

Preface

The Virginia Municipal League is pleased to present its 2008 Legislative Report on legislation affecting local governments.

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Bill summaries are taken from the summary prepared by the Virginia Division of Legislative Services and distributed over the Internet and in their publication, *2008 Session Summary* (available at <http://dls.state.va.us/pubs/summary/2008/WELCOME.HTM>). Bill status and summaries also can be checked through the Legislative Information System at this web address: <http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm>. League staff members have reviewed the summaries and made revisions where appropriate to reflect local government interests.

Legislation is effective July 1, 2008 with two exceptions. First, emergency legislation is effective upon signature by the governor. Second, some legislation has a delayed effective date. The summaries show effective dates in these cases.

The General Assembly rejected gubernatorial amendments to five bills. They have been returned to the Governor, who may sign them as enacted, not sign (in which case they become law), or veto them. Here is the list of those five bills:

- HB 538 Commercial dog breeders; definition, requirements, penalty.
- SB 464 Energy and Climate Change, Commission on.
- SB 772 Conditions of bond; court may bar person in elected office from returning to constitutional office.
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We hope that this report will be useful to you. If you have any suggestions for improvements, please let us know. If you would like to receive an electronic version of this report, please send your request to email@vml.org.

Thank you for your help in promoting the interests of local government during the 2008 Session of the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

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