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Preface

This publication presents a summary of legislation considered by the Virginia General Assembly at the 2005 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 2005 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 2005 General Assembly through adjournment *sine die* on February 27, 2005. 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	260	1449	626	1083
House Joint Resolutions	36	497	379	154
House Resolutions	0	28	25	3
House Total	296	1974	1030	1240
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Senate Bills	123	653	323	453
Senate Joint Resolutions	6	282	229	59
Senate Resolutions	0	29	28	1
Senate Total	129	964	580	513
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General Assembly Total	425	2938	1610	1753

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