

Environmen: Environmental Issues Passed

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Bills	Committee	Last action	Date
HB 1703 - Cosgrove - Indoor Clean Air Act; prohibits smoking in certain public buildings, restaurants, etc., exceptions.	(H) Committee on General Laws <hr/> (S) Committee on Education and Health	(G) Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0153)	03/09/09
<p>notes: Provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to smoke in any establishment built and operated after July 1, 2010, as a restaurant, unless such establishment is constructed in such a manner that areas where smoking may be permitted are structurally separated from the portion of the restaurant in which smoking is prohibited and such areas contain structurally separated ventilation systems. Additionally, the bill provides that no wait staff or busboys in such restaurants shall be required by the proprietors or person who manages or otherwise controls any such restaurant to work in smoking areas mandated by this section without consent of such employees. The bill prohibits smoking in any building owned or leased by the Commonwealth or agency thereof or any locality. The bill contains technical amendments. T</p> <p>The following House bills were rolled into HB1703,HB1692,1704,1833,2007,2067,2246,2483.</p>			
HB 1828 - Fralin - Green roof construction; localities and water authorities to offer rate incentives therefor.	(H) Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns <hr/> (S) Committee on Local Government	(G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 402 (effective 7/1/09)	03/27/09
<p>notes: Allows localities and water authorities to offer rate incentives for green roof construction.</p>			
HB 1930 - Plum - Certification of stormwater development property; Dept. of Conservation & Recreation to certify.	(H) Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources <hr/> (S) Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources	(G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 350 (effective 7/1/09)	03/27/09
<p>notes: Authorizes the Department of Conservation and Recreation to certify stormwater management development properties as being designed, constructed, or reconstructed for the primary purpose of abating or preventing pollution. Such a certification allows the local government to tax the property at a different rate from other classifications of real property. This technical change is necessary because responsibility for administering the stormwater program was moved from DEQ to the Department of Conservation and Recreation.</p>			
HB 1973 - Ware, R.L. - Litter Control and Recycling Fund; limits awarding of grants to localities.	(H) Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	(G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 409 (effective 7/1/09)	03/27/09

	(S) Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources		
<p>notes: Limits the awarding of grants to localities whose litter prevention and recycling grant applications meet the criteria established by the Department of Environmental Quality in its Guidelines for Litter Prevention and Recycling Grants.</p>			
HB 1991 - Bulova - Stormwater management programs; establishment by localities.	(H) Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources <hr/> (S) Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources	(G) Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0018)	02/23/09
<p>notes: Extends the period of time that localities have to adopt a local stormwater management program. Currently, they are required to adopt a program no sooner than 12 months and no later than 18 months after state regulations have become effective. This bill would extend the time for adoption from no sooner than 15 months to no later than 21 months. The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board can grant an extension to the locality of an additional 12 months if the Department of Conservation and Recreation finds that such an extension is warranted. A locality can adopt a program earlier than the minimum time frame with the consent of the Board. The bill also requires that the regulation that establishes local program criteria and delegation procedures not become effective until after July 1, 2010.</p>			
HB 2168 - Abbitt - Stormwater offsets; authorizes permit-issuing authorities to allow permit holders to comply.	(H) Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources <hr/> (S) Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources	(G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 364 (effective 7/1/09)	03/27/09
<p>notes: Authorizes permit-issuing authorities to allow stormwater permit holders to comply with nonpoint nutrient runoff water quality criteria by either (i) acquiring offsite nonpoint nutrient offsets that have been certified under the Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Exchange Program or (ii) through water quality measures contained in a regional stormwater management plan. The offsets have to be in the same tributary as the permitted activity. The bill also requires an offset broker to pay the permit-issuing authority a fee equal to six percent of the amount paid by the permittee for the offsets.</p>			
SB 1105 - Northam - Indoor Clean Air Act; prohibits smoking in certain public buildings, restaurants, etc., exceptions.	(H) Committee on General Laws <hr/> (S) Committee on Education and Health	(G) Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0154)	03/09/09
<p>notes: This legislation prohibits smoking in all indoor restaurants, bar and lounge areas, and restrooms in restaurants in the Commonwealth, with certain exceptions where smoking may be permitted. Requires the</p>			

posting of %93No Smoking%94 signs and provides for a \$25 civil penalty for a violation of these provisions.