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Preface

This publication presents a summary of legislation considered by the Virginia General Assembly at the 2004 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*, *Failed*, and *Carried Over* 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 2004 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 2004 General Assembly through adjournment *sine die* on March 16, 2004. 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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	Introduced	Continued	Passed	Failed
House Bills	1488	260	676	552
House Joint Resolutions	524	36	421	67
House Resolutions	26	0	22	4
House Total	2038	296	1119	623
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Senate Bills	693	123	359	211
Senate Joint Resolutions	258	6	220	32
Senate Resolutions	17	0	17	0
Senate Total	968	129	596	243
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General Assembly Total	3006	425	1715	866

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