

Bill Tracking 2006

HB881 Cable service; franchises; competition

Summary: Establishes franchising procedures...includes providers of telecommunications...does not obligate an eligible video provider to provide cable service throughout the locality or in any specific territory within the locality.

Patron: Kilgore, Terry G. (R) House District 1

Region Represented: Counties of Lee, Scott, Washington (part), and Wise (part)

Latest Action: 01/31/06 House: Incorporated by Commerce (HB1404)

Notes: Eliminates provision for local oversight; rates, enforcement of standards, customer service standards. Provider relinquished of responsibility for mgmt, oper & pgm of PEG

HB1458 Freedom of Information Act; record exemption for the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission

Summary: Exempts proprietary records of the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission from the mandatory disclosure requirements of the Freedom of Information Act

Patron: Kilgore, Terry G. (R) House District 1

Region Represented: Counties of Lee, Scott, Washington (part), and Wise (part)

Latest Action: 03/06/06 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

Notes:

HB1384 Local telecommunications tax; Town of Abingdon

Summary: Permits the Town of Abingdon to impose the local telecommunications tax and prohibits Washington County from imposing the tax in Abingdon during any time that Abingdon imposes the tax.

Patron: Johnson, Joseph P. Jr (D) House District 4

Region Represented: Counties of Smyth (part) and Washington (part); City of Bristol

Latest Action: 02/15/06 House: Left in Finance

Notes:

HB1404 Cable television system licensing

Summary: Requires a locality that receives a new application for a cable television license, certificate, or franchise to negotiate a franchise agreement with the applicant within 120 days, unless extended by agreement

Patron: Griffith, H. Morgan (R) House District 8

Region Represented: County of Roanoke (part); City of Salem

Latest Action: 03/10/06 Governor: Approved eff:07/01/06

Notes:

HB1198 Voice-over-Internet protocol service; E-911 notice

Summary: Eliminates the jurisdiction of the SCC to regulate VoIP service...excluded from the scope of the definitions of telephone service, telecommunications service, local exchange telephone service, and interexchange telephone service

Patron: Marshall, Robert G. (R) House District 13

Region Represented: Counties of Loudoun (part) and Prince William (part)

Latest Action: 03/06/06 Senate amendments agreed by House

Notes: Included amendment to redefine Broadband

HB874 Sales and use tax exemption; telecommunications companies

Summary: Restores the sales and use tax exemption for telecommunication companies that was eliminated in the 2004 Special Session I.

Patron: Byron, Kathy J. (R) House District 22

Region Represented: Counties of Bedford (part) and Campbell

Latest Action: 02/13/06 House: Continued to 2007 in Finance

Notes:

HB568 Communications tax reform.

Summary: Applies a statewide communications sales and use tax to retail communication and video services on a competitively neutral basis

Patron: Nixon, Samuel A, (R) House District 27

Region Represented: County of Chesterfield (part)

Latest Action: 03/07-08/06 H/S: Signed by Speaker/President

Notes:

HB1004 Office of Commonwealth Preparedness

Summary: Makes permanent the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness and provides for the appointment of a director by the Governor to serve a five-year term.

Patron: Sherwood, Beverly J. (R) House District 29

Region Represented: County of Frederick (part); City of Winchester

Latest Action: 02/28 03/01/06 H/S: Signed by Speaker/President

Notes:

HB83 Public Building Authority; issuance of bonds for State Agency Radio System for State Police.

Summary: Authorizes the Virginia Public Building Authority to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$201,900,000 to pay the costs of the State Agency Radio System (Phase II) for the Department of State Police.

Patron: Sherwood, Beverly J (R) House District 29

Region Represented: County of Frederick (part); City of Winchester

Latest Action: 03/01-02/06 H/S: Signed by Speaker/President

Notes:

HB1462 Sales and use tax; commercial and industrial exemptions

Summary: Restores the exemption, eliminated by the General Assembly in the 2004 Special Session I, for certain public service corporations, telecommunications companies, and telephone companies

Patron: Hull, Robert D. (D) House District 38

Region Represented: County of Fairfax (part)

Latest Action: 02/13/06 House: Continued to 2007 in Finance

Notes:

HJ144 Study; telework; report

Summary: Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the ways in which telework opportunities for state employees can be enhanced and increased.

Patron: Hugo, Timothy D. (R) House District 40

Region Represented: County of Fairfax (part)

Latest Action: 03/02/06 Senate amendments agreed by House

Notes:

HB1161 State employees; alternative work schedules

Summary: Adds telecommunications connectivity (i.e., broadband Internet access, additional telephone lines, and online collaborative tools) to the list of specific budget items that the heads of state agencies must include in their report

Patron: Eisenberg, Albert C. (D) House District 47

Region Represented: County of Arlington (part)

Latest Action: 02/28-03/01/06 H/S: Signed by Speaker/President

Notes:

HB486 Income tax; teleworking tax credit

Summary: Grants a tax credit to certain qualified employers for eligible costs incurred to provide an employee with the ability to telework, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007

Patron: Frederick, Jeffrey M. (R) House District 52

Region Represented: County of Prince William (part)

Latest Action: 02/15/06 House: Left in Appropriations

Notes:

HB1083 Commonwealth Telework Council

Summary: Establishes the Commonwealth Telework Council to advise the Governor on guidelines for telecommuting and participation in alternative work schedules. The Council expires on July 1, 2008

Patron: Scott, James M. (D) House District 53

Region Represented: County of Fairfax (part); City of Falls Church

Latest Action: 02/06/06 House: Stricken from docket by S & T

Notes:

HB1079 Office of Broadband Assistance; established

Summary: The office would support the efforts of both public and quasi-public bodies within the Commonwealth to enhance or facilitate the demand for, deployment of, and access to broadband Internet for underserved areas within the Commonwealth

Patron: Scott, James M. (D) House District 53

Region Represented: County of Fairfax (part); City of Falls Church

Latest Action: 02/06/06 House: Stricken from docket by S & T

Notes:

HB254 Computer trespass; additional provisions; penalty

Summary: Adds three provisions that expand the scope of what would constitute computer trespass:...

Patron: Cosgrove, John A. (R) House District 78

Region Represented: City of Chesapeake (part)

Latest Action: 02/15/06 House: Left in Courts of Justice

Notes:

HB75 Venture capital investments; funds and return guarantees, report

Summary: Creates a program under which the Commonwealth makes investment return guarantees for certain investments made between January 1, 2006, and January 1, 2011, in venture capital funds that invest in technology firms located in the Commonwealth.

Patron: Purkey, Harry R. (R) House District 82

Region Represented: City of Virginia Beach (part)

Latest Action: 02/10/06 House: Continued to 2007 in Approp

Notes:

HB159 Technology and Biotechnology Investment Act; created

Summary: Creates a research and development tax credit, not to exceed 50% of the tax liability due and not to exceed \$500,000, for "technology" and "biotechnology" companies in Virginia ...

Patron: Purkey, Harry R. (R) (R) House District 82

Region Represented: City of Virginia Beach (part)

Latest Action: 02/10/06 House: Continued to 2007 in Approp.

Notes:

HB329 Virginia Technology and Biotechnology Research and Development Fund created

Summary: Creates the Virginia Technology and Biotechnology Research and Development Fund to attract technology or biotechnology companies to, or assist those companies located in, the Commonwealth.

Patron: Purkey, Harry R. (R) House District 82

Region Represented: City of Virginia Beach (part)

Latest Action: 02/15/06 House: Left in Appropriations

Notes:

HB458 Public Procurement Act; public body to enter into cooperative procurement for professional services.

Summary: Allows a public body to enter into cooperative procurements for professional services...to purchase information technology and telecommunications goods and services from another public body's contract

Patron: Rust, Thomas Davis (R) House District 86

Region Represented: Counties of Fairfax (part) and Loudoun (part)

Latest Action: 02/28-03/01/06 H/S Signed by Speaker/President

Notes:

HB944 Public utilities; wireless service

Summary: Provides that commercial mobile radio service is a public utility for purposes of regulation of certain aspects of service by the State Corporation Commission

Patron: Morgan, Harvey B. (R) House District 98

Region Represented: Counties of Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen (part), King William (part), Mathews, and Middlesex

Latest Action: 02/09/06 House: Stricken from docket by C&L

Notes:

HB400 High-speed and broadband internet access in underserved areas

Summary: Adds a provision in the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund to allow grants or loans for the purpose of installing, extending, or increasing the capacity of high-speed or broadband internet access to rural or underserved areas of the Commonwealth.

Patron: Wittman, Robert J. (R) House District 99

Region Represented: Counties of Caroline (part), King George, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, and Westmoreland

Latest Action: 03/01-02/06 H/S: Signed by Speaker/President

Notes:

SB395 Enhanced Public Safety Telephone Services Act.

Summary: Expands the jurisdiction of the Wireless E-911 Services Board to include voice-over-Internet service and future communications technologies

Patron: Stolle, Kenneth W. (R) Senate District 8

Region Represented: Virginia Beach City (Part)

Latest Action: 03/11/06 Bill text as passed by S/H: SB395ER

Notes:

SB706 Cable competition

Summary: Requires localities to review and approve, or deny, franchise applications within 120 days of receipt of such application or any mutually agreed extension thereof

Patron: Stolle, Kenneth W. (R) Senate District 8

Region Represented: Virginia Beach City (Part)

Latest Action: 03/10/06 Governor: Approved eff:07/01/06

Notes:

SB27 Public Building Authority; issuance of bonds for State Agency Radio System for State Police

Summary: Authorizes the Virginia Public Building Authority to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$201,900,000 to pay the costs of the State Agency Radio System (Phase II) for the Department of State Police.

Patron: Stolle, Kenneth W. (R) Senate District 8

Region Represented: Virginia Beach City (Part)

Latest Action: 03/09/06 Senate: Stricken frm Sen. Cal 37-Y 0-N

Notes:

SB109 Governor's Development Opportunity Fund

Summary: Makes several changes to the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund including prohibiting awards from the Fund being used to pay or guarantee the payment for any rental, lease, license, or other contractual right to use property.

Patron: Stosch, Walter A. (R) Senate District 12

Region Represented: Goochland County (Part), Henrico County (Part), Richmond City (Part)

Latest Action: 03/07/06 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE (98-Y 0-N)

Notes: may impact HB400 provisions by prohibiting fund being used to pay or guarantee the payment for any rental, lease, license, or other contractual right to use property

SB707 Cable service; franchises; competition

Summary: Establishes franchising procedures ... does not obligate an eligible video provider to provide cable service throughout the locality or in any specific territory within the locality.

Patron: Stosch, Walter A. (R) Senate District 12

Region Represented: Goochland County (Part), Henrico County (Part), Richmond City (Part)

Latest Action: 01/30/06 Senate: Incorporated by C & L

Notes: Companion to HB881?

SB21 Internet; simplifies and updates references thereto in Code

Summary: Simplifies and updates references to the Internet in the Code of Virginia

Patron: Mims, William C. (R) Senate District 33

Region Represented: Fairfax County (Part), Loudoun County (Part)

Latest Action: 03/11/06 Bill text as passed by S/H: SB21ER

Notes:

SB688 Public utilities; SCC to establish procedure for lines that cross railroads

Summary: Establishes a procedure for the State Corporation Commission to determine matters pertaining to the construction and operation of municipal water, sewer, and telecommunications lines, wires, pipes, and conduits that cross railroads

Patron: Wampler, William C. (R) Senate District 40

Region Represented: nty (Part), Lee Co, Norton City,Scott County, Smyth County (Part), Washington Co, Wise (part)

Latest Action: 03/07-08/06 H/S: Signed by Speaker/President

Notes:

SB363 Office of Commonwealth Preparedness

Summary: Makes permanent the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness and provides for the appointment of a director by the Governor to serve a five-year term

Patron: Wampler, William C. (R) Senate District 40

Region Represented: Bristol City, Grayson County (Part), Lee Co, Norton City,Scott County, Smyth County (Part), Washington Co, Wise (part)

Latest Action: 03/07-08/06 H/S: Signed by Speaker/President

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