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 oversite; 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
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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

Notes: