

**Bills introduced by Delegate Vivian Watts in 2009 that were passed and signed into law.**

HB 1899 – Allows the circuit court of Fairfax County to delay appointing commissioners until after the Virginia Supreme Court gets back the questionnaires sent to potential jurors.

HB 2197 – Protects the confidentiality of ballots if election officials provide language assistance and allows party representatives to be available as interpreters.

HB 2199 – Allows authorities appointing certain members of the Board of Veteran services to remove their appointee rather than the Governor controlling the removal.

HJ 788 – Designates the internationally recognized date for Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Yom Hashoah, as the Day of Remembrance in Virginia.

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HB 277 – Allows for neighborhood traffic calming controls on Highland Ave even though it is the sole access to the industrial park.

HB 278 – Requires that probable next of kin be able to view a body without delay to confirm the identification.

HB 466 – If legal action has commenced against a property owner for a zoning violation and the property is sold, provides that the County Attorney does not have to start the case all over.

HB 467 – Allows election poll results to be reported to the electoral board using the internet.\*

HB 468 – Creates special license plates for Gold Star military families.\*

HB 469 – Waives the fee for a duplicate driver's license if the person is on active military duty outside the United States.

HB 470 – Prohibits loitering in any highway right-of-way where it presents a public safety hazard.

HB 575 – Puts suits against un-licensed contractors under the Consumer Protection Act which allows history of offenses to come into evidence and provides for triple damage, court costs and attorney fees for willful violation.

HB 576 – Provides for sharing mental health records necessary for treatment or monitoring between and among mental health professionals, educational employees, healthcare providers, and law enforcement.\*

HB 1043 – Provides that an alleged rape victim cannot be required to submit to a lie detector exam as a condition of proceeding with the investigation of the offense.

HB 1044 – Extends the Virginia's Sex Offender Registry to include the use of computers in certain offenses involving children and making it clear that any out-of-state conviction has the same status as a Virginia conviction.

HB 1051 – Provides that the cap on medical malpractice suits applies only to healthcare services provided in nursing homes and not to injury or death caused by business decisions such as staffing, security, maintenance, or food preparation.\*

\*Indicates Delegate Watts' bill was rolled into another bill and passed.

**Bills introduced by Delegate Vivian Watts in 2007 that were passed and signed into law.**

HB 2282 – Clarifies that qualified military survivors and their children will receive free board and room, required fees and institutional charges, books and supplies, as well as tuition at any public institution of higher education.\*

HB 2284 – Eliminates different dates for submitting employer withholding tax returns by making it the 25th day of the following month for every monthly filing.

HB 2287 – Expedites the counting of absentee ballots.

HB 2290 – Establishes a Nursing Facility Quality Improvement Program to provide on-site training and quality improvement assistance at nursing homes that are not in compliance with state regulations, funded from fines paid for violations.

HB 2610 – Increases the fees for heavy truck registrations and makes the registration fees for trailers and semitrailers the same as for passenger vehicles.\*

HB 2636 – Establishes a pilot program to provide geriatric mental health services to people over age 65 with serious mental illness and provide psychiatric consultation and staff training to the staff of long-term care facilities.\*

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Future website updates will cover earlier years. For all bills introduced by Delegate Watts go to <http://leg1.state.va.us> , chose the year, click on "General Assembly Members" and scroll down to her name.