

VPMIA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Report

Microsoft Teams June 7, 2024, 10:00am to 11:05am

Audio Recorded Duration: 1hr 5 minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

A Quorum was established and acknowledged by Joshua Rolfe Secretary

Motion to approve agenda: Approved Unanimously

Treasurer Report: Please see attached approved agenda for report. Questions came up from membership hoping to get a breakdown on the Spring SOI Income. Members would like to see how much income was brought in by the SOI registrations, ads, tables, etc. They would also like to know if the Event was covered by the charges or if the Association had to pay out of pocket. Comment was made that the membership would like to see this information before approving a limit for the promo items to know how much to put into it. There was clarification that the previous year had a negative income due to the fiscal year end timing and the funds from PayPal needing to be transferred to the new United bank account which will show up on the next fiscal year report. Membership asked if the stipend was in process for this year and the President confirmed it was in process as well as Sandi Morris explaining that it is in process but unintentionally delayed due to a change of their FY. Sandi confirmed she set it back on track. The new process for the stipend utilization will likely require more information on how the stipend will be used.

Executive Secretary Report: Please see attached approved agenda

Committee Reports:

ICC:

Ron Clements referenced the report sent to the BOD but wanted to highlight a few things. The Energy Conservation Code (ECC) appeals process is mostly wrapped up, several revisions not dealing with things directly relating to energy popped up such as rewiring homes to have solar, EV charging, and HVAC energy management. These were moved to the appendix. The ECC will be released in a couple of months as it was delayed from the previously mentioned situation. From this experience the ICC Board is going to reevaluate the scope of the ECC for the purpose of clarifying the intent of that code. ICC Extended gratitude for the VPMIA posting on the Kudos board for the 30th anniversary. A Membership survey is coming soon from ICC to get metrics from the industry.

ICC Region VII:

Joshua Rolfe is the chair, but his jurisdiction was not able to send him to the April ICC event where the next Region VII meeting was to be conducted and no info was available on the website or any other platform he is aware of.

DHCD DPOR:

Jerry Heinline stated there was not much to report at this time and referenced the report submitted in the packet. Jerry stated the next meeting is Tuesday the 18th at 8AM and a full board meeting at 10am. They are going to review the test questions this year for all the licenses and consider allowing breaks as part of the testing procedure.

Advertising yearbook:

James Anjam spoke on the Zero cost of putting out the yearbook and thanked Vic Hines for the support in making it happen. There was only one negative comment made by a regular advertiser stating they didn't see the value in having the digital yearbook. All other feedback has been positive. Feedback from corporate advertisers state concern that the yearbook needs technical articles or else is a giant digital ad.

Auditing:

Pete Kaptain can now work on the auditing for the organization since the changeover has happened. He will also work with Frederick Crowell to finish it since it was started by Frederick first.

Awards:

Vacant

By Laws:

Skip Harper stated no update at this time on the Call for Reports. A question was asked if the By Law change was submitted to Skip to be officially added to the By Laws. It was clarified by Joshua Rolfe that the reason the change has not been seen is because the website has not been able to be updated due to the IT issues with the laptop. Once resolved the site will be updated to reflect the approved change.

Certification/Education:

Finishing up organizing the training for the Summer SOI.

Finance:

The report was given by Joshua Rolfe as Chris Hickey was not able to attend.

Information and Technology:

Travers Body stated that Anthony McMahan was working on fixing another laptop to be used for IT purposes and he stated he needed access to the Constant Contact Log In info for him to be able to update it.

Nominating:

Dennis Hart was not able to attend, and no update was received.

Legislative:

Ron Clements was not able to send the report prior to the meeting and the report will be added to this document. The highlights he wanted to note was House Bill 285, this states localities will now be the building official for bus shelters over 256sq ft. A Code change submission to allow a single exit for an apartment building of an R2 is under review. A study is being conducted on the matter. Another Bill was brought up by Henrico County to allow the maximum fines to go from \$2500-\$5000 to \$5000-\$10,000 for recurring infractions (possibly oriented towards maintenance violations). Another bill tabled for now was to only allow a 10-year limit for a building official to be allowed to serve. Terminology will be changed from the current wording stating the building official has a permanent seat which is not actually the intent as there are ways for them to be removed. The wording will likely be updated soon. House Bill 1270 speaks to prohibiting localities from restricting issuance of a building permit prior to a mold assessment on the building. It is being changed to a consumer protection law not a building code.

Membership:

Chris Martin gave his report as attached to this document with nothing further to add.

PMG:

Dennis Hart was not able to attend.

Time and Place:

Vacant

Building Safety Month and VCEC:

Tom Clark was not able to attend.

VBCOA:

David Beahm was not able to attend.

New Business:

#1 Discussion happened as to the support of each of the candidates and a **Motion** was approved to support all candidates and allow the nominating committee for ICC to discern among the candidates.

#2 Summer SOI discussion started on a charge for the Summer SOI. A **Motion** was approved to charge \$25 per person for the Summer SOI.

#3 and #4 (see agenda) Were tabled by the president until a financial status has been updated and a breakdown of the profit/loss for the Spring SOI has been

#5 A **Motion** was approved for \$1200 to get a new laptop for IT if needed in case the laptop from Anthony McMahan does not fulfill the needs. The new laptop fund is mainly a contingency only if needed. Discretion was given to Anthony and Travers Body to determine whether a computer needs purchasing and which computer is needed if determined necessary by them.

#6 Discussion on scholarships for the ICC Long Beach event started. It was determined to check on the scholarship VBCOA is currently offering and mirror that if we are able to. Further research will be done on the matter and discussion will take place after the details are ascertained.

VPMIA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

June 7, 2024

10:00am-12:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Determination of Quorum

Report of Officers:

Secretary (Joshua Rolfe):

Treasurer (Chris Hickey):

Executive Secretary (Chris Martin)

Ex-Officio Committee Officers:

ICC:

ICC Region VII: Jane Kim

DHCD: DPOR: Jerry Heinline

Standing Committees:

Advertising/Yearbook (James Anjam):

Auditing (Pete Kaptian):

Awards (Vacant):

Bylaws (Skip Harper)

Certification/Education (Anthony McMahan)

Finance (Chris Hickey):

Information Technology (Travers Body):

Nominating (Dennis Hart):

Legislative (Ron Clements):

Membership (Chris Martin):

Plumbing/Mechanical/Fuel Gas (Dennis Hart):

Time and Place/ School of Instruction (Vacant):

Ad HOC Committees:

BCAAC (Vacant)

Building Safety Month (Tom Clark):

VCEC (Anthony McMahan/Tom Clark):

VBCOA Liaison (David Beahm):

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Support requests for ICC Board of Directors:

Christina Jackson, Senior Code Compliance Inspector, City of Newport News
(ICC BOD)

Allison Cook, Construction Plans Examiner, Arlington County (ICC BOD)

Randall Metz, Division Chief - Fire Marshall, Carlsbad, Ca. (reelection)

Mike Boso President and David Spencer Vice President (reelection)

2. Summer SOI 2024
3. Purchasing Shirts for Spring SOI 2025
4. Restock our Promotional items.
5. Updating equipment: Laptop
6. Attending ICC Code Conference, Long Beach, Ca.

Other Business:



Treasurers Report: 06/07/2024

TRUIST account has been closed with a remaining balance of \$ 6,928.01.

The VPMIA Treasurer Account Transfer between Outgoing Treasurer Josh Rolfe to Incoming Treasurer Chris Hickey and Executive Secretary Chris Martin occurred on 05/30/2024.

United Bank Account at time of transfer: \$864.01.

Deposit of Closed Truist Check: \$ 6,928.01

Deposit of New Membership Dues: \$ 45.00 (Josh Landis/ Goochland County)

Deposit of Merchandise Sales: \$ 410.00 (Flashlights & Yeti Cups)

Checking Account Balance: \$ 8,247.02

Credit Card Balance: \$ 500.00

- Automatic Payment has been set up for the United Bank Credit Card, the first payment will come out **06/25/24**.

Will need to have treasurer@vpmia.org e-mail sent to/forwarded to Chris.Hickey@loudoung.gov to make sure all relative correspondence/checks/bills, etc., are received.

GRAVES MOUNTAIN SUMMER SOI:

Graves Mountain Deposit and Contract was signed. Full payment will be made on Day of Instruction & General Membership Meeting on **07/26/24**.

PROMTIONAL ITEMS:

The purchasing of Promotional Items is contingent on the Approval of the Board for the allotted amount of \$ 1,000.00, would like to seek approval from the board to increase the spending amount to \$ 1,500.00. We have enough chip clips from last years order, but would like to suggest reordering the pens w/holder, plus, having stickers made up of our two Logo Designs, carpenter pencils w/logo, cups w/logo and a fridge magnet with our two logo designs.

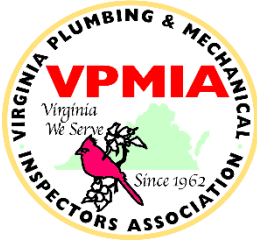
SPRING SOI 2024 MEMBER GIFT:

President Fred Crowell II has suggested a shirt for a gift to all attending members. The Board can discuss the style and design of shirt, once approved, we can reach out for pricing and purchase.

Respectfully Submitted on 06/07/24,

Chris Hickey

Treasurer VPMIA



DHCD Report (6/3/24)

FOND FAREWELL (6/3/24)

Cindy Davis, DHCD deputy director of the division of Building and Fire Regulation, retired effective May 31. Cindy's leadership, dedication, and commitment to creating safe, affordable, and resilient places for the citizens and visitors of the Commonwealth to live, work, and play will be surely missed.

DHCD has started the process of refilling the position, in the meantime contact Jeff Brown with code related concerns and Sandi Morris with questions related to training or certification.

CODE DEVELOPMENT - 2021 CODE CYCLE (Updated 5/7/24)

- The effective date of the 2021 Uniform Statewide Building Code, Statewide Fire Prevention Code, Industrialized Building Safety Regulations, and the Amusement Device Regulations was January 18, 2024. During the [one-year period](#) immediately following the effective date of the USBC (until January 18, 2025), an applicant for a construction permit can choose to comply with the 2018 edition, or the 2021 edition of the USBC.
- The custom versions of the 2021 I-Codes that incorporate the Virginia amendments have been published by the International Code Council (ICC) and are available for purchasing through [ICC's website](#). Digital versions of the Virginia code books can also be viewed free on [ICC's website](#).
- The 2021 state regulation pamphlets (USBC Part I, USBC Part II, USBC Part III, SFPC, IBSR, VADR, Related laws, VCS, MHSR, and MHLTRF) are also available on DHCD's [Virginia Building and Fire Regulations](#) page.
- DHCD is providing one printed set of the 2021 Virginia code books to each locality. Delivery of the books began in January.
- One printed set of 2021 Virginia code books translated to Spanish will also be delivered to each building department in Q2 of 2024.
- Additional information on a couple of significant changes in the 2021 codes:
 - NFPA 13R sprinkler systems now limited to Group R occupancies with highest floor level no more than 30 feet above level of fire department vehicle access. This change will impact some four-story building designs under the 2021 VCC; however, the IBC height limitation was revisited and increased in the 2024 IBC, allowing an NFPA 13R sprinkler system in R-2 building designs less than 45ft in height, so a code modification can be used to address any concerns until Virginia updates to the 2024 codes.
 - The 2021 IBC references the 2016 edition of ASCE 7, a Resiliency Sub-Workgroup proposal approved for the 2021 VCC pulled the newer ASCE

7-22 version forward from the 2024 IBC. As a result, the 2022 edition of ASCE 7 (ASCE 7-22) is referenced in the 2021 VCC.

REGULATORY REDUCTION (Updated 3/19/24)

[Executive Order Number 19](#) established the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) and implementation of a requirement that Virginia agencies achieve a 25% reduction in regulatory requirements by December 31, 2025. DHCD is currently reviewing the previous efforts of the Board during the 2021 code update cycle as they may relate to regulatory reduction and will continue to collaborate with ORM throughout the regulatory reduction process to ensure compliance with Executive Order Number 19. We will provide additional information when available.

CODE DEVELOPMENT - 2024 CODE CYCLE (Updated 3/19/24)

DHCD Code Development staff have begun internal preparations for the 2024 code development cycle, and we anticipate publishing of a NOIRA by the end of 2024.

SPANISH VERSIONS OF USBC/SFPC (Updated 5/7/24)

- DHCD worked with a translation company to provide a Spanish version of the 2018 USBC and SFPC regulations (pamphlet style) and are available on the DHCD website. This includes:
 - The Related Laws Package
 - VA Construction Code
 - VA Existing Building Code
 - VA Maintenance Code
 - VA Statewide Fire Prevention Code
- These publications are available in pdf format here:
<https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/building-and-fire-regulations-archives>
Note: DPOR has also made their contractor's license exams available in Spanish.
- Spanish versions of the 2021 USBC, SFPC, and Related Laws pamphlets will be posted as soon as they are available.

DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL NOTICES (Updated 2/21/24)

We have received a number of questions related to an ICC email indicating that the person's ICC digital subscription is set to expire and provides a renewal link. The subscription the ICC email is referring to is not the Digital Premium Complete subscription. It's a subscription specifically to the 2015 VA codes provided at the time of the 2015 VA code adoption to those localities requesting a digital version rather than a hard copy. Those building officials who requested and received the digital version may now be receiving this email. This subscription was set to expire and does not need to be renewed. All DPC subscriptions should be in place with no interruption.

Contact Sandi Morris with questions sandi.morris@dhcd.virginia.gov

ICC DIGITAL CODES PREMIUM COMPLETE SUBSCRIPTIONS

- *IMPORTANT: DHCD is redistributing the unredeemed coupon codes to jurisdictions seeking additional subscriptions.*
- For non-levy contributing entities (such as universities, airport authorities, etc) DHCD is able to provide the 6-year subscription(s) at DHCD's discounted cost of \$1042. Interested entities should contact Sandi Morris directly.
- The DHCD webpage dhcd.virginia.gov/icc-digital-codes-premium provides links to:
 - ICC/DHCD Webinar providing a detailed walkthrough of features.
 - Instructions on redeeming your coupon code and adding the subscription to your ICC account.

Contact Sandi Morris with any questions at sandi.morris@dhcd.virginia.gov .

AGRITOURISM EVENT STRUCTURE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AgTAC)

During the 2023 General Assembly Session, SB1305 was passed related to Agritourism. The bill established a standing committee of the Board of Housing and Community Development that was established pursuant to SB400 (2022 Session). The new legislation also implemented three minimum safety requirements ((i) portable fire extinguishers, (ii) a simple written plan in case of an emergency, and (iii) a sign posted in a conspicuous place upon entry that states that the building is exempt from the provisions of the building code for farm buildings and structures that are open to the general public for agritourism activities. The bill directed the committee to meet at least four times during 2023 to continue considering issues of concern regarding fire safety and the welfare of the general public at agritourism facilities. The final report along with agreed upon guidance documents can be found here at the links below. To date, no further meetings are scheduled, but that is subject to change depending on direction from the BHCD or additional legislation.

[AgTAC Memo – 2023 Findings and Recommendations](#)

[AgTAC Memo – Offered Best Practices and Resources Related to §36-99.B](#)

BRIC GRANT (Updated 3/18/2024)

In 2021, DHCD was awarded a FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) Grant. The grant provides funding for Virginia code enforcement personnel to attend ICC's "When Disaster Strikes Institute", free of charge, with an opportunity to obtain a certificate of learning. DHCD has partnered with ICC to provide this training throughout the state over the last year. Training has been held in Eastern VA, SWVA, Central VA, and was provided at the 2023 VCEC and 2022 VBCOA annual conference. We are also working on scheduling other in-person courses, so be on the lookout for the announcements and do not miss out on this free opportunity. This training is a first step in a collaborative effort between DHCD and VBCOA to provide a statewide disaster response network of trained/qualified inspectors that are ready to assist with conducting these critical post-disaster inspections throughout Virginia,

should a disaster strike. Contact Paul Messplay with any questions
paul.messplayiv@dhcd.virginia.gov

ENHANCED MITIGATION PLAN

Virginia updated its State Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2023 and is now seeking to achieve enhanced plan status through FEMA. Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plans allow states to receive increased funding at the time of a disaster declaration. The process for achieving enhanced status takes roughly four years and involves the Virginia Department of Emergency Management working with every state agency to understand and better articulate to FEMA the ways in which they pursue the goal of mitigation. DHCD will be working with VDEM to ensure that the adoption of the latest model codes are at the forefront of this plan. As such, DHCD will be encouraging VDEM to bring key stakeholders, such as VBCOA, to the table in furtherance of this objective.

VIRGINIA RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CODE RESOURCES (Updated 3/19/24)

DHCD collaborated with Viridiant and the Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA) to develop several resources to aid in implementation of 2018 energy provisions for residential structures. These resources are intended to assist plan reviewers and inspectors in reviewing plans and inspecting buildings for compliance with the 2018 Virginia Residential Code's energy conservation provisions. These very helpful Virginia Energy Code Resources are now available at: <https://www.viridiant.org/2018-virginia-residential-energy-code-resources/>. A link to the resources has also been added on DHCD's website here: <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/informational-documents-and-publications>. Note: Updated (2021) versions of the resources are currently being developed and will be published as soon as they are available.

AMUSEMENT DEVICE INSPECTION STICKERS

2024 Amusement Device Certificates of Inspection (stickers) are still available for distribution. You may order your 2024 stickers by contacting Khushnood Nabizada at Khushnood.nabizada@dhcd.virginia.gov. Order early and order the quantity you anticipate needing through 2024 to ensure you have an adequate supply when needed. Please note that inspection stickers will only be provided to the building official of the jurisdiction, as they are responsible for them.

SBCO OFFSITE CONSTRUCTION

There is a new State Building Codes Office email address osc@dhcd.virginia.gov that can be used for all inquiries related to industrialized buildings or manufactured housing. All other SBCO inquiries can continue to be sent to sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov.

DHCD LEVY AND PERMIT REPORTING PORTAL (Updated 3/19/24)

The new Levy and Permit Portal is now open.

Localities received information on account set and portal use in December. If localities have not yet established their account and approved users, please do so as soon as possible. Payment notices for FY24 Q4 are scheduled to go out July 1st with payment due no later than Aug 1. Payment notices will go out on the following schedule:

- 1st (or next business day) of the next month - payment due notice

- payment due within 30 days
- 20th - reminder notice
- 5 days after due date - late notice

The portal accepts ACH and credit card payments. Note that there will be no credit card or ACH fees to the jurisdictions. The system streamlines the permit activity reporting process as well to provide consistent data reporting from all localities. Contact Sandi Morris sandi.morris@dhcd.virginia.gov with questions.

CODE CHANGE TRAINING - 2021 Code Cycle (updated 5/8/24)

- The 2021 Code Change Training is in progress. [CCT training requirements](#) are available on the DHCD website.
- New this cycle is the requirement for certain certificate holders to complete Accessibility training. Refer to the [training requirements](#) for more information.
- **NEW - Self-paced online** (VA Learning Center) – **Available Modules:**
 - **Admin and Related** (but not the also mandatory-for-ALL “Admin Refresher”, coming soon), which includes:
 - Uniform Statewide Building Code Chapter 1
 - Industrialized Building Safety Regulations (IBSR)
 - VA Amusement Device Regulations (VADR)
 - Elevator provisions
 - Virginia Property Maintenance Code (VPMC)
 - Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC)
 - International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC)
 - **The "Commercial Bundle"** (includes significant changes to the VCC, VEBC, and VECC Commercial provisions) is currently live.
 - **The "Virginia Residential Code" (VRC) Module** (added 3/22/24)
 - The **Mechanical/Fuel Gas module** will go live early June 2024

VBCA COURSES (Updated 5/8/24)

- **VBCA Schedule – new live calendar.** Visit the [Online Registration System](#) for schedule information and registration. VBCA has created a LIVE training calendar, which pulls information directly from our registration system, with no login required. To access - click “VBCA Training Calendar” from our online registration system homepage or use one of the links on our VBCA webpages.
- Amusement Device Inspection class is postponed due to scheduling conflict with VT graduation. More info to come on rescheduled dates and location.
- Please check the message board on the homepage of the Code Academy's [Online Registration System](#) regularly for updates and announcements.
- Photovoltaic Systems training sessions are now closed for registration.

Online Registration System (ORS) (5/8/24)

- **NEW** – Certificate holders can now print the wall certificate version of their certifications directly from the certification history page of their ORS account. DHCD will continue to mail the wallet card to the certificate holders.
- **NEW** - Users can now view their lodging requests for upcoming classes through the training history tab on their ORS account. Self-service changes to lodging or registration can be made directly through the system up to registration closing. IF

registration is already closed contact the VBCA office vbca@dhcd.virginia.gov for lodging changes or cancelations.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA LEARNING CENTER (COVLC)

New users

- **New Users (including new Core students) Students**
 - Email us at vbca@dhcd.virginia.gov to request a new Learning Center account, and we typically process these in 1-2 working days.
 - The user will get an email with their Learning Center login ID and temporary password.
 - If an existing account is located, we will add DHCD domain access to the existing account wherever possible to avoid duplicate accounts.
- **If you have – or think you might have - an EXISTING Learning Center account (VDFP, DEQ, VDFM, other state agencies),** email us at vbca@dhcd.virginia.gov, and provide as much information on the existing account as possible (such as Login ID, full name, and the email associated with the account if different). Note that we may also be able to locate your account by name without these details.

OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) DETAILS AND REMINDERS

- Certificate holders whose last names begin with A-M were due to submit 16 hours of continuing education May 1, 2024. Late notices were emailed out end of May.
- For help with Continuing Education questions, instructions, and forms, refer to the Resources section of the DHCD Continuing Education webpage at dhcd.virginia.gov > codes > Earn, Maintain, or Verify a Certification > *Continuing Education* or <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/continuing-education>

DHCD NOTIFICATION REMINDER

Reminder that the USBC/SFPC requires localities to notify DHCD when code officials are appointed or released and when technical assistants are employed or separated from employment. Notification is required:

- By the appointing authority within 30 days of the appointment or release of a permanent or acting:
 - Building Code Official
 - Maintenance Official
 - Fire Code Official
- By the code official within 60 days of the employment of, contracting with or termination of all:
 - Building Code Technical Assistants
 - Maintenance Code Technical Assistants
 - Fire Code Technical Assistants

As always, do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions or concerns:

State Building Codes Office: sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov or (804) 371-7150

SBCO Offsite Construction: osc@dhcd.virginia.gov

Virginia Building Code Academy: vbca@dhcd.virginia.gov or (804) 371-7180



ICC Report

3 June 2024

Submitted by: Ron Clements, ICC Board Director

2024 IECC appeals process- Council Board of Directors voted to affirm in part and reject in part nine appeals filed by five appellants to a draft of the 2024 commercial and residential editions of the International Energy Conservation Code® (IECC®). The Board also addressed several claims that aspects of the draft 2024 IECC codes were preempted by the federal Energy Policy and Conservation Act. All of the information and documents regarding the appeal are available at this link [2024 IECC Appeal Web site](#). Below are summaries of the Board actions:

Appeals

The International Code Council Board of Directors determined that the [scope and intent governing the 2024 IECC](#) prohibited the inclusion within the body of the code measures that do not directly affect building energy conservation. The scope and intent does allow for inclusion of provisions beyond building energy conservation related to net zero and carbon reduction in the appendices; therefore, the board moved the affected provisions to the appendix including:

- Sections C406.1.1.1 and C502.3.7.1 (heat pump products)
- Sections C403.4.6, C404.10, C405.2.8, R403.5.4 and N1103.5.4 (demand response)
- Sections C405.14, R404.7, and N1104.7 (electric vehicle charging infrastructure)
- Section C405.16 (electrical energy storage system readiness)
- Sections R404.6 and N1104.6 (solar readiness)
- Sections R404.5 and N1104.5 (electric readiness)

Preemption

Preemption involves code provisions that are or are likely to be in conflict with federal law or federal legal precedent. In these cases, the Board does not want adopting authorities to adopt the provisions, even when in appendices, without understanding the legal ramifications. The board determined the following provisions were potentially preempted and provided the included remedies:

- Appendix CG (all-electric commercial) and Appendix RE (all-electric residential): moved to resource documents of the code due to significant risk of preemption based on case law
- Appendix CD Section CD101.1 and Table CD101.1 (prescriptive glide path to net zero): moved to resource document of the code due to significant risk of preemption based on an inability to comply with minimum efficiency equipment
- Appendix RG (glide path to net zero): retained as an appendix with a cautionary note regarding the limited compliance options for minimum efficiency equipment in specific climate zones

Finalization of the 2024 IECC

The Board's determinations mark the conclusion of the 2024 IECC's development and the code's finalization. The 2024 IECC builds on the 2021 edition and is anticipated to improve energy efficiency by roughly 6.5% for residential buildings and by 10% for commercial buildings.

The board is in the process of revising and clarifying the IECC scope and intent, and the appeals process for ICC standards. There will be an opportunity for stakeholder input.

2024 is the ICC 30th anniversary- Thanks to VPMIA for posting on the Kudoboard.

May building safety month, Mission Possible- Thank you all for a great 2024 Building Safety Monty!

New member webinars- We are launching a new quarterly webinar aimed at engaging our new members. The Membership Department will host the first new member webinar from noon – 1pm ET this Thursday. Participants will meet the membership team, receive an overview of their membership benefits, and learn how to get the most out of their membership.

Membership survey- The Membership Department is also preparing to launch an initiative to assess the "State of the Building Safety Industry." A survey will be sent to Code Council members, customers, and industry stakeholders to solicit data and feedback that benchmarks career trends and other relevant information. The survey will be organized according to the following topics:

- Professional Role & Environment
- Industry Trends
- Compensation
- Career Satisfaction
- Personal Priorities in Choosing a Job
- Demographics

Financials are all strong-: Publications, ES, NTA, IAS are all bringing in solid revenue.

Grants- ICC Government Relations Manager Lisa Berger can provide information and assistance to local building inspection departments regarding a number of federal grants that are available. She can be contacted at lberger@iccsafe.org. These grants can be used for a wide range of things to support your operations. Lisa can fill you in on all the details. This link will take you to the resources page [ICC Federal Grants Page](#).

ICC Conferences and Code development for the Group A cycle

Thank you VPMIA for another great showing in Orlando, great job!

Long Beach, CA- ICC Annual Conference and second round of committee action code hearings

Long Beach Annual Conference: October 20–23, 2024
Expo: October 20–21, 2024
Group A Committee Action Hearings #2: October 23–31, 2024
Long Beach Convention Center
300 E Ocean Blvd
Long Beach, CA

Exclusive offer for Building Officials

Take 20% off your delegate registration when you bring your staff's Plumbing Official who is attending the Annual Conference for the first time. The 2024 Conference will include an array of opportunities for the Plumbing Official including:

- Trade-specific education track
- Industry experts who will discuss PMG-related topics
- VIP access to the Code Council's PMG Team

[Use this special link](#) for your discount.

Unable to bring your Plumbing Official? [Register here.](#)

Committee calls- Whenever you are on the lccsafe.org Web site, put “call for committees” in the search field and you can see what committee service opportunities are available. Please consider applying to serve as these are great ways to get involved. ICC committee service counts as continuing education for both ICC and Virginia. If travel is required ICC pays for your travel. It is a great way to learn, network and level up in your career. Currently available opportunities are [Link to Committee Web Page](#):

Code Related Committees & Councils

The following committees related to developing ICC Codes have open calls.

- Code Hearing Moderators

Standards Related Committees

The following committees related to standards development have open calls.

- Low-Carbon Alternative Cements Consensus Committee (IS-LCCC)
- Off-Site Construction Tiny Houses Standard Consensus Committee (IS-OSMTH) Interested Parties

Editorial revisions to all CPs- The ICC Board Council Policy Review Committee is reviewing all of the Council Policies to make sure they are all up to date and editorially correct.

CEO search underway- ICC CEO Dominic Simms is retiring at the end of 2024. The executive search is underway for the new CEO to take over when Dom retires.

Get Involved, ICC Board of Directors and video- The ICC Board is looking for the next generation of Board directors and has set up an informational Web page and video [Link to Page](#). Note that Kris Bridges is terming off the board and that will make a slot available for another Virginian. If you are interested in running for the board, time is running out to toss your hat in for 2024. Virginia is lucky to have two candidates running this year, Christina Jackson and Allison Cook have each announced their candidacy.

Pro-Codes act is in committee- The GR team is still shepherding the Pro-Codes act through the committee process and making progress. It is the bill that allows ICC to retain copy right protection for our codes while still providing free access to everyone. GR staff have been working it hard so thank you all for the letters of support.

New Existing Building Safety Standard- To support this, the International Code Council is currently developing a new resource, [Existing Building Safety – A Guideline for Inspection \(G7-202x\)](#). The public comment period has ended but the draft is still available for review.

President's "E" Award- (ICC) has been honored with the prestigious President's "E" Award for Exports, recognizing our outstanding contributions to the increase in U.S. exports. This esteemed award stands as a testament to the remarkable achievements of our leadership and staff and its pivotal role in global trade.

Permit Tech Career Path- The ICC Training Team and PermitTechNation have joined forces to update the self-paced introduction course, *Permit Tech Career Path*, with support from the ICC Foundation. The free course reviews the Permit Technician job function as well as networking and career path strategies.

Digital campaign- The Membership Department has launched a multifaceted digital campaign. The goals include attracting new members, retaining current members and creating overall awareness. Marketing channels include via email, social media, video, and Pay per Click (PPC) advertising on search engines. Many of the membership webpages were refreshed to match the look and feel of the campaign. View the Join ICC page [here](#). The campaign will run for 6 months at which time we will assess the effectiveness, tweak, and determine the continuation of the campaign.

BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS REPORT: VPMIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VPMIA Board of Directors: June 2024

The following are activities of the board since my last report in April. Please let me know if I can provide any further information or answer any questions.

- The board presided over 80 cases at the May 7 meeting.
- On May 14, 2024, I presided over 2 IIF'S. We had one no show and a cancellation that will be held on a later date.
- The board approved several education provider applications.
- Marjorie King, Executive Director informed the Board, the Board for Contractors is being asked to reconsider breaks during remote proctoring of examinations.
 - At its December 12, 2023, meeting, the Board approved remote proctoring of examinations with breaks.
 - As Board staff began completing the logistical requirements and working with the examination vendor, it has been recommended not to permit breaks during the remote proctoring of examinations.
 - Greg Emerson, Executive Director of Examinations, reviewed the Boards options for breaks during remote proctoring of examinations. Mr. Emerson informed the Board any decisions made could be reevaluated at a recommended 6 months.
- The Board will attend a two-day training October 10-11, 2024, in Williamsburg.

The next meeting of the Board for Contractors will be June 18, 2024 @ 10:00 AM. The Board committee will meet at 8:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted, June 5, 2024



Jerry Heinline

VBCOA/VPMIA 2024 Session FINAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT as of 5-20-24

Thru- HB1545, HJ90, HR31, SB736, SJ61, SR7

The legislative committee met via conference call on 01-17-24 with a quorum present.

HB 66 Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)

No Position- As amended will require SFPC be amended to Title 22 fire drill requirements.

Chief patron: Campbell

Public schools; fire drills; timing and frequency. Requires the first of the two fire drills required during the first 20 days of each public-school session to be conducted during the first 10 days of such school session. The bill also requires every public school to hold additional fire drills during the remainder of such school session as required by the Statewide Fire Prevention Code, which currently requires such additional fire drills to be conducted on a monthly basis.

HB 197 Status- Left in committee

No Position- Includes tax credit for permit/inspection fees.

Chief patron: Krizek

Tax credit; solar energy equipment. Establishes a nonrefundable income tax credit for taxable years 2024 through 2028 for individuals who incur allowable expenses, as defined in the bill, for the purchase and installation of solar energy equipment, as defined in the bill.

HB 198 Status- Stricken from docket

No Position- Requires a VDOE study that includes regulatory recommendations.

Chief patron: Krizek

Department of Energy; potential benefits of using solar energy for certain residential, commercial, and government applications; report. Directs the Department of Energy (Department) to produce a report that (i) quantifies the potential benefits of using solar energy for residential, commercial, and government building rooftops, parking lots, and brownfields across the Commonwealth; (ii) describes any incentives, in whole or in part, that would maximize such potential benefits from the use of such solar energy; and (iii) provides regulatory and legislative recommendations.

HB 229 Status- Stricken from docket

SB 200 Status- Continued

No Position- Need to determine if applicable to code related notices such as notice of appeals board hearings or notices prior to demolishing structures.

Chief patron: Campbell (HB 229), Diggs (SB 200)

Advertisement of legal notices; website. Allows a locality to advertise legal notices on the locality's website instead of, or in addition to, publishing such notices in a newspaper having general circulation in the locality.

HB 241 Status- Left in committee

No Position- Amendment requires these facilities comply with the USBC but does not affect the USBC provisions.

Chief patron: McQuinn

Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers; licensure; regulation. Authorizes the Board of Health to license prescribed pediatric extended care centers. The bill establishes the scope of services offered by such centers and requirements for operation, management, staffing, facilities, and maintenance and directs the Board to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

HB 247 Status- Continued

No Position- Came from an issue in Fairfax that started as a question about amending the VPMC regarding heating and cooling. Not a code issue as written but on the list to watch.

Chief patron: Glass

Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; noncompliance by certain landlords; tenant remedies. Allows a tenant to bring a civil cause of action for compensatory damages against a housing authority when there is a material noncompliance by such housing authority with the rental agreement or a noncompliance with any provision of the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act that materially affects the health and safety of the tenant.

HB 285 Status- Governor's recommendation adopted, effective July 1, 2024

Governor's recommendation change 1 year sunset to 3 years. We worked on version that came out of the conference committee and supported that amendment, Oppose (original)
– Per the conference amendment, this transfers enforcement authority for bus shelters that do not exceed 256 sf to the local building official with a July 1, 2025 sunset.

Chief patron: McQuinn

Uniform Statewide Building Code; bus shelters. Exempts plans and specifications for bus shelters that do not exceed 256 square feet that are to be constructed for transit agencies receiving state money and that will be constructed on state-owned property from the Department of General Services' review process required by the Uniform Statewide Building Code. The bill authorizes the local building official of the locality in which the state-owned property is located to conduct the review process within 60 days of the applicant's initial submission of the plans and specifications for such bus shelter.

HB 301 Status- Failed to report

Support- Expands scope of 15.2-906 for localities that have ordinances based on that statute.

Chief patron: Ballard

Local enforcement of property maintenance. Adds the violation of one or more local ordinances related to the proper maintenance of property to existing provisions that allow a locality to require a property owner to remove, repair, or secure a building, wall, or other structure that might endanger the public health or safety of other residents

of such locality as a reason for requiring such maintenance. The bill also allows the locality through its own agents or employees to take such actions after proper notice.

HB 354 Status- Vetoed by Governor

Support - We worked with ICC, DHCD and Del. Hope to craft the language to be consistent with USBC and not create a conflict with USBC.

Chief patron: Hope

Public pools; regulations. Directs the Board of Health to adopt regulations governing swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated for public use, including swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated in conjunction with a tourist facility or health spa.

HB 364 Status- Left in committee

SB 524 Status- Failed to report

Oppose – Circumvents the building code allowing local ordinance to require installation of a sprinkler system in townhomes with no reference to the USBC.

Chief patron: Martinez HB 364, Graves SB 524

Local government; water-filled fire sprinkler systems. Permits a locality to allow the installation of automatic water-filled or wet-pipe fire sprinkler systems in new townhome construction. The bill provides that such ordinance shall require the installation be completed in compliance with standards, requirements, and specifications for the installation of an automatic water-filled or wet-pipe fire sprinkler system as prescribed by the National Fire Protection Association's NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*. An automatic water-filled or wet-pipe fire sprinkler system shall not be required when additions or alterations are made to existing townhomes that do not have an automatic residential fire sprinkler system installed.

HB 368 Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)

SB 195 Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)

Oppose – This just sets up a study group that was already established by the BOH last cycle. VBCOA will need to be involved in the study group.

Chief patron: McClure (HB 368), VanValkenburg (SB 195)

Board of Housing and Community Development; stakeholder advisory group; report. Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development (the Board) to convene a stakeholder advisory group to evaluate and recommend revisions to the Uniform Statewide Building Code to permit Group R-2 occupancies to be served by a single exit, provided that the building has not more than six stories above grade plane. The bill requires the stakeholder advisory group to submit its findings and recommendations to the Board and to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology no later than December 1, 2024.

HB 471 Status- Stricken from Docket

Oppose – Legislating the building code. Do not object to the contract negotiation language.

Chief patron: Martinez

Uniform Statewide Building Code; multifamily residential housing construction projects; electric vehicle charging infrastructure standards. Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to promulgate regulations for electric vehicle charging infrastructure standards for multifamily residential housing construction projects consisting of more than 25 residential dwelling units. The standards shall require a developer of such multifamily residential housing construction projects to ensure that at least 25 percent of the available parking spaces are electric vehicle charging ready during the design and construction process. Landlords, condominium unit owners' associations, and property owners' associations shall be authorized to negotiate with electric vehicle charging providers with respect to the installation and maintenance of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and any related revenue sharing. The bill also requires the Board to promulgate such regulations by January 1, 2025, and provides that such regulations shall only apply to any new multifamily residential housing construction projects approved by a locality after January 1, 2025.

HB 474 Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)

No Position – Not directly code related but of interest.

Chief patron: Coyner

Restroom Access Act. Requires a retail establishment that does not have a public restroom but has an employee toilet facility to allow any customer with an eligible medical condition, defined in the bill as Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, irritable bowel syndrome, or any other medical condition that requires immediate access to a toilet facility, to use such employee toilet facility during normal business hours if certain conditions are met. A customer who suffers loss as a result of a violation may bring an action to recover damages not to exceed \$100.

HB 476 Status- Stricken

HB 1486 Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)

No Position –

Chief patron: Coyner (476), Thomas (1486)

Vacant buildings; registration. Permits any county, city, or town to require, by ordinance, the owner of any building that has been vacant for at least 12 months and (i) that meets the definition of "derelict building" in relevant law, (ii) that meets the definition of "criminal blight" in relevant law, or (iii) in which a locality has determined a person is living without the authority of the owner to register such building annually. Under current law, any city and certain towns are permitted to require the owner of any building that has been vacant for at least 12 months and meets the definition of "derelict building" in relevant law to register such building annually. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.

HB 484 Status- Left in committee

No Position –

Chief patron: Garrett

Statewide Fire Prevention Code; State Fire Marshal; consumer fireworks; penalties. Authorizes the use of consumer fireworks in the Commonwealth and distinguishes by definition consumer fireworks from display fireworks and permissible fireworks.

HB 578 Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)

SB 538 Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)

Support – Henrico bill. Increases fines for code violations.

Chief patron: McQuinn HB 578, Bagby SB 538

Uniform Statewide Building Code; violations; fines. Increases from \$2,500 to \$5,000 the minimum amount and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the maximum amount that any person, firm, or corporation shall be fined when convicted of a third or subsequent offense of violating the provisions of the Building Code committed within 10 years of another such offense after having been at least twice previously convicted of such an offense. The bill also adds penalties for similar violations committed by owners of a blighted multifamily property.

HB 597 Status- Vetoed by Governor

No Position – Empowers the “locality” to take legal action against landlords.

Chief patron: Price

Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; enforcement by localities. Provides that if a condition exists in a rental dwelling unit that constitutes a material noncompliance by the landlord with the rental agreement or with any provision of law that, if not promptly corrected, constitutes a fire hazard or serious threat to the life, health, or safety of tenants or occupants of the premises, a locality may institute an action for injunction and damages to enforce the landlord's duty to maintain the rental dwelling unit in a fit and habitable condition, provided that (i) the property where the violation occurred is within the jurisdictional boundaries of the locality and (ii) the locality has notified the landlord who owns the property, either directly or through the managing agent, of the nature of the violation and the landlord has failed to remedy the violation to the satisfaction of the locality within a reasonable time after receiving such notice.

HB 646 Status- Continued

No Position – Specific to zoning for recovery residences.

Chief patron: Coyner

Zoning; certified recovery residence. Requires that a locality's zoning ordinances for all purposes shall consider a certified recovery residence in which individuals with substance use disorder reside as residential occupancy by a single family. The bill specifies that no conditions more restrictive than those imposed on residences occupied by persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption shall be imposed on such certified recovery residence.

HB 703 Status- Stricken

Oppose as written – This is not intended to change the building code but conform other standards that VDOT or DGS uses to require 12” concrete pads. We will work with Webert to fix the language.

Chief patron: Webert

Department of General Services and Department of Transportation; regulations and requirements; transit and school bus shelters; concrete pad construction. Directs the Department of General Services and the

Department of Transportation to amend and conform the regulations and requirements for localities and transit agencies constructing concrete pad foundations for school bus shelters, public transit shelters, and rideshare stations.

[HB 710](#) Status- Left in committee

[SB 549](#) Status- Left in committee

Oppose – (not code specific and probably opposed by others) Adds additional level of approval for code officials to travel. Came from issue of Loudon BOS travel, not specific to staff.

Chief patron: Webert HB 710, Perry SB549

Travel expenses; local officials. Provides that any travel expense of a local official, as defined in the bill, to be paid from public funds that is anticipated to exceed \$2,500 shall be subject to approval in advance by a vote of the local governing body in an open meeting. If the final travel expense exceeds the previously approved amount, such expense shall be reported to the governing body and noted in the meeting agenda or meeting minutes within 60 days of the determination.

[HB 900](#) Status- Continued

[SB 304](#) Status- Continued

No Position on Senate amendment that includes language about permit fees. Oppose Original- Oppose vague reference to ADU permit.

Chief patron: Srinivasan (HB), Salim (SB)

Zoning; development and use of accessory dwelling units. Requires a locality to include in its zoning ordinances for single-family residential zoning districts accessory dwelling units, or ADUs, as defined in the bill, as a permitted accessory use.

[HB 950](#) Status- Vetoed by Governor

[SB 409](#) Status- Failed to report

Support amendment, Opposed original – This bill was amended to prohibit an interim 2021 code cycle and requires the BOH and governor to adhere to the triennial code cycle schedule. As amended the bill has nothing to do with allowing a local ordinance for energy efficiency stretch codes.

Chief patron: Lopez HB 950, Boysco SB 409

Energy efficiency standards; more stringent energy efficiency requirements. Allows a locality by ordinance to create and require stretch codes, as defined in the bill, as energy efficiency standards that are in addition to or more stringent than those in the Uniform Statewide Building Code, and use them as an alternative means of compliance with a locality's building requirements. The bill requires periodic review of the codes and allows the locality to make amendments.

[HB 1092](#) Status- Continued, we agreed to assist patron with the code change process

Oppose – Legislating code, this is not needed since VCC 105.1 allows removal of the code official with cause.

Chief patron: Oats

Board of Housing and Community Development; Uniform Statewide Building Code; local building officials. Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to amend the Uniform Statewide Building Code and corresponding regulations to remove any authority for local building departments to appoint local building officials for permanent terms. The bill requires the Board to require local building departments to appoint such officials for a term not to exceed 10 years and to only reappoint such officials after holding a performance evaluation.

HB 1253 Status- Continued

Oppose – This sets up an ordinance-based accessibility requirement that may conflict with the building code for multi-family since it references ADA instead of the VCC. Possibly amend to limit to R-5.

Chief patron: McClure

Affordable dwelling unit ordinances; accessible units. Provides that any locality that has adopted an affordable dwelling unit ordinance may require under such ordinance that a set percentage of the units built by a developer are compliant with the appropriate requirements of the American National Standards for Building and Facilities for Type A units or with any other standards adopted as part of regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development providing accessibility and usability for persons with a physical disability.

HB 1270 Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)

No Position – We opposed the original due to it legislating the code. The patron worked with us to amend the bill into a consumer protection law bill with no building code impact.

Chief patron: McQuinn

Board of Housing and Community Development; mold inspections. Prohibits any local building department from issuing a building permit until the local building department receives certification from the owner or his agent that the building has been inspected for the presence of black mold and that no black mold was found or that appropriate remediation will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

HB 1363 Status- Continued

No Position

Chief patron: O'Quinn

Department of Energy; work group on critical infrastructure sectors; report. Directs the Director of the Department of Energy to convene a work group to evaluate the Commonwealth's critical infrastructure sectors' usage of fuel for energy and feedstock and impact on jobs, capital investments, and state and local revenue. The bill requires the work group to also assess (i) the impact of the Commonwealth's critical infrastructure sectors on natural gas service or retail natural gas supply choice as provided in relevant law and individually metered propane service or non-utility gas service in accordance with relevant law and (ii) the impact of any public entity enacting an ordinance, building code, contractual provision, fee, permit, or other requirement that limits, prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting, or prevents critical infrastructure sectors within their boundaries from acquiring fuel.

HB 1395 Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)

No Position- Probably will need a companion change to the USBC.

Chief patron: Hope

Historic preservation. Provides that the filing of a historic designation application shall stay a locality from issuing any permit to raze or demolish a proposed historic landmark, building, or structure until 30 days after the rendering of the final decision of the governing body of the locality.

HB 1412 Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)

No Position- Editorial, clarifies electronic contact info.

Chief patron: Cherry

Virginia Freedom of Information Act; exemption for complainant personal contact information. Amends an existing exemption from mandatory disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for names, addresses, and phone numbers of complainants furnished in confidence with respect to an investigation of individual zoning enforcement complaints or complaints relating to the Uniform Statewide Building Code or the Statewide Fire Prevention Code made to a local governing body to exempt personal contact information of such complainants as defined in the bill.

HB 1415 Status- Governor's recommendation adopted (Effective 7-1-24)

No Position-

Chief patron: McQuinn

Civil penalty for demolition of historic structures. Authorizes any locality to adopt an ordinance establishing a civil penalty for the razing, demolition, or moving of a building or structure that is located in a historic district or that has been designated by a governing body as an historic structure or landmark in violation of an ordinance that no such building or structure shall be razed, demolished, or moved without the approval of a review board. The bill provides that such civil penalty shall not exceed the market value of the property as determined by the assessed value of the property at the time of razing, demolition, or moving of the building or structure.

HB 1425 Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)

No Position-

Chief patron: Austin

Uniform Statewide Building Code; Virginia Passenger Rail Authority exemption. Exempts railway tunnels and bridges owned by the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority from the Uniform Statewide Building Code and the Statewide Fire Prevention Code Act. The bill requires the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority to report annually to the State Fire Marshal on the maintenance and operability of installed fire protection and detection systems in its railway tunnels and bridges.

HB 1475 Status- Vetoed by Governor

No position on amendment, Opposed original- Legislating code, No position as amended to a title 1 bill to ask BHCD to consider

Chief patron: Keys-Gamarra

Board of Housing and Community Development; Uniform Statewide Building Code; building owners and operators to supply cooling by April 1. Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to amend the Uniform Statewide Building Code to require that owners and operators of certain apartment buildings begin to supply cooling to maintain certain temperatures by April 1 of each year. Under the current regulations, such required cooling period begins May 15.

[HJ 24](#) Status- Continued

[SJ 18](#) Status- Continued

No Position-

Chief patron: Helmer (HJ 24), Hashmi (SJ 18)

Study; joint subcommittee; Dillon Rule; report. Creates a 13-member joint subcommittee for a one-year study of the Dillon Rule and its impact on Virginia's localities.

[SB 17](#) Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)

No Position- Original version effects application of VEBC to motor sports facilities that host NASCAR races. Amended to no longer establish facilities as historic. As passed of no consequence.

Chief patron: Stanley

Motor sports facilities; historic landmark designation; enterprise zone. Designates all motor sports facilities, as defined in relevant law, in the Commonwealth as Virginia Historic Landmarks and as enterprise zones.

[SB 48](#) Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)

[HB 476](#) Status- Left in committee

No Position- Housing Commission bill, allows all localities to have a vacant building registration ordinance.

Chief patron: Locke (SB 48), Coyner (HB 476)

Vacant buildings; registration. Permits any county, city, or town to require, by ordinance, the owner of any building that has been vacant for at least 12 months and (i) that meets the definition of "derelict building" in relevant law, (ii) that meets the definition of "criminal blight" in relevant law, or (iii) in which a locality has determined a person is living without the authority of the owner to register such building annually. Under current law, any city and certain towns are permitted to require the owner of any building that has been vacant for at least 12 months and meets the definition of "derelict building" in relevant law to register such building annually. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.

[SB 79](#) Status- Tabled in appropriations

No Position- Set minimum insulation values consistent with code. Does not appear to create any conflicts.

Chief patron: Favola

Solar-ready roofs for certain government buildings; net-zero energy consumption building design for schools. Requires any executive branch agency or institution and any locality entering the design phase for the construction of a new building greater than 5,000 gross square feet in size, or the renovation of a building where the cost of the renovation exceeds 50 percent of the value of the building, to ensure that such building includes a solar-ready, cool, or energy-efficient roof, defined in the bill.

SB 123 Status- Continued

Support-

Chief patron: VanValkenburg

Improvements, repairs, or maintenance of property; entering adjoining property; petition for entry. Allows an owner or lessee of real property who seeks to improve, repair, or maintain his property to petition the circuit court for a license to enter adjoining property for the purpose of performing the improvements, repairs, or maintenance when the property is so situated that it is impossible to perform the improvements, repairs, or maintenance without entering such adjoining property and permission to enter such adjoining property has been denied.

SB 641 Status- Left in committee

No Position-

Chief patron: Craig

Certification of boiler and pressure vessel operators by localities. Repeals an existing statute that allows localities by ordinance to require certification of boiler and pressure vessel operators.

SB 701 Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)

No Position- Affects zoning, not USBC.

Chief patron: French

Vested rights; building permits. Provides that if a locality has issued a building permit, despite nonconformance with the zoning ordinance, and a property owner, relying in good faith on the issuance of the building permit, incurs extensive obligations or substantial expenses in diligent pursuit of a building project that is in conformance with the building permit, the locality shall not treat such building as an illegal use but rather as a legal nonconforming use. Current law requires that such project be completed and a certificate of occupancy issued in order to receive such protection.