

DVS Matrix of Military and Veterans Bills/Budget Amendments
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Subject	Bill/Budget Amendment Number	Patron	Short Title	Summary	Status
Budget and Budget Amendment Requests: 2010-2012 Biennium	HB29	Putney	Budget Bill	Amending Chapter 890, 2011 Acts of Assembly	12/19/11 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations
	SB29	Colgan	Budget Bill	Amending Chapter 890, 2011 Acts of Assembly	12/19/11 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance
	0 #1g	Governor McDonnell	Hampton Care Center pre-planning study	Reappropriation of \$250,000 (GF) for veterans care center site evaluation	Budget Amendment Request
Budget and Budget Amendment Requests: 2012-2014 Biennium	HB30	Putney	Budget Bill	Appropriations of the Budget submitted by the Governor of Virginia providing a portion of revenues for the two years ending respectively on the thirtieth day of June, 2013, and the thirtieth day of June, 2014.	12/19/11 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations
	SB30	Colgan	Budget Bill	Appropriations of the Budget submitted by the Governor of Virginia providing a portion of revenues for the two years ending respectively on the thirtieth day of June, 2013, and the thirtieth day of June, 2014.	12/19/11 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance
	218 #2g	Governor McDonnell	Offset revenue loss associated with Governor's legislative proposal	Provides \$298,580 (GF) per fiscal year to offset revenue lost by Virginia Military Institute associated with the Governor's proposed legislation to allow out-of-state students who attend Virginia higher education institutions and join a Virginia National Guard unit to pay in-state tuition	Budget Amendment Request
	412 #1g	Governor McDonnell	Reflect appropriation transfer for Commonwealth Challenge Program	Reflects the transfer of appropriation of \$1,335,213 (GF) per fiscal year from the Department of Juvenile Justice to the Department of Military Affairs for the Commonwealth Challenge program. The introduced budget reduced funding in the Department of Juvenile Justice for the Challenge program, but failed to add it under the Department of Military Affairs.	Budget Amendment Request
	413 #1h	Marshall, Robert	Prohibition Against Induction into National Guard	Prohibits the use of any funds for the induction of any person in the National Guard who has admitted any competent military authority or whom that authority has determined committed any act that would have been punishable by the Uniform Code of Military Justice.	Budget Amendment Request
	413 #2h	Marshall, Robert	Prohibition Against Continuance into National Guard	Prohibits the use of any funds for the continuance of any person in the National Guard who has admitted any competent military authority or whom that authority has determined committed any act that would have been punishable by the Uniform Code of Military Justice	Budget Amendment Request

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	413 #3h	Marshall, Robert	Prohibition Induction or Continuance into National Guard	Prohibits the use of any funds for the induction of or continuance of any person in the National Guard who has admitted to any competent military authority or whom that authority has determined committed any act that would have been punishable by the Uniform Code of Military Justice	Budget Amendment Request
	462 #1h	Watts	NOVA Pay Differential for Claims Officers	Instructs the Department of Veterans Services to provide a Northern Virginia pay differential to the Veterans Claims Agents serving Northern Virginia	Budget Amendment Request
	462 #2h	Cox, M.K.	Automated Processing System for Veterans Claims	Provides \$150,000 (GF) each year for the licensing fees associated with an automated claims system for developing veterans claims for processing by the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs	Budget Amendment Request
	463 #3h	Lingamfelter	Retention of Claims Agents	Provides \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year from the general fund for targeted salary adjustments designed to improve recruitment and retention of claims office personnel.	Budget Amendment Request
	464 #1h	Lingamfelter	Compact with Virginia's Veterans	Provides \$140,000 the first year and \$140,000 the second year from the general fund to enhance the implementation of the Compact with Virginia's Veterans, including specific provisions for education, employment, homeless veterans, and other services for veterans as detailed in § 2.2-2004(17), Code of Virginia.)	Budget Amendment Request
	462 #1s	Puller	DVS Claims Processing System	Provides \$150,000 each year from the general fund for licensing costs for the automated claims processing system for veterans' benefits	Budget Amendment Request
	462 #2s	Puller	Salary Supplements	Provides \$75,000 each year from the general fund to provide targeted salary increases to personnel working in DVS Benefit Field Offices in order to improve recruitment and retention	Budget Amendment Request
	4-0.01 #3h	Marshall, Robert	No Use of National Guard or Defense Force to Make Arrests	Prohibits any funds from being spent by any agency or political subdivision of the Commonwealth, and especially the Virginia National Guard or Virginia Defense Force, that may aid any U.S. law enforcement officer or military authority in the investigation, prosecution, or detainment of any U.S. citizen	Budget Amendment Request
	4-2.01 #3h	O'Bannon	War Memorial Gifts, Grants, and Donations	Provides that gifts and donations made to the Virginia War Memorial that are valued at less than \$5,000 be exempt from the requirement that the Governor approve all gifts, grants, and donations made to state agencies. The Executive Director must consult with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security about the acceptance of these gifts and donations. A number of private individuals are donating uniforms, flags, and other items from their service in World War II to the Virginia War Memorial.	Budget Amendment Request
Business/Licensure	HB937	Lingamfelter	Spouses of military service members; expediting issuance of business licenses, etc.	Requires a regulatory board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, the Department of Health Professions, or any board named in Title 54.1 to establish procedures to expedite the issuance of a license, permit, certificate, or other document, however styled or denominated, required for the practice of any business, profession, or occupation in the Commonwealth, including the issuance of a temporary permit, to an applicant (i) holding the same or similar license, permit, certificate, or other document required for the practice of any business, profession, or occupation issued by another jurisdiction, (ii) whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to the Commonwealth, and (iii) who left employment to accompany the applicant's spouse to Virginia, if, in the opinion of the board, the requirements for the issuance of the license, permit, certificate, or other document in such other jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to those required in the Commonwealth. The bill limits to six months the duration of any temporary permit issued.	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws 01/17/12 House: Assigned GL sub: #4 Professions/Occupations and Administrative Process

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	HB938	Lingamfelter	Military training, etc.; regulatory boards to accept as equivalent to requirements for licensures	Requires the regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, the Department of Health Professions, or any board named in Title 54.1 to accept the military training, education, or experience of a service member returning from active military service in the armed forces of the United States, to the extent that such training, education, or experience is substantially equivalent to the requirements established by law and regulations of the respective board for the issuance of any license, permit, certificate, or other document, however styled or denominated, required for the practice of any business, profession, or calling in the Commonwealth. The bill provides that to the extent that the service member's military training, education or experience, or portion thereof, is not deemed substantially equivalent, the respective board shall credit whatever portion of the military training, education, or experience that is substantially equivalent toward meeting the requirements for the issuance of the license, permit, certificate, or other document. The bill authorizes a regulatory board to require the service member to provide such documentation of his training, education, or experience as deemed necessary to determine substantial equivalency. The bill defines the term "active military service."	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws 01/17/12 House: Assigned GL sub: #4 Professions/Occupations and Administrative Process
	HJ51	Stolle	Study; options for accepting military training and experience as requirements for licensure, etc	Requests the Department of Health Professions to study options for accepting military training and experience as satisfying requirements for licensure, certification, or registration as a health care provider. In conducting its study, the Department of Health Professions shall review existing state laws governing licensure, certification, and registration of health care providers, compare these requirements to similar Military Occupational Specialties in health care, and develop recommendations for statutory and regulatory changes to allow the Department of Health Professions to accept evidence of military training and experience as satisfying educational and experiential requirements for licensure, certification, or registration as a health care provider in cases in which such training and experience is not currently accepted as satisfying the educational and experiential requirement for licensure, certification, or registration. The Department of Health Professions shall also develop recommendations related to options for increasing awareness among veterans and citizens of the Commonwealth for submitting evidence of military training and experience to satisfy educational and experiential requirements for licensure or certification to practice the arts.	01/10/12 House: Referred to Committee on Rules 01/20/12 House: Assigned Rules sub: Studies 01/26/12 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote
	SB620	Petersen	Tax credit for contracting with small or minority-owned, veteran-owned, or women-owned businesses	Establishes a corporate income tax credit beginning January 1, 2013, for federal contractors with at least 250 full-time employees that subcontract with small or minority-owned, veteran-owned, or women-owned businesses to perform federal government contract work. The tax credit would equal five percent of the amount paid by the federal contractor under the subcontract to the small or minority-owned, veteran-owned, or women-owned business. The small or minority-owned, veteran-owned, or women-owned business would be required to perform all subcontract work in a Historically Underutilized Business Zone or a state enterprise zone. Tax credits would be capped at \$10 million each fiscal year. The tax credit would sunset on December 31, 2017	01/20/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance
Department of Veterans Services / Board of Veterans Services	HB730	Dudenhefer	Veterans Services, Board of; voting by ex officio members	Grants full voting privileges to the ex officio members of the Board of Veterans Services. Currently, only the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services has voting privileges. As a result of the provisions of the bill, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Services Foundation and the Chairman of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations, or their designees, will have full voting privileges on the Board of Veterans Services.	01/27/12 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N)

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	HB1121	Cox, M.K.	Veterans Services, Department of; ratio of claims agents to number of veterans in State	Provides that a ratio of claims agents with the Department of Veterans Services to the number of veterans in the Commonwealth shall be one agent for every 23,000 veterans. With this change, the number of claims agents employed by the Department will rise from 32 to 36 - a 12.5% increase.	01/24/12 House: Reported from General Laws (22-Y 0-N) 01/24/12 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations 01/26/12 House: Assigned App. sub: Public Safety
	SB254	Reeves	Veterans Services, Department of; ratio of claims agents to number of veterans in State	Provides that a ratio of claims agents with the Department of Veterans Services to the number of veterans in the Commonwealth shall be one agent for every 23,000 veterans.	01/20/12 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)
	SB297	Puller	Board of Veterans Services; voting by ex officio members	Grants full voting privileges to the ex officio members of the Board of Veterans Services. Currently, only the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services has voting privileges. As a result of the provisions of the bill, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Services Foundation and the Chairman of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations, or their designees, will have full voting privileges on the Board of Veterans Services.	01/20/12 Senate: Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)
Drivers Licenses, License Plates, and Transportation	HB122	Morrissey	Driver's licenses; allows military veterans who are at least 21 to have veteran status indicated	Allows military veterans who are at least 21 years old to have their veteran status indicated on their driver's licenses.	01/04/12 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 01/13/12 House: Assigned Transportation sub: #3 01/17/12 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote
	HB194	Lewis	Driver's licenses, commercial; requires DMV to consider applicants' military experience	Requires DMV to consider applicants' military training and experience in assessing their eligibility to receive a Virginia commercial driver's license	01/26/12 House: Reported from Transportation with amendment (22-Y 0-N)
	HB388	Gilbert	Drivers licenses; allows military veterans to have their veteran status indicated	Allows military veterans to have their veteran status indicated on their driver's licenses	01/19/12 House: Stricken from docket by Transportation by voice vote
	HB541	Poindexter	DMV; replaces references to honorable discharge throughout code	Replaces references to "honorable discharge" throughout the code with "discharge or released under conditions other than dishonorable." The bill also makes numerous comprehensive DMV service and safety changes. The bill also makes technical amendments.	01/10/12 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 01/13/12 House: Assigned Transportation sub: #3
	HB568	Marshall, D.W.	Driver's licenses; allows military veterans to have their veteran status indicated	Allows military veterans to have their veteran status indicated on their driver's licenses	01/26/12 House: Passed by indefinitely in Transportation by voice vote

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	HB686	O'Quinn	Special license plates; veterans of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm	Authorizes the issuance of special license plates to veterans of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm and exempts those license plates from minimum prepaid order requirements	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 01/20/12 House: Assigned Transportation sub: #3
	HB774	Landes	License plates, special; repeals issuance to supporters celebrating centennial of Fort Belvoir	Repeals the 2011 Act of Assembly that authorized the issuance of special license plates celebrating the centennial of Fort Belvoir	01/24/12 House: Reported from Transportation (18-Y 0-N)
	HB1025	Englin	Driver's licenses; veterans	Allows military veterans to have their veteran status indicated on their driver's licenses	01/26/12 House: Passed by indefinitely in Transportation by voice vote
	HB1040	Keam	License plates, special; issuance of those commemorating America's buffalo soldiers	Authorizes the issuance of special license plates commemorating America's buffalo soldiers	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 01/20/12 House: Assigned Transportation sub: #3
	HB1042	Keam	Expiration of driver's licenses; active duty military	Extends the grace period for driver's license expiration from 90 to 180 days after the return from service outside the United States of active duty military personnel, a member of the diplomatic service, or a civilian employee of the U.S. government or a federal agency or contractor	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 01/20/12 House: Assigned Transportation sub: #3
	HB1043	Keam	Grace period for vehicle registration	Extends the grace period for replacement of plates or decals and for vehicle registration to the spouse and dependent children accompanying a member of the armed services of the United States who is serving outside the United States	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 01/20/12 House: Assigned Transportation sub: #3
	HB1217	Morefield	Sergeant David Lambert Highway; Brandon Asbury Highway	Designates a portion of Virginia Route 19 the "Brandon Asbury Highway" and all of Virginia Route 609 in Virginia the "Sergeant David Lambert Highway."	01/19/12 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 01/27/12 House: Assigned Transportation sub: #3
	HB1236	Cox, J.A.	License plates, special; issuance to members and former members of U.S. Army Rangers	Authorizes the issuance of special license plates to members and former members of the U.S. Army Rangers.	01/20/12 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 01/27/12 House: Assigned Transportation sub: #3
Education	HB195	Lewis	Higher educational institutions; course credit for military experience	Requires the governing boards of each public institution of higher education to implement policies that award academic credit to students for educational experience gained from military service	01/26/12 House: VOTE: PASSAGE #2 (100-Y 0-N) 01/27/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
	HB548	Comstock	Higher educational institutions; active duty military students	Requires public institutions of higher education to implement policies that provide active duty military personnel with certain administrative benefits, including preferences for class registration	01/26/12 House: VOTE: PASSAGE #2 (100-Y 0-N) 01/27/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health

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	HB640	Stolle	Public schools; clarifies language relating to enrollment of military children	Clarifies language relating to enrollment of students pursuant to a special power of attorney to correspond to language in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children	01/23/12 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (100-Y 0-N) 01/24/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
	SB190	Miller, J.C.	Public schools; clarifies language relating to enrollment of military children.	Clarifies language relating to enrollment of students pursuant to a special power of attorney to correspond to language in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children	01/24/12 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
	SB269	Norment	Physical education; JROTC participation fulfills requirement	Requires local school boards to accept participation in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps as fulfillment of any high school physical education requirement	01/10/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
	SB605	McWaters	Eligibility for in-state tuition; military personnel	Provides that, for current and former military personnel and their dependents, the intent to attend a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth is sufficient for the purpose of establishing domiciliary intent and determining eligibility for in-state tuition rates	01/19/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
Flags	HB573	Marshall, D.W.	Uniform Flag Act; flags shall be flown at half mast for one day to honor fallen Virginians	Provides that whenever a member of the United States armed forces, a police officer, or a firefighter who is a resident of Virginia is killed in the line of duty, all flags, national, state, and local, flown at any building owned by the Commonwealth shall be flown at half staff or mast for one day to honor and acknowledge respect for those who made the supreme sacrifice. The Department of Veterans Services and the Department of State Police are to work together to develop procedures to effectuate the purposes of the bill.	01/10/12 House: Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety 01/18/12 House: Assigned MPPS sub: #3
Housing	HB621	LeMunyon	Obsolete housing laws; repeal	Repeals two chapters of Title 36 that deal with World War II era defense housing projects and housing projects for veterans. The bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Code Commission	01/26/12 House: Reported from General Laws (22-Y 0-N)
Hunting and Fishing Licenses	HB719	Yancey	Hunting and fishing licence, special; permanently disabled veteran to purchase	Allows a veteran who is permanently disabled due to a service-connected disability to purchase a discounted, combined hunting and freshwater fishing lifetime license and further provides him with the option to purchase either a hunting or a fishing license. The license fee for a person to only hunt or fish will be lower than that of the combined license	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 01/23/12 House: Assigned ACNRsub: Natural Resources 01/25/12 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 0-N)
	HB880	Sickles	Fishing license, special; established for partially disabled veterans	Establishes a special fishing license for resident and nonresident veterans who have a service-connected disability of at least 70 percent as rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The resident veterans will pay one-half the cost of the annual state resident basic fishing license and the nonresident veterans will pay one-half the cost of the state nonresident basic fishing license. Last year, a similar law was enacted that allowed partially disabled resident and nonresident veterans to obtain the basic hunting license at one-half the cost	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources 01/23/12 House: Assigned ACNRsub: Natural Resources 01/25/12 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (7-Y 0-N)
	SB528	Garrett	Special hunting and fishing license for disabled veterans	a veteran who is permanently disabled due to a service-connected disability to purchase a discounted, combined hunting and freshwater fishing lifetime license and further provides him with the option to purchase either a hunting or a fishing license. The license fee for a person to only hunt or fish will be lower than that of the combined license.	01/11/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

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Income Taxes / Sales Tax	HB130	Kilgore	Income tax, state; military retirement pay subtraction	Establishes an individual income tax subtraction for annual retirement compensation received for service as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Virginia National Guard. The subtraction is effective beginning with the 2012 taxable year.	01/04/12 House: Referred to Committee on Finance 01/12/12 House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #3
	HB131	Kilgore	Income tax, state; tax credit for disabled military veterans	Establishes an individual income tax credit beginning with the 2012 taxable year for veterans with a military service-connected disability. The credit would be computed by multiplying the veteran's disability rating for the taxable year by the amount of his Virginia individual income tax liability for the year. The veteran's disability rating would be determined using the disability ratings of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.	01/04/12 House: Referred to Committee on Finance 01/12/12 House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #3
	HB228	Habeeb	Income tax, corporate; credit for contracting with small or minority-owned businesses	Establishes a corporate income tax credit beginning January 1, 2013, for federal contractors with at least 250 full-time employees that subcontract with small or minority-owned, veteran-owned, or women-owned businesses to perform federal government contract work. The tax credit would equal five percent of the amount paid by the federal contractor under the subcontract to the small or minority-owned, veteran-owned, or women-owned business. The small or minority-owned, veteran-owned, or women-owned business would be required to perform all subcontract work in a Historically Underutilized Business Zone or a state enterprise zone.	01/10/12 House: Referred to Committee on Finance 01/12/12 House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #3
	HB1041	Keam	Income tax, state and corporate; tax credit for hiring veterans	Establishes beginning January 1, 2012, an individual and corporate income tax credit for taxpayers hiring returning or disabled military veterans into new jobs paying an annual salary of at least \$50,000. Returning military veterans are persons who served on active duty on or after September 1, 2001, but not including any person who first served on active duty on or after January 1, 2015. Disabled military veterans are persons who are rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as having at least a 50 percent service-connected disability and who were unemployed for at least six months in the calendar year immediately preceding the date on which they were hired into the new job. The tax credit would equal \$500 each year for five years for returning military veterans holding the new job continuously throughout the year and \$1,000 each year for five years for disabled military veterans holding the new job continuously throughout the year. No credit would be allowed for any year in which the number of full-time employees of the taxpayer is less than the average annual number of full-time employees of the taxpayer in the immediately preceding three years	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on Finance
	HB1050	Anderson	Income tax, state; tax credit for hiring military persons as STEM interns	Income tax; tax credit for hiring military persons as STEM (science, technology, engineering, or mathematics) interns. Establishes an individual and corporate income tax credit for taxpayers employing military persons in STEM internship positions in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the military person to be a retiree of or honorably discharged from the Virginia National Guard, the national guard of another state or U.S. territory, the armed forces of the United States, or the armed forces reserves of the United States. In addition, the person's STEM internship with the taxpayer must be for a definite period that does not exceed 12 months. Taxpayers hiring military persons in STEM internships would be eligible for a tax credit equal to 25 percent of the wages or salary paid to the intern. Taxpayers would apply to the Department of Taxation for the tax credit. The Department would issue tax credits by providing a written certification to the taxpayer that reports the amount of tax credit that may be claimed. The Department would not be allowed to issue more than \$2 million in tax credits during any fiscal year. The Department would be allowed to issue tax credits only for fiscal years 2013 through 2017	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on Finance
	SB114	McDougle	Retail Sales and Use Tax exemption; adds veterans organizations to nonprofit entities that qualify	Adds veterans organizations to those nonprofit entities that can qualify for sales and use tax exemption	01/09/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance

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Legal	HB1201	Bulova	Exemptions from jury service; foreign service workers; military	Provides that any member of the armed services of the United States or the diplomatic service of the United States who is serving outside of the United States may be exempt from jury service upon request.	01/19/12 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 01/24/12 House: Assigned Courts sub: #2 Civil 01/25/12 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (9-Y 0-N)
	SB115	McDougle	Wills, trusts, and fiduciaries; revising and recodifying laws (NOTE: Includes section on trustees for incapacitated veterans)	Revision of Title 64.1. Creates proposed Title 64.2 (Wills, Trusts, and Fiduciaries) as a revision of existing Titles 26 (Fiduciaries Generally), 31 (Guardian and Ward), and 64.1 (Wills and Decedents' Estates), as well as portions of Titles 37.2 (Behavioral Health and Developmental Services) and 55 (Property and Conveyances). Proposed Title 64.2 consists of 27 chapters divided into five subtitles: Subtitle I (General Provisions); Subtitle II (Wills and Decedents' Estates); Subtitle III (Trusts); Subtitle IV (Fiduciaries and Guardians); and Subtitle V (Provisions Applicable to Probate and Nonprobate Transfers). Subtitle I consists of title-wide definitions and provisions that are broadly applicable to wills, trusts, and fiduciaries. Subtitle II addresses the descent of property either through intestate succession or by will, including nonprobate transfers. Subtitle III contains various uniform acts enacted in Virginia dealing with the creation and management of trusts. Subtitle IV deals with various fiduciary relationships, including powers of attorney, guardianships of minors and incapacitated adults, and the commissioners of accounts. Subtitle V contains provisions that are applicable to both probate and nonprobate transfers. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Code Commission.	01/16/12 Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with amendments (14-Y 0-N) 01/19/12 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
Military Chaplains	HJ9	Greason	Constitutional amendment; religious or theological education for military chaplains, etc	Constitutional amendment (first resolution); aid for nonpublic higher education; religious or theological education for military chaplains. Allows the General Assembly to provide for loans to, and grants to or on behalf of, students attending nonprofit institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth whose primary purpose is to provide religious training or theological education, provided the students are approved candidates for the chaplaincy of any active duty or reserve component of the United States Armed Forces, including the Virginia National Guard	12/21/11 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections
Military Retirees	HJ229	Surovell	Defined contribution pension; Va. Congressional Delegation urged to oppose for U.S. Armed Forces	Expresses the sense of the General Assembly in urging the Virginia Congressional Delegation to oppose the enactment of a 401(k)-style defined contribution pension for the members of the United States Armed Forces.	01/20/12 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
National Guard/ State Military Laws	HB384	Cole	Virginia Personnel Act; hiring preference in state employment for members of National Guard	Establishes a preference in state hiring for members of the Virginia National Guard. Under the bill, when a member of the Virginia National Guard applies for a position or job classification requiring an assessment using numerical ratings, points equal to five percent of the total points available from the assessment device or devices shall be added to the member's passing score. The preference shall not be applied if recruitment for the position is limited to state employees or over an applicant who is (i) a veteran, (ii) a former prisoner of war, or (iii) a more qualified member of the Virginia National Guard.	01/10/12 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws 01/27/12 House: Assigned GL sub: #4 Professions/Occupations and Administrative Process
	HB644	Stolle	In-state tuition; eligibility of members of Virginia National Guard residing in state.	Provides that any member of the Virginia National Guard residing in Virginia shall be eligible for in-state tuition at a public institution of higher education. This is broader than the current provision, which requires a guard member to be (i) activated or mobilized or on temporary active orders for six months or more, (ii) stationed or assigned by military service to a work location in Virginia, and (iii) residing in Virginia	01/18/12 House: Assigned Education sub: Higher Education and Arts 01/24/12 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendment(s) (6-Y 0-N) 01/24/12 House: Subcommittee recommends referring to Committee on Appropriations

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	HB820	Marshall, R.G.	National Guard; eligibility for service	Declares a person ineligible to serve in the Virginia National Guard if he has committed any act that would be punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice where the maximum prescribed punishment for such offense included a term of confinement of five or more years and a forfeiture of all pay and allowances	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
	HB1160	Marshall, R.G.	Unlawful detention of U.S. citizens; prevents any agency, etc., from assisting in investigation	Prevents any agency, political subdivision, employee, or member of the military of Virginia from assisting an agency or the armed forces of the United States in the investigation, prosecution, or detainment of a United States citizen in violation of the Constitution of Virginia	01/16/12 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice 01/23/12 House: Assigned Courts sub: #2 Civil 01/25/12 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 3-N)
	SB508	Wagner	In-state tuition; members of the Virginia National Guard	Provides that any member of the Virginia National Guard residing in Virginia shall be eligible for in-state tuition at a public institution of higher education. This is broader than the current provision, which requires a guard member to be (i) activated or mobilized or on temporary active orders for six months or more, (ii) stationed or assigned by military service to a work location in Virginia, and (iii) residing in Virginia	01/19/12 Senate: Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N) 01/19/12 Senate: Rereferred to Finance
Real Estate Tax Exemption for 100% service-connected disabled veterans	HB190	O'Bannon	Real estate tax; exemption for disabled veterans	Amend and reenact Code related to exemption from taxes on property for disabled veterans	01/09/12 House: Referred to Committee on Finance 01/12/12 House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #1
	HB922	Lingamfelter	Real property tax; exemption for disabled veterans	Provides that the tax exemption for the primary residence of a disabled veteran, a disabled veteran and his spouse, or a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran includes real property (i) held in a revocable inter vivos trust over which the veteran, the veteran and his spouse, or the surviving spouse hold the power of revocation; (ii) held in an irrevocable trust under which a veteran alone or in conjunction with his spouse possesses a life estate or an estate for joint lives, or enjoys a continuing right of use or support; or (iii) held by a veteran alone or in conjunction with his spouse as tenant or tenants for life or joint lives. The bill also provides that the exemption for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran includes property held in any of these ways. Finally, the bill establishes a formula for pro rating the amount of the exemption in the event there are owners in addition to the disabled veteran.	01/27/12 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N)
	HB933	Lingamfelter	Real property tax; exemption for disabled veterans	Provides that the real property tax exemption for disabled veterans for property acquired after January 1, 2011, begins on the date of acquisition and that the previous owner of the property is entitled to a pro rata refund of any taxes paid for any period of the tax year coming after the date of acquisition. The bill also provides that a veteran or spouse otherwise qualified for the exemption does not lose the exemption solely because of extended stays at hospitals, nursing homes, or other convalescent facilities as long as the real property is not leased to another person	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on Finance 01/20/12 House: Assigned Finance sub: #1
	SB22	Stuart	Real estate tax; exemption for disabled veterans	Provides that the real property tax exemption for veterans whose disability rating occurs after January 1, 2011, begins on the date of the rating.	01/23/12 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)

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	SB529	Marsden	Real property tax exemption for disabled veterans	Provides that the tax exemption for the primary residence of a disabled veteran, a disabled veteran and his spouse, or a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran includes real property (i) held in a revocable inter vivos trust over which the veteran, the veteran and his spouse, or the surviving spouse hold the power of revocation; (ii) held in an irrevocable trust under which a veteran alone or in conjunction with his spouse possesses a life estate or an estate for joint lives, or enjoys a continuing right of use or support; or (iii) held by a veteran alone or in conjunction with his spouse as tenant or tenants for life or joint lives. The bill also provides that the exemption for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran includes property held in any of these ways. Finally, the bill establishes a formula for pro rating the amount of the exemption in the event there are owners in addition to the disabled veteran.	01/25/12 Senate: Incorporated by Finance (SB540-Puller) (9-Y 0-N)
	SB540	Puller	Real property tax exemption for disabled veterans	Provides that the tax exemption for the primary residence of a disabled veteran, a disabled veteran and his spouse, or a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran includes real property (i) held in a revocable inter vivos trust over which the veteran, the veteran and his spouse, or the surviving spouse hold the power of revocation; (ii) held in an irrevocable trust under which a veteran alone or in conjunction with his spouse possesses a life estate or an estate for joint lives, or enjoys a continuing right of use or support; or (iii) held by a veteran alone or in conjunction with his spouse as tenant or tenants for life or joint lives. The bill also provides that the exemption for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran includes property held in any of these ways. Finally, the bill establishes a formula for pro rating the amount of the exemption in the event there are owners in addition to the disabled veteran	01/25/12 Senate: Reported from Finance with substitute (11-Y 0-N) (Incorporates SB529-Marsden)
	SJ74	Barker	Constitutional amendment (first resolution); real property tax exemption for certain surviving spouses	Constitutional amendment (first resolution); real property tax exemption for certain surviving spouses of disabled veterans. Expands the real property tax exemption for the primary residence of a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran, to include the situation in which the disabled veteran died prior to January 1, 2011	01/24/12 Senate: Continued to 2013 in Privileges and Elections (15-Y 0-N)
State Employees	HB253	Stolle	Virginia Personnel Act; hiring preference for veterans, surviving spouses, and children.	Adds the surviving spouse or child of a veteran killed in the line of duty to the preference in state employment for veterans. The bill defines child to mean a person under the age of 27 years. The bill contains technical amendments.	01/10/12 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws 01/27/12 House: Assigned GL sub: #4 Professions/Occupations and Administrative Process
	HB350	Cox, M.K.	Virginia Retirement System; modifies disability benefits provided to state employees	Modifies the disability benefits provided to state employees by (i) no longer reducing such benefit by the amount of military disability benefits received and (ii) reflecting changes made in 2009 by the General Assembly limiting new employees to disability payments in an amount of 60 percent of their creditable compensation for the first 60 months of employment. The bill also makes some technical changes.	01/27/12 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N)
	HB692	Plum	Public employment; prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation, race, etc.	Prohibits discrimination in public employment based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, political affiliation, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, or status as a veteran. The bill contains technical amendments	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws

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	HB977	Scott, J.M.	Virginia Human Rights Act; prohibits discrimination employment based on sexual orientation	Prohibits discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation. The bill defines "sexual orientation" as a person's actual or perceived heterosexuality, bisexuality, homosexuality, or gender identity or expression. The bill expressly provides that "sexual orientation" shall not include any person's attraction towards persons with whom sexual conduct would be illegal due to the age of the parties. the bill also codifies existing prohibited discrimination in employment based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, or status as a veteran.	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws
	SB263	Ebbin/ McEachin	Public employment; prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation, race, etc.	Prohibits discrimination in public employment based on sexual orientation. The bill defines "sexual orientation" as a person's actual or perceived heterosexuality, bisexuality, homosexuality, or gender identity or expression. The bill expressly provides that "sexual orientation" shall not include any person's attraction towards persons with whom sexual conduct would be illegal due to the age of the parties. The bill contains technical amendments. The bill also codifies existing prohibitions against discrimination in public employment based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, or status as a veteran. The bill contains technical amendments.	01/10/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
	SB527	Garrett	Virginia Personnel Act; hiring preference in state employment for members of the Virginia National Guard	Establishes a preference in state hiring for members of the Virginia National Guard. Under the bill, when a member of the Virginia National Guard applies for a position or job classification requiring an assessment using numerical ratings, points equal to five percent of the total points available from the assessment device or devices shall be added to the member's passing score. The preference shall not be applied if recruitment for the position is limited to state employees or over an applicant who is (i) a veteran, (ii) a former prisoner of war, or (iii) a more qualified member of the Virginia National Guard.	01/11/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
Unclaimed Remains of Veterans	HB439	Tata / Anderson / Stolle	Veterans; disposition of remains	Requires a funeral director to determine whether unclaimed cremains are those of a veteran prior to disposing of such cremains, and provides that a funeral director may transfer cremains of a veteran to a veterans service organization for purposes of disposition. The bill also provides that absent bad faith or malicious intent, no funeral director who transfers the cremains of a veteran or veterans service organization that receives the cremains of a veteran for purposes of disposition shall be liable for civil negligence.	01/26/12 House: Reported from General Laws with substitute (22-Y 0-N)
	HB1056	Anderson	Veterans; determination of status of unclaimed cremains	Provides that prior to the disposal of any unclaimed cremains, a funeral director must submit the name and any other identifying information for such cremains to the Department of Veterans Services for the purposes of determining whether the unclaimed cremains are those of a veteran. Under the bill, the names and any personal identifying information submitted by a funeral director to the Department of Veterans Services are exempt from disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.).	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws 01/17/12 House: Assigned GL sub: #4 Professions/Occupations and Administrative Process 01/24/12 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote
	SB433	Reeves	Determination of status of unclaimed cremains belonging to veterans	Provides that prior to the disposal of any unclaimed cremains, a funeral director must submit the name and any other identifying information for such cremains to the Department of Veterans Services for the purposes of determining whether the unclaimed cremains are those of a veteran. Under the bill, the names and any personal identifying information submitted by a funeral director to the Department of Veterans Services are exempt from disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.).	01/27/12 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)
Virginia War Memorial // War Memorials	HB1291	Gilbert	Governor's Executive Reorganization Plan	Reorganizes the executive branch of state government, including establishing the Virginia War Memorial as a division within the Department of Veterans Services. The bill eliminates the Virginia War Memorial Foundation and replaces it with the Virginia War Memorial Board and sets the membership, terms, and powers and duties of the Board, [Enactments 123-124; HJR 49 #46].	01/24/12 House: Referred to Committee on General Laws 01/27/12 House: Assigned GL sub: #5 Special

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	HJ49	Gilbert	Governor's Executive Reorganization Plan	Sets out the Governor's executive reorganization plan dated November 25, 2011, for approval by each house of the General Assembly. The resolution sets out the pertinent details of the plan. (NOTE: includes transfer of the Virginia War Memorial to the Department of Veterans Services).	01/20/12 House: VOTE: AGREE TO MOTION (69-Y 27-N) 01/23/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
	SB194	Miller, J.C.	Memorialization of fallen Virginians at the Virginia War Memorial	Codifies the criteria for inclusion of Virginians who died while serving in the armed forces on the Shrine of Memory at the Virginia War Memorial, as was required by legislation adopted in 2009	01/10/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology 01/16/12 Senate: Passed by for the day in General Laws and Technology (13-Y 0-N)
	SB675	Ruff	Confederate Memorial Chapel; Governor to designate as an official state war memorial	Provides for the Governor to designate the Confederate Memorial Chapel as an official state war memorial.	01/20/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
	SB678	McDougle	Governor's Executive Reorganization Plan	Reorganizes the executive branch of state government, including establishing the Virginia War Memorial as a division within the Department of Veterans Services. The bill eliminates the Virginia War Memorial Foundation and replaces it with the Virginia War Memorial Board and sets the membership, terms, and powers and duties of the Board. [Enactments 113-114; SJR 66 #46].	01/25/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
	SJ66	McDougle	Governor's Executive Reorganization Plan	Sets out the Governor's executive reorganization plan dated November 25, 2011, for approval by each house of the General Assembly. The resolution sets out the pertinent details of the plan. (NOTE: includes transfer of the Virginia War Memorial to the Department of Veterans Services).	01/20/12 Senate: Agreed to by Senate (22-Y 17-N)
Voting	HB930	Lingamfelter	Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act	Adopts the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act to promote uniformity of treatment and improved administration of election laws for military and overseas voters	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 01/23/12 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee
	HB1057	Anderson	Elections; military and overseas voters	Improves registration and absentee voting procedures for military and overseas voters; includes authorization for pilot programs for secure electronic ballot delivery and other reforms	01/11/12 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 01/23/12 House: Assigned P & E sub: Elections Subcommittee
	SB82	McWaters	Absentee voting; military and overseas voters	Directs the State Board of Elections to provide instructions and procedures for the submission of ballots from military and overseas voters by fax or other electronic means	01/24/12 Senate: Reported from Privileges and Elections (15-Y 0-N)
	SB565	Martin	Elections; military and overseas voters	Improves registration and absentee voting procedures for military and overseas voters; includes authorization for pilot programs for secure electronic ballot delivery and other reforms	01/17/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 01/19/12 Senate: Assigned to P&E sub: Campaigns and Elections

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