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Legislation of Interest to Solid Waste Industry:

Senate Bills:

SB 248 Composting; Definition of Anaerobic Digestion
(Link to text of SB 248)
(Link to text of substitute SB 248)
(Link to text as passed SB 248)

Introduced by: Scott Surovell (D) District 36

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Composting; anaerobic digestion. Clarifies that composting, for the purposes of fertilizer law, includes anaerobic digestion. Anaerobic digestion is defined in the bill as the controlled anaerobic biological decomposition of organic waste materials to produce biogas and digestate.

History:
01/11/22 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22103305D
01/11/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
01/25/22 Senate: Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources with substitute (15-Y 0-N)
01/25/22 Senate: Committee substitute printed 22105061D-S1
01/27/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (39-Y 0-N)
01/28/22 Senate: Read second time
01/28/22 Senate: Reading of substitute waived
01/28/22 Senate: Committee substitute agreed to 22105061D-S1
01/28/22 Senate: Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute SB248S1
01/31/22 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
02/21/22 House: Placed on Calendar
02/21/22 House: Read first time
02/21/22 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
02/23/22 House: Reported from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources (22-Y 0-N)
02/25/22 House: Read second time
02/28/22 House: Read third time
02/28/22 House: Passed House BLOCK VOTE (99-Y 0-N)
02/28/22 House: VOTE: Block Vote Passage (99-Y 0-N)
03/02/22 Senate: Enrolled
03/02/22 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB248ER)

SB 250 Nonhazardous Solid Waste Management Facilities; Increase Annual Fees
(Link to text of SB 250)
(Link to text as engrossed SB 250)
(Link to text as passed SB 250)

Introduced by: Scott Surovell (D) District 36

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Nonhazardous solid waste fees. Increases the annual fees for nonhazardous solid waste management facilities and indexes the fees annually based on the change in the Consumer Price Index.

History:
01/11/22 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22103053D
01/11/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
01/25/22 Senate: Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (9-Y 3-N 3-A)
01/25/22 Senate: Rereferred to Finance and Appropriations
02/02/22 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with amendment (14-Y 2-N)
02/03/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)
02/04/22 Senate: Read second time
02/04/22 Senate: Reading of amendment waived
02/04/22 Senate: Committee amendment agreed to
02/04/22 Senate: Engrossed by Senate as amended SB250E
02/04/22 Senate: Printed as engrossed 22103053D-E
02/07/22 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (24-Y 16-N)
02/18/22 House: Placed on Calendar
02/18/22 House: Read first time
02/18/22 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
02/21/22 House: Assigned ACNR sub: Natural Resources
02/23/22 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (6-Y 0-N)
02/23/22 House: Reported from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources (18-Y 4-N)
02/25/22 House: Read second time
02/28/22 House: Read third time
02/28/22 House: Passed House (80-Y 19-N)
02/28/22 House: VOTE: Passage (80-Y 19-N)
02/28/22 House: Reconsideration of House passage agreed to by House
02/28/22 House: Passed House (67-Y 30-N 1-A)
02/28/22 House: VOTE: Passage #2 (67-Y 30-N 1-A)
03/02/22 Senate: Enrolled
03/02/22 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB250ER)

SB 499 Renewable Energy Facilities; Dept. of Energy, et. al, To Analyze Life Cycle; Report
(Link to text of SB 499)
(Link to text of substitute SB 499)
(Link to text as passed SB 499)

Introduced by: Lynwood W. Lewis, Jr. (D) District 6

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Life cycle of renewable energy facilities; report. Directs the Department of Energy, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality, to analyze the life cycle of renewable energy facilities and to report its findings to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources no later than December 1, 2022.

History:
01/12/22 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22102112D
01/12/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
02/08/22 Senate: Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (15-Y 0-N)
02/08/22 Senate: Rereferred to Finance and Appropriations
02/10/22 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with substitute (15-Y 0-N)
02/11/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)
02/14/22 Senate: Read second time
02/14/22 Senate: Reading of substitute waived

02/14/22 Senate: Committee substitute agreed to 22106456D-S1
02/14/22 Senate: Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute SB499S1
02/14/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)
02/14/22 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
02/21/22 House: Placed on Calendar
02/21/22 House: Read first time
02/21/22 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Energy
02/24/22 House: Reported from Commerce and Energy (22-Y 0-N)
02/28/22 House: Read second time
03/01/22 House: Read third time
03/01/22 House: Passed House BLOCK VOTE (100-Y 0-N)
03/01/22 House: VOTE: Block Vote Passage (100-Y 0-N)
03/04/22 Senate: Enrolled
03/04/22 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB499ER)

SB 565 Natural Gas, Biogas, and Other Gas Sources of Energy; Definitions, Energy Conservation
(Link to text of SB 565)
(Link to text of Substitute SB 565)
(Link to engrossed text of SB 565)
(Link to House Substitute of SB 565)

Introduced by: Scott Surovell (D) District 36

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Natural gas, biogas, and other gas sources of energy; definitions; energy conservation and efficiency; Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy Plan; biogas supply infrastructure projects. Permits natural gas utilities to include in their fuel portfolios, submitted to the State Corporation Commission to monitor fuel prices and purchases, supplemental or substitute forms of gas sources, defined in the bill, that meet certain standards and that reduce emissions intensity. The bill amends provisions of the Code related to conservation and energy efficiency programs, removes certain cost-effectiveness requirements for conservation and energy efficiency programs, and adds appliance rebates to the types of programs the Commission may consider. The bill expands conservation and ratemaking efficiency provisions of the Code that currently apply to natural gas consumption specifically to instead apply generally to energy consumption. The bill also removes calculation requirements for how the Commission should grant cost recovery of performance-based incentives for delivering conservation and energy efficiency benefits that are included in the utility's purchased gas adjustment mechanism.

The bill introduces enhanced leak detection and repair programs, defined in the bill, as a type of eligible infrastructure replacement for a natural gas utility facility. Costs of detecting and repairing leaks may be added to a natural gas utility's plan to identify proposed eligible infrastructure replacement projects and related cost recovery mechanisms, known as the utility's Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy (SAVE) Plan.

The bill adds provisions to the Code related to biogas supply infrastructure projects. Eligible infrastructure costs for these projects include (i) the investment in eligible biogas supply infrastructure projects, (ii) the return on the investment, (iii) a revenue conversion factor, (iv) operating and maintenance expenses, (v) depreciation, (vi) property tax and other taxes or government fees, and (vii) carrying costs on the over-recovery or under-recovery of the eligible biogas supply infrastructure costs. Under the bill, natural gas utilities can recover these eligible infrastructure costs on an ongoing basis through the gas component of the utility's rate structure or other recovery mechanism approved by the Commission. The plan submitted

by the utility may include an option to receive the biogas or sell the biogas at market prices. The timeline for the Commission to approve such plan is included in the bill. The bill further states that a natural gas utility with an approved biogas supply infrastructure plan must file a report of the investments made, the eligible infrastructure costs incurred and the amount of such costs recovered, the volume of biogas delivered to customers or sold to third parties during the 12-month reporting period, and an analysis of the price of biogas delivered to customers and the market cost of biogas during the reporting period.

History:
01/12/22 Senate: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22102111D
01/12/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
02/01/22 Senate: Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources with substitute (15-Y 0-N)
02/01/22 Senate: Committee substitute printed 22105710D-S1
02/01/22 Senate: Rereferred to Commerce and Labor
02/07/22 Senate: Reported from Commerce and Labor with substitute (13-Y 2-N)
02/07/22 Senate: Committee substitute printed 22106179D-S2
02/08/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)
02/09/22 Senate: Read second time
02/09/22 Senate: Committee substitute rejected 22105710D-S1
02/09/22 Senate: Reading of substitute waived
02/09/22 Senate: Committee substitute agreed to 22106179D-S2
02/09/22 Senate: Reading of amendments waived
02/09/22 Senate: Amendments by Senator Surovell agreed to
02/09/22 Senate: Passed by for the day
02/10/22 Senate: Read second time
02/10/22 Senate: Reading of amendments waived
02/10/22 Senate: Amendments by Senator Surovell agreed to
02/10/22 Senate: Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute with amendments SB565ES2
02/10/22 Senate: Printed as engrossed 22106179D-ES2
02/11/22 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (35-Y 5-N)
02/21/22 House: Placed on Calendar
02/21/22 House: Read first time
02/21/22 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Energy
03/03/22 House: Reported from Commerce and Energy with substitute (13-Y 9-N)
03/03/22 House: Committee substitute printed 22107459D-H1

SB 706 Trucks; Operation in Certain Weather Conditions
(Link to text of SB 706)
(Link to text of Substitute SB 706)
(Link to House Amendments SB 706)

Introduced by: David W. Marsden (D) District 37

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Trucks; operation in certain weather conditions. Requires the operators of trucks to stay in the right-most lane of any highway with two or more lanes in each direction and to not use cruise control or compression release engine brakes when driving in active snow, sleet, or freezing rain, or other inclement cold precipitation.

History:
01/21/22 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 22103859D
01/21/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

02/10/22 Senate: Reported from Transportation with substitute (10-Y 5-N)
02/10/22 Senate: Committee substitute printed 22106514D-S1
02/11/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)
02/14/22 Senate: Passed by for the day
02/15/22 Senate: Read second time
02/15/22 Senate: Reading of substitute waived
02/15/22 Senate: Committee substitute agreed to 22106514D-S1
02/15/22 Senate: Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute SB706S1
02/15/22 Senate: Passed Senate (26-Y 13-N)
02/15/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)
02/22/22 House: Placed on Calendar
02/22/22 House: Read first time
02/22/22 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation
02/22/22 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #3 Highway Safety and Policy
02/23/22 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendments (9-Y 0-N)
03/01/22 House: Reported from Transportation with amendment(s) (21-Y 1-N)
03/03/22 House: Read second time
03/04/22 House: Read third time
03/04/22 House: Committee amendments agreed to
03/04/22 House: Engrossed by House as amended
03/04/22 House: Passed House with amendments (94-Y 4-N)
03/04/22 House: VOTE: Passage (94-Y 4-N)

House Bills:

HB 148 Certified Pollution Control Equipment; Certification by Subdivisions
(Link to text of HB 148)
(Link to text as Passed HB 148)

Introduced by: Chris Runion (R) District 25

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Certified pollution control equipment; certification by subdivisions. Provides that for pollution control equipment to be used as part of a political subdivision's water, wastewater, stormwater, or solid waste management facilities or systems, such equipment may be certified by the political subdivision itself instead of by the state certifying authority.

History:
01/08/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22101273D
01/08/22 House: Referred to Committee on Finance
01/19/22 House: Assigned Finance sub: Subcommittee #2
01/24/22 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (8-Y 0-N)
01/26/22 House: Reported from Finance (22-Y 0-N)
01/28/22 House: Read first time
01/31/22 House: Read second time and engrossed
02/01/22 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (99-Y 0-N)
02/01/22 House: VOTE: Block Vote Passage (99-Y 0-N)
02/02/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed
02/02/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations
02/15/22 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (16-Y 0-N)
02/16/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (39-Y 0-N)

02/17/22 Senate: Read third time
02/17/22 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
02/21/22 House: Enrolled
02/21/22 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB148ER)

HB 558 Natural Gas, Biogas, and Other Gas Sources of Energy; Definitions, Energy Conservation
(Link to text of HB 558)
(Link to text of House Substitute HB 558)
(Link to text of Senate Substitute HB 558)
(Link to text as Passed HB 558)

Introduced by: Israel O'Quinn (R) District 15

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Natural gas, biogas, and other gas sources of energy; definitions; energy conservation and efficiency; Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy Plan; biogas supply infrastructure projects. Permits natural gas utilities to include in their fuel portfolios, submitted to the State Corporation Commission to monitor fuel prices and purchases, supplemental or substitute forms of gas sources, defined in the bill, that meet certain standards and that reduce emissions intensity. The bill amends provisions of the Code related to conservation and energy efficiency programs, removes certain cost-effectiveness requirements for conservation and energy efficiency programs, and adds appliance rebates to the types of programs the Commission may consider. The bill expands conservation and ratemaking efficiency provisions of the Code that currently apply to natural gas consumption specifically to instead apply generally to energy consumption. The bill also removes calculation requirements for how the Commission should grant cost recovery of performance-based incentives for delivering conservation and energy efficiency benefits that are included in the utility's purchased gas adjustment mechanism.

The bill introduces enhanced leak detection and repair programs, defined in the bill, as a type of eligible infrastructure replacement for a natural gas utility facility. Costs of detecting and repairing leaks may be added to a natural gas utility's plan to identify proposed eligible infrastructure replacement projects and related cost recovery mechanisms, known as the utility's Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy (SAVE) Plan.

The bill adds provisions to the Code related to biogas supply infrastructure projects. Eligible infrastructure costs for these projects include (i) the investment in eligible biogas supply infrastructure projects, (ii) the return on the investment, (iii) a revenue conversion factor, (iv) operating and maintenance expenses, (v) depreciation, (vi) property tax and other taxes or government fees, and (vii) carrying costs on the over-recovery or under-recovery of the eligible biogas supply infrastructure costs. Under the bill, natural gas utilities can recover these eligible infrastructure costs on an ongoing basis through the gas component of the utility's rate structure or other recovery mechanism approved by the Commission. The plan submitted by the utility may include an option to receive the biogas or sell the biogas at market prices. The timeline for the Commission to approve such plan is included in the bill. The bill further states that a natural gas utility with an approved biogas supply infrastructure plan must file a report of the investments made, the eligible infrastructure costs incurred and the amount of such costs recovered, the volume of biogas delivered to customers or sold to third parties during the 12-month reporting period, and an analysis of the price of biogas delivered to customers and the market cost of biogas during the reporting period.

History:
01/11/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22102047D
01/11/22 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Energy

02/08/22 House: Reported from Commerce and Energy with substitute (14-Y 8-N)
02/08/22 House: Committee substitute printed 22106302D-H1
02/11/22 House: Committee substitute agreed to 22106302D-H1
02/11/22 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute HB558H1
02/14/22 House: Read third time and passed House (59-Y 41-N)
02/14/22 House: VOTE: Passage (59-Y 41-N)
02/16/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed
02/16/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
02/21/22 Senate: Reported from Commerce and Labor with substitute (15-Y 0-N)
02/21/22 Senate: Committee substitute printed 22106786D-S1
02/23/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)
02/24/22 Senate: Reading of substitute waived
02/24/22 Senate: Committee substitute agreed to 22106786D-S1
02/24/22 Senate: Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute HB558S1
02/24/22 Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (39-Y 1-N)
02/24/22 Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (39-Y 1-N)
02/28/22 House: Senate substitute agreed to by House 22106786D-S1 (68-Y 30-N)
02/28/22 House: VOTE: Adoption (68-Y 30-N)
03/02/22 House: Enrolled
03/02/22 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB558ER)

HB 637 Drivers of Vehicles Approaching Stationary Vehicles Displaying Certain Warning Lights; Penalty
(Link to text of HB 637)

Introduced by: Betsy Carr (D) District 69

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Duties of drivers of vehicles approaching stationary vehicles displaying certain warning lights; penalty. Establishes a minimum fine of $500 for a violation of the requirement for drivers to make a lane change or proceed with caution when approaching stationary vehicles displaying certain warning lights, commonly known as the "Move Over" law. The bill requires a driver who cannot change lanes safely to pass the stationary vehicle at no more than 10 miles per hour.

History:
01/11/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22101018D
01/11/22 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation
01/19/22 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #3 Highway Safety and Policy
01/26/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (4-Y 3-N)

HB 647 Packaging Stewardship Program and Fund; Established
(Link to text of HB 647)

Introduced by: Betsy Carr (D) District 69

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Packaging Stewardship Program and Fund; Stewardship Advisory Committee; established. Establishes the Packaging Stewardship Program, administered by the Department of Environmental Quality. Under the Program, a producer that sells products with packaging materials in the Commonwealth pays a fee to the Department based upon the amount of packaging used and whether or not it is easily recyclable. A

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producer may establish an alternative collection program to offset some or all of the fees. The fees are paid into the Packaging Stewardship Fund, established in the bill, and are used to reimburse participating localities for expenses related to recycling, invest in recycling infrastructure and education, and pay administrative costs related to the Program. The bill authorizes the Department to contract with a third party to administer the Program. The bill also establishes a Stewardship Advisory Committee, with 23 members appointed by the Director of the Department, to oversee implementation of the Program.

History:
01/11/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22104221D
01/11/22 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
01/24/22 House: Assigned ACNR sub: Agriculture
01/26/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 4-N)

HB 709 Packaging Stewardship Program and Fund; Established
(Link to text of HB 709)

Introduced by: Mark L. Keam (D) District 35

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Packaging Stewardship Program and Fund; established. Establishes the Packaging Stewardship Program (the Program), administered by the Department of Environmental Quality. Under the Program, a producer that sells products with packaging materials in the Commonwealth pays a fee to the Department based upon the amount of packaging used and whether or not it is easily recyclable. A producer may establish an alternative collection program to offset some or all of the fees. The fees are paid into the Packaging Stewardship Fund, established in the bill, and are used to reimburse participating localities for expenses related to recycling, invest in recycling infrastructure and education, and pay administrative costs related to the Program. The bill authorizes the Department to contract with a third party to administer the Program.

History:
01/11/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22102627D
01/11/22 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
01/25/22 House: Assigned ACNR sub: Agriculture
01/26/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 4-N)

HB 712 Pharmacy, Board of; Safe Sharps Disposal Containers Required for Pharmacies for Public Use
(Link to text of HB 712)

Introduced by: Mark L. Keam (D) District 35

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Board of Pharmacy; safe sharps disposal. Directs the Board of Pharmacy to amend its regulations to require all pharmacies to provide and maintain a safe sharps disposal container on the premises of the pharmacy for public use.

History:
01/11/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22102557D
01/11/22 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions
01/25/22 House: Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #2

02/03/22 House: Subcommittee recommends continuing to 2023 by voice vote
02/08/22 House: Continued to 2023 in Health, Welfare and Institutions by voice vote

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HB 774 Renewable Energy Facilities; Dept. of Energy, et. al, To Analyze Life Cycle; Report
(Link to text of HB 774)
(Link to text of Substitute HB 774)
(Link to text of Passed HB 774)

Introduced by: M. Keith Hodges (D) District 77

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Life cycle of renewable energy facilities; report. Directs the Department of Energy, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality, to analyze the life cycle of renewable energy facilities and to report its findings to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources no later than December 1, 2022.

History:
01/11/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22101727D
01/11/22 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Energy
01/20/22 House: Assigned sub: Subcommittee #1
01/25/22 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (8-Y 0-N)
01/27/22 House: Reported from Commerce and Energy with substitute (22-Y 0-N)
01/27/22 House: Committee substitute printed 22105192D-H1
02/01/22 House: Committee substitute agreed to 22105192D-H1
02/01/22 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute HB774H1
02/02/22 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (98-Y 0-N)
02/02/22 House: VOTE: Block Vote Passage (98-Y 0-N)
02/03/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed
02/03/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
02/18/22 Senate: Assigned C&L sub: Energy
02/21/22 Senate: Reported from Commerce and Labor (15-Y 0-N)
02/23/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)
02/24/22 Senate: Read third time
02/24/22 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
02/28/22 House: Enrolled
02/28/22 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB774ER)

HB 826 Beverage container deposit and redemption program; established, civil and criminal penalties
(Link to text of HB 826)

Introduced by: Patrick Hope (D) District 47

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Beverage container deposit and redemption program; established; civil and criminal penalties. Establishes a beverage container deposit, refund, and redemption program involving distributors, retailers, and consumers. The program would be run by a Producer Responsibility Organization under the Department of Environmental Quality. The bill creates an advisory committee, requires reporting, and imposes civil and criminal penalties for violation.

History:
01/12/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22103902D
01/12/22 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
01/24/22 House: Assigned ACNR sub: Agriculture
01/26/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (10-Y 0-N)

HB 831 Composting; Definition of Anaerobic Digestion
(Link to text of HB 831)
(Link to text of Substitute HB 831)

Introduced by: Tony Wilt (R) District 26

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Composting; anaerobic digestion. Clarifies that composting, for the purposes of fertilizer law, includes anaerobic digestion. Anaerobic digestion is defined in the bill as the controlled anaerobic biological decomposition of organic waste materials to produce biogas and digestate.

History:
01/12/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22100962D
01/12/22 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
01/24/22 House: Assigned ACNR sub: Agriculture
01/26/22 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (9-Y 1-N)
02/02/22 House: Committee substitute printed 22105301D-H1
02/02/22 House: Reported from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources with substitute (22-Y 0-N)
02/07/22 House: Committee substitute agreed to 22105301D-H1
02/07/22 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute HB831H1
02/08/22 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (98-Y 0-N)
02/08/22 House: VOTE: Block Vote Passage (98-Y 0-N)
02/08/22 House: Reconsideration of passage agreed to by House
02/08/22 House: Passed House BLOCK VOTE (99-Y 0-N)
02/08/22 House: VOTE: Block Vote Passage #2 (99-Y 0-N)
02/09/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
03/01/22 Senate: Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (15-Y 0-N)
03/03/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (39-Y 0-N)
03/04/22 Senate: Read third time
03/04/22 Senate: Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)

HB 899 Aboveground Storage Tanks; Regulation of Tanks
(Link to text of HB 899)

Introduced by: Alfonso Lopez (D) District 49

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Aboveground storage tanks; Hazardous Substance Aboveground Storage Tank Fund; civil penalties. Directs the State Water Control Board to regulate aboveground storage tanks that measure more than 250 gallons in capacity and are used to contain hazardous substances other than oil. The bill directs the Board to adopt regulations that establish requirements for registration, and other requirements of tank owners, and that establish a schedule of registration and renewal fees. The bill authorizes the Board to undertake corrective

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action in the event of a discharge of a hazardous substance. The bill requires tank owners notify certain parties in the event of a release of a regulated substance. The bill also creates the Hazardous Substance Aboveground Storage Tank Fund, with moneys from the Fund to be used solely for the administration of the bill, and provides for civil penalties for violations of requirements of the bill, with such moneys received to be deposited into the existing Virginia Environmental Emergency Response Fund.

History:
01/12/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22103807D
01/12/22 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
01/21/22 House: Assigned ACNR sub: Chesapeake
01/31/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 4-N)

HB 918 Packaging Stewardship Program and Fund; Established
(Link to text of HB 918)

Introduced by: Alfonso Lopez (D) District 49

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Packaging Stewardship Program and Fund; established. Establishes the Packaging Stewardship Program (the Program), administered by the Department of Environmental Quality. Under the Program, a producer that sells products with packaging materials in the Commonwealth pays a fee to the Department based upon the amount of packaging used and whether or not it is easily recyclable. A producer may establish an alternative collection program to offset some or all of the fees. The fees are paid into the Packaging Stewardship Fund, established in the bill, and are used to reimburse participating localities for expenses related to recycling, invest in recycling infrastructure and education, and pay administrative costs related to the Program. The bill authorizes the Department to contract with a third party to administer the Program.

History:
01/12/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22103177D
01/12/22 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
01/24/22 House: Assigned ACNR sub: Agriculture
01/26/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 4-N)

HB 919 Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) Water supplies and Waterworks; Board of Health Regulations
(Link to text of HB 919)
(Link to text of Substitute HB 919)
(Link to Amendments HB 919)

Introduced by: Robert Orrock, Sr. (R) District 54

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Board of Health; regulations; maximum contaminant levels in water supplies and waterworks; effective date. Provides that the regulations that the Board of Health is required to adopt under current law establishing maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) in all water supplies and waterworks in the Commonwealth for (i) perfluorooctanoic acid, perfluorooctane sulfonate, and such other perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances as the Board deems necessary, (ii) chromium-6, and (iii) 1,4-dioxane shall become effective on or after July 1, 2025.

History:
01/12/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22101208D
01/12/22 House: Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions
01/21/22 House: Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #1
02/01/22 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with substitute (9-Y 0-N)
02/08/22 House: Reported from Health, Welfare and Institutions with substitute (22-Y 0-N)
02/08/22 House: Committee substitute printed 22105741D-H1
02/11/22 House: Committee substitute agreed to 22105741D-H1
02/11/22 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute HB919H1
02/14/22 House: Read third time and passed House (80-Y 20-N)
02/14/22 House: VOTE: (80-Y 20-N)
02/16/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed
02/16/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Education and Health
02/21/22 Senate: Assigned Education sub: Health
02/24/22 Senate: Reported from Education and Health with amendment (15-Y 0-N)
02/24/22 Senate: Rereferred to Finance and Appropriations
03/01/22 Senate: Reported from Finance and Appropriations with amendments (16-Y 0-N)
03/02/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)
03/03/22 Senate: Read third time
03/03/22 Senate: Reading of amendment waived
03/03/22 Senate: Committee amendment agreed to
03/03/22 Senate: Reading of amendments waived
03/03/22 Senate: Finance and Appropriations Committee amendments #s 1,2,3 agreed to
03/03/22 Senate: Finance and Appropriations Committee amendment #4 rejected
03/03/22 Senate: Engrossed by Senate as amended
03/03/22 Senate: Passed Senate with amendments (39-Y 0-N)

HB 959 Unpermitted Discharges; Dissemination of Information
(Link to text of HB 959)

Introduced by: Kathy Tran (D) District 42

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Dissemination of information regarding unpermitted discharges; de minimis impact. Modifies the current requirement that the Department of Environmental Quality disseminate information about certain unpermitted discharges to require dissemination of all unpermitted discharges unless the discharge is determined to have a de minimis impact on the beneficial uses of state waters. The Department is directed to develop guidance for determining when an impact is de minimis by October 1, 2022.

History:
01/12/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22102638D
01/12/22 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
01/21/22 House: Assigned ACNR sub: Chesapeake
01/24/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 4-N)

HB 1011 Public Drinking water; Com. of Health to Study Occurrence of Various Substances & Acids in Water
(Link to text of HB 1011)

Introduced by: Elizabeth R. Guzman (D) District 31

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Commissioner of Health; study of the occurrence of PFOA, PFOS, PFBA, PFHpA, PFHxS, PFNA, and other PFAS in the Commonwealth's public drinking water; report. Directs the Commissioner of Health to convene a work group to study the occurrence of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), perfluorobutyrate (PFBA), perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA), perfluorohexane sulfonate (PFHxS), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), hexafluoropropylene oxide-dimer acid (HFPO-DA), perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA), perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA), and perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS), in drinking water in the Commonwealth. The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and Education and Health by December 1, 2023.

History:
01/12/22 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/12/22 22103990D
01/12/22 House: Committee Referral Pending
01/25/22 House: Assigned HWI sub: Subcommittee #1
02/15/22 House: Left in Health, Welfare and Institutions

HB 1200 Landfill Siting; Proximity to Private Wells
(Link to text of HB 1200)

Introduced by: R. Lee Ware (R) District 65

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Landfill siting; proximity to private wells. Prohibits the siting of a new municipal solid waste landfill within one mile upgradient of any existing private well.

History:
01/17/22 House: Presented and ordered printed 22103314D
01/17/22 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
02/04/22 House: Assigned ACNR sub: Chesapeake
02/07/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (9-Y 1-N)

HB 1261 State Environmental Boards
(Link to text of HB 1261)
(Link to text of Substitute HB 1261)

Introduced by: Robert S. Bloxom, Jr. (R) District 100

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
State environmental boards. Provides for appointment of members to the State Air Pollution Control Board, the Virginia Waste Management Board, and the State Water Control Board by the Governor, the Senate

Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Currently, all members of such boards are appointed by the Governor. The bill provides that the authority of such boards does not include the authority to issue any environmental permit, or abridge or deny any environmental permit issued by the Department of Environmental Quality.

History:
01/20/22 House: Presented and ordered printed 22104337D
01/20/22 House: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
01/31/22 House: Assigned ACNR sub: Natural Resources
02/02/22 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendments (4-Y 2-N)
02/09/22 House: Reported from Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources with amendment(s) (11-Y 10-N)
02/14/22 House: Committee amendment agreed to
02/14/22 House: Engrossed by House as amended HB1261E
02/14/22 House: Printed as engrossed 22104337D-E
02/15/22 House: Read third time and passed House (52-Y 48-N)
02/15/22 House: VOTE: Passage (52-Y 48-N)
02/16/22 Senate: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
02/22/22 Senate: Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources with substitute (13-Y 2-N)
02/22/22 Senate: Committee substitute printed 22106841D-S1
02/24/22 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)
02/25/22 Senate: Motion to recommit to committee agreed to
02/25/22 Senate: Recommitted to Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources
03/01/22 Senate: Reported from Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources with substitute (13-Y 2-N)
03/01/22 Senate: Committee substitute printed 22107283D-S2
03/03/22 Senate: Read third time
03/03/22 Senate: Committee substitute rejected 22106841D-S1
03/03/22 Senate: Reading of substitute waived
03/03/22 Senate: Committee substitute agreed to 22107283D-S2
03/03/22 Senate: Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute HB1261S2
03/03/22 Senate: Passed Senate with substitute (29-Y 10-N)

HJ 86 Study; JLARC; Development of Strategic Plan for Regional Solid Waste Disposal; Southwest Virginia
(Link to text of HJ 86)

Introduced by: Jeffrey Campbell (R) District 6

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:
Study; JLARC; development of a strategic plan for regional solid waste disposal in Southwest Virginia; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to conduct a one-year study of solid waste disposal in Southwest Virginia and the possible establishment of a regional solid waste disposal authority and regional landfill.

History:
01/12/22 House: Presented and ordered printed 22104353D
01/12/22 House: Committee Referral Pending
01/28/22 House: Assigned Rules sub: Studies
01/31/22 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table (6-Y 0-N)
