating a "bona fide independent appraisal" process for challenging the appraisal values of machinery and tools is another valuable accomplishment. The bottom-line is that VMA priority legislation is member-driven and will help every manufacturer in the Commonwealth improve its competitiveness and/or productivity. The defensive effort simply helps minimize risks. In conclusion, the VMA has been *Industry's Advocate* since 1922 and our legislative achievements are only bound by our members' imagination and commitment.

For a complete report, including the bill listing and Final Scorecard, e-mail Allan Sharrett (asharrett@vamanufacturers.com).

For more information on VMA Government Affairs, go to www.vamanufacturers.com

The following report is a comprehensive analysis of the legislation that the VMA monitored and managed on behalf of the Membership. Bills marked "VMA Bill" are bills that are introduced on behalf of the VMA and/or part of our ongoing, proactive *Virginia Strategy for Growth and Manufacturing Renewal*.

THE FINAL SCORE – 2007 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

W = WIN L = LOSS D = DRAW
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VMA Priority Bills: 83% Success Rate

Bill	Committee	Last action	Outcome
VMA PRIORITY BILLS (W-5, L-1)			
EDUCATION / WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT			
SB1147 – Wagner - Standard diploma; completion of a career-academic concentration.	(H) Committee on Education (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Signed by President	W
HB1442 – Nutter - Standard diploma; requirement includes career & technical education two credit sequence of courses.	(H) Committee on Education (S) Committee on Education and Health	(S) Incorporated by Education & Health (HB2039-Hamilton 15-Y 0-N)	W
TAX - MACHINERY AND TOOLS			
SB1151 – Wagner - Machinery and tools tax; provides uniform statewide statutory classification for idle machinery.	(H) Committee on Finance (S) Committee on Finance	(G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 159 (effective 1/1/07)	W
HB 2181 - Saxman - Machinery and tools tax; provides uniform statewide statutory classification for idle machinery.	(H) Committee on Finance (S) Committee on Finance	(G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 191 (effective 1/1/07)	W
HB 2666 - Purkey - Machinery and tools; exempts certified pollution control equipment and facilities.	(H) Committee on Finance	(H) Left in Finance	L
TAX - EXCISE AND INDUSTRY SPECIFIC			
HB 2148 - Fralin - Retail Sales and Use Tax; exemption includes railroad rolling stock when sold by manufacturer.	(H) Committee on Finance (S) Committee on Finance	(S) Signed by President	W

Tracked VMA Bills in 2007 Session: 123

P=Pass
NP=No Pass

W=Win
L=Loss
D=Draw
NA=Monitored

Civil Litigation Issues

Bill Name	Last Action and Outcome
SB 1009 - SB 1009 Civil actions; docketing for trial.	NP - L
SB 912 - SB 912 Contradiction of witness; extrajudicial statement.	P - NA
SB 911 - SB 911 Nonsuits; notice required.	P - W
HB 2835 - HB 2835 Attorney General; compromise and settlement of disputes.	P - W
HB 2685 - HB 2685 Accrual of right of action; product liability cases.	NP - W
HB 2521 - HB 2521 Failure to serve process; court may dismiss action if process has not been served within one year.	P - W
HB 2520 - HB 2520 Health records privacy; exceptions.	P - NA
HB 2435 - HB 2435 Lawful immigration status in order to obtain domicile in the Commonwealth.	NP - L
HB 1906 - HB 1906 Unfair employment practices; discharging employees when unauthorized aliens are employed.	NP - W

Constitution

Bill Name	Last Action and Outcome
HJ 572 - HJ 572 Constitutional amendments; balance of executive and legislative branch powers (first reference).	NP - NA
HJ 571 - HJ 571 Constitutional amendment; Governor's term of office (first reference).	NP - NA
HJ 570 - HJ 570 Constitutional amendments; Governor's term of office & appt. of members to Board of Educ. (1st ref).	NP - NA
HJ 569 - HJ 569 Constitutional amendment; appointment of members to Board of Education (first reference).	NP - NA
HJ 568 - HJ 568 Constitutional amendment; Governor's term of office (first reference).	NP - L

Economic Development Issues

Bill Name

SB 768 - [SB 768 Small business; change in definition.](#) **NP - NA**

Education/Workforce Training Issues

Bill Name

SB 1147 - [SB 1147 Graduation requirements; standard diploma.](#) **P - W**

HJ 646 - [HJ 646 Study; K-12 education outreach collaboration.](#) **NP - L**

HB 2039 - [Diploma, advanced technical; Board of Education to establish requirements thereof.](#) **P - W**

HB 1442 - [HB 1442 Standard diploma; requirements to include one concentration in career and technical education.](#) **P - W**

Energy Regulation Issues

Bill Name

SB 1416 - [SB 1416 Electric utilities.](#) **P - D**

SB 1275 - [SB 1275 Renewable energy and energy efficiency program requirements.](#) **NP - W**

SB 1191 - [SB 1191 Electric utility restructuring.](#) **NP - NA**

SB 1152 - [SB 1152 Energy grant programs.](#) **P - W**

SB 1031 - [SB 1031 Power plant siting.](#) **P - NA**

SB 841 - [SB 841 Coastal Energy Research Consortium; addition to membership.](#) **P - W**

HJ 575 - [HJ 575 Energy Conservation Awareness Week; designating as first week in October 2007, and each succeeding.](#) **P - W**

HB 3068 - [HB 3068 Electric Utility Restructuring Act; when SCC has to establish post-capped rate period rates.](#) **P - D**

HB 2784 - [HB 2784 Electric utility restructuring; capped rates; default service rates.](#) **NP - NA**

HB 2247 - [HB 2247 Biofuels Incentive Grant Program; production eligibility.](#) **P - W**

HB 1678 - [HB 1678 Retail Sales and Use Tax; exemptions include energy-efficient products.](#) **P - W**

Environmental

Bill Name

SB 1403 - [SB 1403 Department of Environmental Quality.](#) **P - D**

SB 1061 - [SB 1061 Local regulation of fertilizer.](#) **P - W**

SB 821 - [SB 821 Erosion and sediment control; violation of ordinances.](#) **P - NA**

HB 3113 - [HB 3113 Environmental Quality, Department of; consolidation of various boards, increase of authority.](#) **P - D**

Environmental - Air Issues

Bill Name

SB 925 - [SB 925 Methods to determine opacity.](#) **P - W**

Environmental - Waste Issues

Bill Name

SJ 361 - [SJ 361 Waste minimization, reuse, and recycling; Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study.](#) **P - NA**

SB 1339 - [SB 1339 Land application of biosolids.](#) **P - NA**

HJ 694 - [HJ 694 Study; the impacts of biosolids; report.](#) **P - NA**

HB 2802 - [HB 2802 Land application of biosolids.](#) **P - NA**

HB 2801 - [HB 2801 Land application of sewage sludge.](#) **NP - NA**

HB 2079 - [HB 2079 Sewage sludge; consolidates program that regulates application thereof.](#) **P - NA**

Environmental - Water Issues

Bill Name

HB 2539 - [HB 2539 Virginia Water Protection Permit.](#) **P - W**

HB 2180 - [HB 2180 Stormwater inspectors; removes certification required by Department of Environmental Quality.](#) **P - NA**

HB 2082 - [HB 2082 Menhaden; establishes annual harvest quota for portion of Chesapeake Bay.](#) **P - D**

HB 1624 - [HB 1624 Menhaden; limits on amount harvested annually.](#) **P - D**

General Government

Bill Name

SB 1161 - [Smoke Free Air Act; created.](#) **NP - W**

SB 1140 - [SB 1140 Scrap metal processors.](#) **P - NA**

SB 977 - [SB 977 Mandatory retirement for judges.](#) **NP - NA**

SB 781 - [SB 781 Eminent domain; definition of public uses.](#) **P - NA**

SB 765 - [SB 765 Real property assessments.](#) **NP - NA**

HB 3023 - [HB 3023 Use of synthetic urine to defeat a drug or alcohol test.](#) **P - W**

HB 2491 - [HB 2491 Alcoholic beverage control; interior advertising; civil penalty.](#) **P - NA**

HB 2422 - [Smoking; prohibited in restaurants, penalty.](#) **NP - W**

Health Insurance Issues

Bill Name

SJ 397 - [SJ 397 Study; Department of Medical Administrative Services; cost of insulin and human growth hormone.](#) **NP - NA**

SB 931 - SB 931 Health insurance; mandated coverage for	P - L
HJ 713 - HJ 713 Study; Department of Medical Administrative Services; cost of insulin and human growth hormone to th	NP - NA
HJ 704 - HJ 704 Study; prepaid long-term care policy; report.	NP - L
HB 2952 - HB 2952 Medical records; fees for copying.	NP - NA
HB 2949 - HB 2949 Health insurance; mandated coverage for treatment by	NP - W
HB 2948 - HB 2948 State employee health plan.	NP - NA
HB 2635 - HB 2635 Special Advisory Commission on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits.	NP - W
HB 2447 - HB 2447 Health insurance; mandated coverage for enteral formulas necessitated by inborn metabolic disorders.	NP - W
HB 2426 - HB 2426 Health insurance; coverage for bone marrow transplants.	NP - NA
HB 2367 - HB 2367 Health care data reporting; repeals sunset.	P - W
HB 2156 - HB 2156 Health insurance; mandated coverage for evaluations of brain tumors.	NP - W
HB 1975 - HB 1975 Health insurance; mandated coverage for CyberKnife procedures.	NP - W
HB 1788 - HB 1788 Medical records; no fee for itemized list of charges.	NP - L
HB 1616 - HB 1616 Income tax, state; tax credit for health insurance premiums paid by small business employers.	NP - L
HB 945 - HB 945 Pharmacy benefits managers; requirements for regulation and registration.	NP - W

Labor-Management Issues

Bill Name

SB 1354 - SB 1354 Occupational safety and health; civil penalties.	NP - NA
HB 2826 - HB 2826 Virginia Security and Immigration Compliance Act.	NP - W
HB 2687 - HB 2687 Unfair employment practices; discharging employees when unauthorized aliens are employed.	NP - W

Tax - Excise & Industry-Specific Issues

Bill Name

SB 1214 - SB 1214 Cigarette tax.	NP - W
SB 1206 - SB 1206 Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement.	NP - L
SB 1167 - SB 1167 Sales and use tax exemption; hurricane preparedness equipment.	P - NA
SB 999 - SB 999 Sales and use tax exemption; textbooks withdrawn from inventory.	P - NA
SB 867 - SB 867 Sales tax exemption; energy-efficient	P - W

[products.](#)

HB 2148 - [HB 2148 Sales and use tax; commercial and industrial exemptions; railroad rolling stock.](#) **P - W**

Tax - Local Authority Issues

Bill Name

SB 1020 - [SB 1020 Sales and use tax; increase authorized in certain localities.](#) **NP - NA**

HB 2618 - [HB 2618 Classification of real property; energy-efficient buildings.](#) **P - L**

HB 1991 - [HB 1991 Road impact fees; authorizes certain counties to impose.](#) **NP - NA**

HB 1672 - [HB 1672 Real property; establishes separate classes for purposes of taxation rates.](#) **NP - W**

Tax - Machinery & Tools Issues

Bill Name

SB 1151 - [SB 1151 Machinery and tools tax; idle machinery and tools; emergency clause.](#) **P - W**

SB 870 - [SB 870 Income tax credits; machinery and equipment used in recycling process.](#) **P - W**

HB 3044 - [HB 3044 Corporate income tax credit for machinery and equipment for processing recyclable materials; extend](#) **P - NA**

HB 2666 - [HB 2666 Machinery and tools taxation.](#) **NP - L**

HB 2181 - [HB 2181 Machinery and tools tax; idle machinery and tools; emergency clause.](#) **P - W**

HB 1937 - [HB 1937 Machinery and tools tax; provides uniform statewide statutory classification for idle machinery.](#) **NP - NA**

Tax - Other

Bill Name

SB 1058 - [SB 1058 Local real estate tax exemptions.](#) **NP - NA**

SB 772 - [SB 772 Business, professional, occupational license \(BPOL\) tax; motor fuels tax exemption.](#) **P - W**

HB 2803 - [HB 2803 Income tax and sales and use tax; tax preferences for certain telecommunications service providers.](#) **NP - L**

HB 2467 - [HB 2467 Motor vehicle sales and use tax; basis and rate.](#) **NP - NA**

HB 2466 - [HB 2466 Motor vehicle sales and use tax; basis and rate.](#) **NP - NA**

HB 1755 - [Utility Transfers Act; telephone companies.](#) **NP - NA**

HB 1703 - [HB 1703 Retail Sales and Use Tax; increases amount of revenue dedicated to Transportation Trust Fund.](#) **NP - NA**

HB 1696 - [HB 1696 Internal Revenue Code; conforms State's system of taxation thereto.](#) **P - W**

HB 1695 - [HB 1695 Business, professional, occupational license \(BPOL\) tax; motor fuels tax exemption.](#) **P - W**

HB 1678 - [HB 1678 Retail Sales and Use Tax; exemptions include energy-efficient products.](#) **P - W**

Transportation Issues

Bill Name

SB 1026 - [SB 1026 State secondary highway system; local-option retail sales taxes on motor fuels.](#) **NP - NA**

SB 830 - [SB 830 Special Sales and Use Tax Fund Account of Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; created, etc.](#) **NP - NA**

SB 782 - [SB 782 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; automated toll collections.](#) **NP - NA**

SB 756 - [SB 756 Public-Private Partnership Advisory Commission.](#) **P - NA**

HJ 675 - [HJ 675 Constitutional amendment \(first resolution\); Transportation Trust Fund.](#) **NP - NA**

HB 2464 - [HB 2464 Motor fuels tax and road tax; rates and refunds.](#) **NP - NA**

HB 2314 - [HB 2314 Eliminates Truck-only Tolling.](#) **P - W**

HB 1716 - [HB 1716 Trucks & combination vehicles; Transp. Bd. to impose fee thereon for use of maintaining hwys.](#) **NP - W**

HB 1700 - [HB 1700 Defense Facility and Transportation Improvement Fund and Program; created.](#) **NP - L**

HB 1638 - [HB 1638 Transportation Trust Fund; sales and use tax revenue dedicated thereto.](#) **NP - NA**

Unemployment Insurance Issues

Bill Name

SB 1056 - [SB 1056 Special Unemployment Compensation Administration Fund; discretionary expenditures.](#) **P - NA**

Workers Compensation Insurance Issues

Bill Name

SB 1169 - [SB 1169 Workers' Compensation; offset for Longshore payments.](#) **P - W**

SB 1073 - [SB 1073 Occupational health and safety; penalty for violations.](#) **NP - NA**

SB 1013 - [SB 1013 Workers' compensation; alternative dispute resolution.](#) **NP - W**

SB 979 - [SB 979 Workers' compensation; panel of physicians.](#) **NP - W**

SB 747 - [SB 747 Workers' compensation; occupational disease presumption for police officers of Norfolk Airport Auth.](#) **P - NA**

HB 2688 - [HB 2688 Workers' compensation; benefits paid to unauthorized aliens; penalties.](#) **NP - W**

HB 2428 - [HB 2428 Workers' compensation; requires certain employers to furnish medical care thereunder.](#) **NP - W**

HB 2219 - [HB 2219 Workers' compensation; alternative dispute resolution systems agreed to in certain agreements.](#) **NP - W**

Budget

Bill Name
SB 760 - [SB 760 Use of year-end general fund balance.](#) **NP - NA**

Public Safety Issues

Bill Name
HB 2600 - [HB 2600 Personal information privacy; protection of disposed records; penalty.](#) **NP - W**

Employment/Workforce

Bill Name
HJ 705 - [HJ 705 Study; affordable housing for the work force.](#) **NP - NA**
HB 2272 - [HB 2272 Employment Commission; electronic filing of employer's reports therewith.](#) **P - W**

VMA Priority Bills

HB 2181 Machinery and tools tax; provides uniform statewide statutory classification for idle machinery.

A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-3507 of the Code of Virginia, relating to machinery and tools tax; emergency.

077132129

Summary as introduced:

Machinery and tools tax; idle machinery and tools; emergency clause. Provides a uniform statewide statutory classification and taxation for idle machinery and tools on a prospective basis by allowing such machinery and tools to be taxed as capital as long as they have not been used for at least one year prior to tax day and they have been identified in writing by the taxpayer to the commissioner of the revenue as such. The bill has an emergency clause.

02/05/07 House: VOTE: PASSAGE EMERGENCY (96-Y 2-N)

02/05/07 House: Communicated to Senate

02/06/07 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

02/06/07 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

02/07/07 House: Impact statement from TAX (HB2181E)

SB 1151 Machinery and tools tax; provides uniform statewide statutory classification for idle machinery.

A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-3507 of the Code of Virginia, relating to machinery and tools tax; emergency.

077133129

Summary as introduced:

Machinery and tools tax; idle machinery and tools; emergency clause. Provides a uniform statewide statutory classification and taxation for idle machinery and tools on a prospective basis by allowing such machinery and tools to be taxed as capital as long as they have not been used for at least one year prior to tax day and they have been identified in writing by the taxpayer to the commissioner of the revenue as such. The bill has an emergency clause.

01/29/07 Senate: Communicated to House

02/05/07 House: Placed on Calendar

02/05/07 House: Read first time

02/05/07 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

02/05/07 Senate: Impact statement from TAX (SB1151E)

(KIA) HB 2666 Machinery and tools; classification as intangible personal property.

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 58.1-1101, 58.1-3507, and 58.1-3660 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the classification of certain machinery and tools as intangible personal property and the exemption of certain certified pollution control equipment and facilities from taxation.

070226832

Summary as introduced:

Machinery and tools taxation. Exempts certified pollution control equipment and facilities, placed in service on or after January 1, 2009, from state and local taxation pursuant to subsection d of Section 6 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia. The measure also provides that certain machinery and tools placed in service on or after January 1, 2009, are taxable as intangible personal property, thereby excluding such property from local taxation.

01/10/07 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

01/18/07 House: Assigned Finance sub: #2 (Ware, R.L.)

01/23/07 House: Impact statement from TAX (HB2666)

02/03/07 House: Impact statement from DHCD (HB2666)

02/06/07 House: Left in Finance

HB 2148 Retail Sales and Use Tax; exemption includes railroad rolling stock when sold by manufacturer.

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 58.1-602 and 58.1-609.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to commercial and industrial sales and use tax exemptions; railroad rolling stock.

073466540

Summary as introduced:

Sales and use tax; commercial and industrial exemptions; railroad rolling stock. Provides an exemption from the sales and use tax for railroad rolling stock when sold or leased by the manufacturer.

01/25/07 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N)

01/25/07 House: Communicated to Senate

01/26/07 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

01/26/07 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

02/05/07 House: Impact statement from TAX (HB2148H1)

HB 1442 Standard diploma; requirements to include one concentration in career and technical education.

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-253.13:4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to graduation requirements.

072318436

Summary as passed House:

Graduation requirements; standard diploma. Expands the requirements for earning a standard diploma to include a career and technical education two credit sequence of courses.

01/17/07 House: Communicated to Senate

01/18/07 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

01/18/07 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

01/24/07 House: Impact statement from DPB (HB1442H1)

02/02/07 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Public Education

SB 1147 Standard diploma; completion of a career-academic concentration.

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-253.13:4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to graduation requirements.

075408832

Summary as passed Senate:

Graduation requirements; standard diploma. Expands the requirements for earning a standard diploma to include a career-academic concentration, as prescribed by Board of Education regulations.

02/06/07 Senate: VOTE: (40-Y 0-N)

02/06/07 Senate: Communicated to House

02/07/07 House: Placed on Calendar

02/07/07 House: Read first time

02/07/07 House: Referred to Committee on Education