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## 2020 Legislative Session

### Weekly Report 1

(1/13/20 – 1/17/20)

### Governor Budget Recommendations

Governor DeSantis highlighted his key priorities for the 2020 Session. They included the following:

- Continued focus on Florida's fiscal health (low taxes and business de-regulation);
  - \$625M in recurring funds for water resource projects such as Everglades Restoration and passage of his water quality legislation;
  - Increase penalties and enforcement of sewage spillages; and
  - Hurricane preparedness, recovery and mitigation.
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- The total recommendation for the FY 2020-2021 budget is \$91.4 billion.
  - The budget places \$5.6 billion in total reserves, including \$1.4 billion of General Revenue, which is more than 6 percent of the total budget and more than \$200 million more than the current year budget.
  - The budget also includes more than \$300 million in tax relief, including a \$56 million 8-day Back to School Sales Tax Holiday, a 10-day Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday and property tax relief of over \$247 million.

### Environment

- \$625 million in recurring funding for Everglades restoration
  - \$322 million for Everglades restoration
  - \$150 million for water quality improvements
  - \$50 million for springs restoration
  - \$22 million to combat harmful algal blooms and red tide
- \$50 million for beach nourishment
- \$9 million for coral reef protection
- \$100 million to Florida Forever

### Education

- \$22.9 billion for the Florida Education Finance Program (FDEP)
  - This is an increase of over \$1 billion
  - \$900 million to recruit and retain teachers and principals
  - \$600 million to raise minimum wage salary for full-time classroom teachers to \$47,500
  - \$300 million for bonus programs



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- \$25 million in key workforce development initiatives
  - \$10 million for the Pathways to Careers Opportunities Grant Program
  - \$10 million for the Work Florida Student Success Incentive Fund at State Colleges
  - \$5 million for the Work Florida Student Success Incentive Fund at District Postsecondary Programs.

## **Transportation and Economic Development**

- \$387 million to fully fund Workforce and Affordable Housing Programs
  - \$119.8 million for the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) Program
  - \$267.2 million for the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program
- \$8.8 billion for the State Transportation Work Program
  - \$2.8 billion for highway construction
  - \$865.7 million in lane resurfacing
  - \$436.2 million in scheduled repairs and replacement of bridges.
- \$50 million for the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund to provide funding for job training and public infrastructure projects that support growth and employment in Florida.

## **Election Security**

- \$6.6 million for state-level election oversight activities, with a focus on cybersecurity enhancements to Florida's election system.

## **Health and Human Services**

- \$54 million to fight the opioid epidemic
- \$17 million for mental health and substance abuse funding
- \$97 million for Florida's child welfare system
- \$6.4 million to support the Office of Public and Professional Guardianship

## **Public Safety**

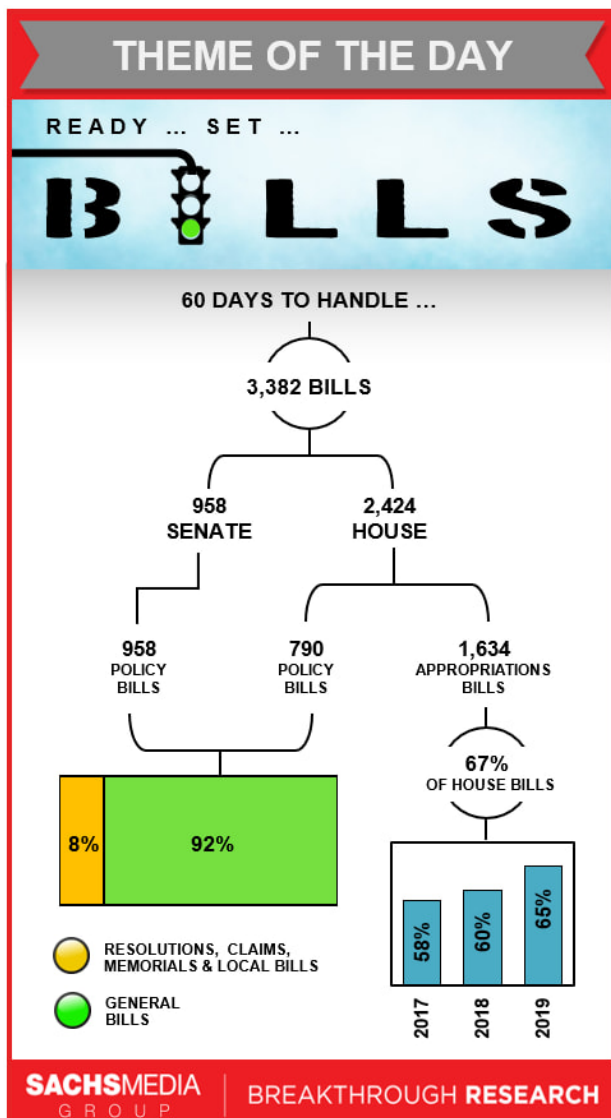
- \$4.5 million to implement the first Statewide Behavior Threat Assessment strategy in the country.
- \$14.5 million to expand and enhance FDLE's crime databases that the department uses daily to investigate crimes and apprehend criminals
- \$89.7 million and additional staffing at the Florida Department of Corrections, including retention bonuses and a pilot program to transition correctional officers from a 12-hour shift to an 8.5-hour shift.



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➤ New general revenue forecast issued this week is projecting an additional \$306M for current fiscal year (an uptick from last August's revenue reduction), and an additional \$86M for FY 2020-21. This provides the state with a modest outlook as they work to craft the state's budget for next year.

➤ The House and Senate continue their focus on developing their respective chambers spending plans. The various House appropriations subcommittees completed their 25% budget reduction recommendations for each component of the state budget. Subcommittee budget proposals are expected in week 3 with the Senate subcommittees to follow.



➤ 3,396 bills have been filed for the 2020 Session. The deadline for filing member bills was January 14, the start of session.

## Committees Recap

**Monday (1/13/20)**

### Senate Governmental Oversight & Accountability

*SB 504 Local Government Public Construction Works – Senator Perry*

Requiring the governing board of a local government to consider estimated costs of certain projects using generally accepted cost-accounting principles that account for specified costs when the board is making a specified determination; prohibiting a local government from performing a project using its own services, employees, and equipment if the project requires an

increase in the number of government employees or an increase in certain capital expenditures, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

### Senate Innovation, Industry & Technology

*SB 1060 Public Records and Meetings/911 or E911*

*Communication System – Senator Thurston*

Providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain documents that depict the structural elements of certain 911 or E911 communication system infrastructure, structures,



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facilities; providing an exemption from public records requirements for geographical maps indicating the actual or proposed locations of certain 911 or E911 communication system infrastructure, structures, or facilities; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law  
Favorable with CS by Innovation, Industry, and Technology; 8 Yeas, 2 Nays

### *SB 1128 Vacation Rentals* – Senator Diaz

Preempting the regulation of vacation rentals to the state; prohibiting a local law, ordinance, or regulation from allowing or requiring inspections or licensing of vacation rentals; requiring licenses issued by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to be displayed conspicuously to the public inside the licensed establishment, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law  
Favorable by Innovation, Industry, and Technology; 8 Yeas, 2 Nays

### **Senate Community Affairs**

#### *SB 630 Regulation of Smoking* – Senator Mayfield

Authorizing municipalities and counties to further restrict smoking within the boundaries of certain public parks, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020  
Favorable by Innovation, Industry, and Technology; 8 Yeas, 2 Nays

#### *SB 998 Housing* – Senator Hutson

Authorizing a board of county commissioners to approve development of affordable housing on any parcel zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts to include certain data relating to impact fees in their annual financial reports; providing the percentage of the sales price of certain mobile homes which is subject to sales tax; exempting certain mobile home park and mobile home subdivision owners from regulation relating to water and wastewater systems by the Florida Public Service Commission, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020  
Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; YEAS 4 NAYS 0

### **Senate Environment & Natural Resources**

#### *SB 7016 Statewide Office of Resiliency* – Senator Lee, Committee on Infrastructure & Security

Establishing the office within the Executive Office of the Governor; creating the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force within the office; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to contract for specified services, upon request of the task force; requiring the Environmental Regulation Commission to take certain action on the task force's recommendations, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$500,000 Effective Date: 7/1/2020  
Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays



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## *SPB 7024 Florida Forever*

Revising legislative findings under the Florida Forever Act to include wildlife crossings as a land acquisition purpose; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to consult with specified entities for certain projects related to conservation lands and coastal areas subject to flooding; requiring that certain allocations from the Florida Forever Trust Fund include a specified amount for lands in this state which have been impacted by a hurricane during a specified timeframe and meet certain requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Environment and Natural Resources; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *Presentations by:*

Department of Environmental Protection – Overview of Resiliency Programs

Department of Economic Opportunity – Funding for Disaster Mitigation Projects

## **Senate Infrastructure & Security**

### *SB 788 Statewide Active Shooter Response Planning – Senator Book*

Requiring the Department of Law Enforcement, in consultation with law enforcement agencies throughout the state, to establish a uniform statewide rule on preparing for and responding to active shooters; requiring each law enforcement agency to adopt an active shooter policy or rule, as appropriate, by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Favorable with CS by Infrastructure and Security; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *SB 834 Emergency Alerts – Senator Simmons*

Authorizing a local law enforcement agency to activate the emergency alert system and issue a Lockdown Alert to public and private schools and child care facilities under certain circumstances; requiring local law enforcement agencies to create and maintain a list of all public schools, private schools, and child care facilities within their jurisdictions which must be included in the Lockdown Alert; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement, in cooperation with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Department of Transportation, to activate the emergency alert system and issue an Imminent Threat Alert to the public at the request of a local law enforcement agency under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2020

Favorable with CS by Infrastructure and Security; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *SPB 7028 Public Safety*

Requiring emergency medical technicians and paramedics to disclose certain confidential communications to law enforcement agencies to communicate a threat under certain circumstances; requiring specified licensees, rather than psychiatrists, to disclose certain confidential communications to law enforcement agencies to communicate a threat under certain circumstances; authorizing a person who is not a licensed importer, a licensed manufacturer, or a licensed dealer and who chooses to not use a licensed importer, a licensed manufacturer, or a licensed dealer to facilitate a private sale of his or her firearm to sell the



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firearm if he or she complies with specified requirements, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2020  
Submitted as Committee Bill and Reported Favorably by Infrastructure and Security; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

## **Tuesday (1/14/20)**

### **Senate Commerce & Tourism**

#### *SB 1192 Tax on Aviation Fuel –Senator Gruters*

Repealing provisions relating to definitions, the tax on aviation fuel, refunds for certain air carriers, administration of the tax, disclosure of price, distribution of proceeds, refunds to carriers, commercial air carrier registration and reporting, and a tax exemption for federal entities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 4 Yeas, 1 Nay

### **Senate Criminal Justice**

#### *SB 700 Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction – Senator Perry*

Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction; Deleting a requirement that limits diversion program expunction to programs for misdemeanor offenses, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 1292 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.

Favorable with CS by Criminal Justice; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays

## **Wednesday (1/15/20)**

### **Senate Rules**

#### *SB 172 Florida Drug & Cosmetic Act – Bradley*

Preempting the regulation of over-the-counter proprietary drugs or cosmetics to the state, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Favorable by Rules; 12 Yeas, 4 Nays

### **House Criminal Justice**

#### *HB 131 Security in Trial Court Facilities – Representative McClain*

Requires sheriffs to coordinate with specified entities to develop comprehensive plan for security of trial court facilities; specifies that sheriffs & chief judges retain certain authority; specifies that sheriffs & their deputies, employees, & contractors are officers of court under specified circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Criminal Justice Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays



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## House Energy & Utilities

### *HB 773 Medically Essential Electric Utility Service* – Representative Maggard

Specifies that fact that certain electric utilities must provide medically essential electric service does not require them to otherwise be regulated by PSC; provides notification requirements for electric utilities relating to certification process for obtaining medically essential electric service & service disconnection; provides certification requirements for customers; specifies duties of electric utilities; revises penalties for falsification of such certification; requires certain health care practitioners to inform certain patients of such certification process; requires such practitioners to provide patients with completed medical certifications & document certification. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays

## House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs

### *HB 7 Legal Notices* – Representative Fine

Provides for website publication of legal notices; provides criteria for such publication; authorizes fiscally constrained county to use publicly accessible website to publish legally required advertisements & public notices; requires government agency to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving legal notices. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

Favorable with CS by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 7 Yeas, 5 Nays

### *HB 639 Displacement of Private Waste Companies* – Representative McClure

Requires local governments to pay specified amount of compensation to displaced private waste companies at end of specified notice period; removes provision relating to authorization of local governments to pay specified amount of compensation to private waste companies as alternative to delaying displacement for specified period; removes provisions authorizing local governments & private waste companies to negotiate such compensation & notice. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 1 Nay

### *HB 851 Community Development District Bond Financing* – Representative Altman

Requires district boards to authorize bonds by two-thirds majority vote. Effective Date: October 1, 2020

Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 1 Nay

### *HJR 877 Ad Valorem Tax Discount for Spouses of Certain Deceased Veterans Who Had Permanent, Combat-Related Disabilities* – Representative Killebrew

Proposes amendments to State Constitution to authorize surviving spouse of deceased veteran to carry over certain discounts on ad valorem taxes on homestead property until surviving spouse remarries or sells or otherwise disposes of property, if, upon veteran's death, veteran had permanent, combat-related disabilities; authorizes discount to be transferred to another permanent residence if surviving spouse has not remarried. Effective Date: Not Specified

Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays





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### *HB 879 Surviving Spouse Ad Valorem Tax Reduction – Representative Killebrew*

Authorizes surviving spouses of certain permanently disabled veterans to carry over certain discount on ad valorem taxes on homestead property under specified conditions; authorizes discount to be transferred to another permanent residence under specified conditions; provides procedure by which applicant may file application after specified date & request discount; authorizes DOR to adopt emergency rules. Effective Date: on the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 877, or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose

Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *HB 637 Impact Fees - Representative DiCeglie*

Impact Fees: Revises conditions that counties, municipalities, & special districts must satisfy before enacting an ordinance or passing resolution; provides that impact fee credits are assignable & transferrable under certain conditions; requires certain counties & municipalities to establish impact fee review committees; provides for membership; provides procedures for meetings & establishing quorums; provides committee duties.

Favorable with CS by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 1 Nay

### *HB 459 Building Design – Representative Overdorf*

Building Design: Provides that regulations relating to building design elements may not be applied to certain structures; authorizes substantially affected person to file petition with Florida Building Commission to review local government regulations; provides requirements for such petition; provides requirements for commission when considering petition; requires commission to issue nonbinding advisory opinion within specified timeframe.

Favorable with CS by Business & Professions Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

## **House Agriculture & Natural Resources**

### *HB 775 Everglades Protection Area – Representative Avila, Representative Aloupis*

Requires comprehensive plans & plan amendments adopted by governing body of local government whose boundaries include Everglades Protection Area to follow state coordinated review process; requires DEP to coordinate with local government on certain mitigation measures for such plans & amendments. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

## **House Business & Professions**

### *HB 3 Preemption of Local Occupational Licensing – Representative Grant (M)*

Preemption of Local Occupational Licensing: Preempts licensing of occupations to state; prohibits local governments from imposing or modifying certain licensing requirements; specifies certain local licensing may not be enforced; specifies certain specialty contractors are not required to register with Construction Industry Licensing Board; prohibits local governments from requiring





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certain specialty contractors to obtain license; specifies job scopes for which local government may not require license; authorizes counties & municipalities to issue journeyman licenses. Favorable with CS by Business & Professions Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *HB 469 Real Estate Conveyances* –Representative Duggan

Provides that subscribing witnesses are not required to validate certain instruments conveying leasehold interest in real property. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Business & Professions Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

House Government Operations & Technology Appropriations

### *CS/HB 441 Public Procurement of Services* -- Government Operations & Technology, Representative DiCeglie

Revises maximum dollar amount for construction project continuing contracts; redefines term "continuing contract" to increase maximum dollar amounts for certain professional services. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable by Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *HB 487 Fire Prevention and Control* – Representative Fetterhoff

Creates Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Program for certain purposes; requires Division of State Fire Marshal to administer program & annually award grants to qualifying fire departments; requires State Fire Marshal to adopt rules & procedures; provides eligibility requirements; provides requirements for grant recipients. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

## **House Transportation & Infrastructure**

### *HB 915 Commercial Service Airports* – Representative Avila

Directs Auditor General to conduct specified audits of large-hub commercial service airports; requires governing bodies of such airports to comply with certain financial disclosure requirements; requires governing body of municipality, county, or special district that operates commercial service airport to establish & maintain website & post certain information; requires such airports to comply with certain contracting requirements; requires governing body members & employees of such airports to comply with certain ethics requirements; requires governing body members to complete annual ethics training; requires annual reports to DOT, Governor, & Legislature; prohibits expenditure of certain funds unless specified conditions are met. Effective Date: October 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *PCS for HB 551 Transportation Disadvantaged* – Transportation & Infrastructure, Representative Jenne



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Requires community transportation coordinators to increase & support programs that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for transportation disadvantaged; requires coordinating boards to evaluate multicounty or regional transportation opportunities to increase & support such programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays

### **House Workforce Development & Tourism**

*HB 305 Preemption Conditions of Employment* – Representative Rommel

Preempts to state right to regulate conditions of employment by an employer; voids certain ordinances, regulations, or policies that are preempted by act. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Favorable by Workforce Development and Tourism Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 5 Nays

### **Thursday (1/16/20)**

### **House Civil Justice**

*HB 519 Private Property Rights Protection* – Representative Grant, J.

Revises notice of claim requirements for property owners; revises procedures for determination of compensation; creates presumption that certain settlements of claims apply to all similarly situated residential properties within political subdivision under certain circumstances; authorizes property owners to bring claims against governmental entities in certain circumstances; provides that property owners are not required to submit formal development applications or proceed through formal application processes to bring claims in specified circumstances; authorizes property owners to bring actions to declare prohibited exactions invalid; requires DOT to afford right of first refusal to previous property owner before disposing of property in certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 5 Nays

### **House Judiciary**

*PCB JDC 20-01 Constitutional Amendments Proposed By Initiative*

Amending provisions related to constitutional amendments proposed by citizen initiative including requirements of the Secretary of State, Supreme Court advisory opinion, petition collector registration, signature validity, petition forms, the cost of signature verification, requirements of the Financial Impact Estimating Conference, ballot language and disclosures, use of legislative staff, & availability of amendment text. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 12 Yeas, 6 Nays;

*Committee Bill Text Filed as H 7037 HJR 301 Repeal of Constitution Revision Commission* – Representative Drake



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Repeals references to Constitution Revision Commission, powers of chair, & assistance by state & local agencies. Effective Date: Not Specified  
Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 16 Yeas, 2 Nays

## *HB 303 Constitution Revision Commission – Drake*

Repeals references to Constitution Revision Commission, powers of chair, & assistance by state & local agencies. Effective Date: the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 301 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose.

Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 14 Yeas, 2 Nays

## **House Commerce**

### *HB 707 Legislative Review of Occupational Regulations – Representative Renner*

Authorizes schedule for the systematic review of occupational regulatory programs; authorizes Legislature to take certain actions before scheduled repeal of occupational regulatory program; provides regulation of occupation to state if such occupation's regulatory program has been repealed through this act; provides schedule of repeal for occupational regulatory programs.

Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Favorable by Commerce Committee; 22 Yeas, 1 Nay

## **House State Affairs**

### *HB 73 Environmental Regulation – Representative Overdorf*

Specifies requirements for contracts between residential recycling collectors or recovered materials processing facilities & counties or municipalities for collection or processing of residential recycling material; prohibits counties & municipalities from requiring collection, transport, or processing of contaminated recyclable material by residential recycling collectors or recovered materials processing facilities; prohibits local governments from requiring further verification from DEP for certain projects; revises types of dock & pier replacements & repairs that are exempt from such verification & certain permitting requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 23 Yeas, 0 Nays

### *HB 7009 Penalties for Violations of the Constitutional Prohibition Against Abuse of Public Position – Public Integrity & Ethics, Representative Byrd*

Reenacts provisions relating to penalties. Effective Date: December 31, 2020

Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 24 Yeas, 0 Nays

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