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Preface

This publication presents a summary of legislation considered by the Virginia General Assembly at the 2003 Session. Bill summaries are arranged by subject areas corresponding to the appropriate titles in the Code of Virginia. Noncodified bills of a substantive nature are also contained under their proper subject headings. Within each heading, the material is further separated into Passed and Failed categories. (The General Assembly sometimes incorporates provisions from several bills in one substitute bill. Thus a bill may have failed, but all or some of its provisions have been "incorporated" in another bill. The summary for the bill will so note.) Bills affecting more than one title are printed under the dominant subject area of the legislation.

Other headings contain constitutional amendment resolutions, certain miscellaneous resolutions, charter and authority bills, and miscellaneous noncodified bills. A final category lists studies approved by the General Assembly. An index shows the page number on which the summary of a particular bill may be found.

The major substantive provisions of each measure are summarized. The appropriate bill number and patron are also noted so that one can obtain further information, if needed. A researcher should refer to the enrolled bill, the appropriate chapter of the 2003 Acts of Assembly, or the Legislative Information System on the Internet (<http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm>) for detailed information on legislation.

These summaries reflect actions of the 2003 General Assembly through adjournment sine die on February 22, 2003. Many of the measures are subject to gubernatorial review and veto. Therefore, some measures may be amended and some may not become law.

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	Continued	Introduced	Passed	Failed
House Bills	361	1463	686	1138
House Joint Resolutions	26	416	345	97
House Resolutions	0	38	34	4
House Total	387	1917	1065	1239
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Senate Bills	111	661	360	412
Senate Joint Resolutions	19	220	194	45
Senate Resolutions	0	27	27	0
Senate Total	130	908	581	457
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General Assembly Total	517	2825	1646	1696

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