



Legislative Update

2022 Session

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Governor's Actions

- ▶ Vetoed 26 bills, amended 114 and approved 784
- ▶ 213 bills carried over to next session
- ▶ April 4 special session to finalize budget ended quickly, nothing done. House and Senate budget bills about \$3 billion apart. No decision on how to spend \$14 billion in unexpected revenue
- ▶ Special session will be set to pass a budget



SB 78 (Norment)

- ▶ Two components added to the driver education curriculum
- ▶ 90-minute parent/student driver education component as part of the classroom portion of its driver education program for all public school divisions (mandatory in Planning District 8, recommended but option elsewhere)
- ▶ Requires such parent/student driver education component to emphasize the dangers of distracted driving. *Signed into law*

SB 362 (Stuart)

Requires bicyclists riding two abreast shall not impede the normal flow of traffic and move to a single file formation when being overtaken from the rear by a faster moving vehicle - *as quickly as practicable.*

Signed into law





HB 632 (Carr)

- ▶ Exhaust systems, excessive noise. Removes prohibition on primary enforcement.
- ▶ Local ordinance “if such noise may be hazardous to the health and well-being of its citizens”
- ▶ *Signed into law*



HB 42 (Anderson)

- ▶ Improper Driving. Lesser charge than reckless. Currently, Courts can reduce reckless to this, but officers can't charge it.
- ▶ Left in Courts of Justice Committee (*Failed*)

HB 740 (Bell) SB 729 (Ruff)

- ▶ Catalytic Converter theft. Class 6 felony for illegally removing a catalytic converter from a vehicle. Increased record-keeping compliance standards for scrap dealers. *Signed into law*





HB 1142 (Torian)

- ▶ Expands the type and detail of information required to be collected by a law-enforcement officer during a motor vehicle stop or other investigatory stop, or when responding to a motor vehicle accident, in order to comply with the Virginia Community Policing Act.
- ▶ *Failed on 3-5 Public Safety subc vote*



SB 246 (Surovell)

- ▶ LEO, Purpose of traffic stop - VACP opposes unless amended. Will lead to safety issues and increased confrontations with drivers. (telling driver purpose of stop)
- ▶ *Passed Senate on 21-19 vote; killed in House Courts of Justice committee*

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- ▶ **SMALL AGENCY SYMPSOSIUM: June 21-22 - Wytheville**
- ▶ **VACP ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Sept. 11-14 - Roanoke**

