

# LEGISLATIVE LINEUP



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**Wednesday, January 19, 2022**  
**Week 2 of the WV Legislature**

## **This Week in the Legislature:**

As of today, there have been 1,341 bills introduced. There are several bills that are county related, including those dealing with property tax exemptions; elimination of motor vehicle tax; business and inventory tax definitions; allowing counties to implement a 1% sales tax and an amusement tax; and regional jail cost issues.

The House passed its first two bills of the session today. [House Bill 4059](#) clarifies that all newly hired deputy commissioners within DHHR are in policy-making positions exempt from civil service.










[House Bill 4060](#) removes outdated health code sections relating to Coalition for Diabetes Management, Coalition for Responsible Pain Management, and State Advisory Coalition on Palliative Care. Senate Bill 8 and House Bill 4067 were read for the first time. [Senate Bill 8](#) makes updates and continues several state saving and investment programs including, the Savings and Investment Program Fulfillment Fund and WV College Prepaid Tuition and Savings Program Act. [House Bill 4067](#) makes certain agency reports electronic while removing the reporting from some agencies altogether.

[Senate Bill 244](#), which relates to procedures for initial appointment of judges to the Intermediate Court of Appeals, was amended to correct a typo in the bill. The legislation is scheduled for a vote by the full Senate tomorrow.
















[Senate Bill 253](#), which relates to voting precincts and redistricting was read a first time. The Senate adopted [SR10](#), which establishes a special rule of order relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, during a brief floor session Tuesday.





The resolution spells out policies for proxy voting for members that have contracted or been exposed to Covid-19, as well as policies for participating in committee meetings remotely if afflicted or exposed. This resolution is only in effect through the Second Regular Session of the 85th Legislature and can be altered by the Senate President at any time.
















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| 2022Bills - 2022 Regular Session  |  |       |  |  |   |
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| Bill  | Title  | SA/SI | Last Action                                  | Committee Reference  | Notes   |
| <a href="#">SB 4</a> <a href="#">(None)</a><br>          | Repealing ban on construction of nuclear power plants  |       | 01/12/22 - To Senate Economic Development    | <b>Senate Ref. 1 -</b> Economic Development                      | <p>The purpose of this bill is to repeal the law which bans construction of nuclear power plants.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>  |
| <a href="#">SB 22</a> <a href="#">(None)</a><br>         | Relating to exempting certain organizations from property taxation                                       |       | 01/17/22 - To House Education                | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Education<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Finance | <p>The intent of this bill is to exempt property from taxation used exclusively for divine worship and the operation of a pre-K school, primary school, middle school, secondary school, daycare center, or church camp for children, which school, daycare center, or church camp is operated by the church which owns the property or is operated by another not-for-profit organization or entity; and providing that motor vehicles subject to a lease for at least one year by the United States, the state, any county, municipality, political subdivision, college or university of this state and used for public purposes is deemed public property and exempt from ad valorem taxation.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p> |
| <a href="#">SB 36</a> <a href="#">(None)</a><br>   | Requiring notice be sent to owners of record before real property can be sold due to nonpayment of taxes |       | 01/12/22 - To Senate Government Organization | <b>Senate Ref. 1 -</b> Government Organization                   | <p>The purpose of this bill is to require the sheriff to send notices to the owners of record and to each resident or occupant of real property prior to selling the property for which property taxes have not been paid.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>   |





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| <a href="#">SB 44</a><br><div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div><br>(None) | Requiring State Fire Commission propose rules for sprinkler protection for certain new buildings              |  | 01/20/22 - To Senate On 1st reading<br>1st Reading | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Government Organization                                   | This bill deals with 15A-11-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the State Fire Commission to propose rules relating specifically to sprinkler protection for basements exceeding 2,500 square feet in new buildings and new buildings housing emergency fire, rescue, or ambulance services; and exempting emergency services buildings that only house equipment and do not have sleeping areas or quarters within them.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a> |
| <a href="#">SB 50</a><br><div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div><br>(None) | Authorizing counties to impose county sales and use tax up to one percent under certain circumstances         |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Government Organization       | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Government Organization<br><b>Senate Ref. 2</b> - Finance | The purpose of this bill is to allow counties to implement a consumer sales tax of up to one percent in certain circumstances.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">SB 52</a><br><div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div><br>(None) | Prohibiting county airport authorities from adopting rules prohibiting possession of firearms in public areas |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Judiciary                     | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Judiciary   | The purpose of this bill is to clarify that a county airport authority may not make and adopt rules and regulations prohibiting the carry or possession of firearms in the unrestricted areas of the properties they manage by those persons who may lawfully carry or possess firearms in all public, nonsecure areas.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   |
| <a href="#">SB 63</a><br><div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div><br>(None) | Relating to wind power projects taxation at real property rates   |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Finance                       | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Finance   | The purpose of this bill is to clarify that a wind power project is not a pollution control facility for purposes of §11-6A-1 et seq. of this code and is taxed as real property.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   |

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| <a href="#">SB 64</a><br>(None)<br>          | Allowing county commissions to impose amusement tax                        |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Government Organization | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Government Organization<br><b>Senate Ref. 2</b> - Finance | The purpose of this bill is to allow county commissions to impose an amusement tax.<br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">SB 69</a><br>(None)<br>          | Relating to costs and interest in eminent domain condemnation proceedings  |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Judiciary               | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Judiciary<br><b>Senate Ref. 2</b> - Finance               | The purpose of this bill is to conform the judgment interest paid in condemnation cases to the interest paid on all other civil judgments and decrees. The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia sets the rate of interest in all civil actions, except condemnations, in January of each year. The interest rate is 2% above prime on January second each year not to exceed 9%. The 2020 interest rate is 4.75%.<br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a> |
| <a href="#">SB 75</a><br>(None)<br>       | Requiring certain municipalities pay for incarceration of inmates          |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Government Organization | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Government Organization                                   | The purpose of this bill is to require certain municipalities to pay certain costs for the jailing of an inmate arrested by their police.<br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">SB 114</a><br>(None)<br>   | Relating generally to Electronic Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Act |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Government Organization | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Government Organization<br><b>Senate Ref. 2</b> - Finance | The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Administration to conduct an inventory of the technology infrastructure in the state and to authorize the Department of Commerce to facilitate a public-private partnership or partnerships to expand the broadband infrastructure system and related services to businesses and the public in areas of the state not currently being served.<br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>               |
| <a href="#">SB 124</a><br>(None)<br>   | Exempting certain vehicles from ad valorem taxation                        |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Finance                 | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Finance   | The purpose of this bill is to clarify that motor vehicles subject to a lease of at least one year by the United States, the  |







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|  |  | when used for public purpose  |  |  |  | state, any county, district, city, village, town, political subdivision, or any state college or university, are exempt from ad valorem taxation when used for a public purpose.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">SB 130</a> (None)<br>   |  | Providing protection for property owner when someone visiting private cemetery causes damage to property      |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Judiciary               | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Judiciary   | The purpose of this bill is to provide protection to owners of private property who allow others to use their property to access cemeteries.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">SB 132</a> (None)<br>   |  | Requiring municipalities that impose one percent sales tax must reduce and remove B&O tax in five years       |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Government Organization | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Government Organization<br><b>Senate Ref. 2</b> - Finance | The purpose of this bill is to require a municipality to eliminate its business and occupation tax within five years of instituting a one percent sales tax.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">SB 142</a> (None)<br> |  | Requiring payment of increased costs to volunteer fire departments and EMS units imposed by legislative rules |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Government Organization | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Government Organization<br><b>Senate Ref. 2</b> - Finance | The purpose of this bill is to require the State Fire Commission and the Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health, respectively, to fund volunteer fire departments and emergency medical services units for any increased costs or expenditures that result from the implementation of a state legislative rule.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a> |
| <a href="#">SB 144</a> (None)<br> |  | Creating personal income tax credit for volunteer firefighters  |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Finance                 | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Finance   | The purpose of this bill is to provide for a \$5,000 tax credit for service by volunteer firefighters to West Virginia personal income tax liabilities.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   |
| <a href="#">SB 152</a> (None)  |  | Exempting nonprofit corporations from property tax for certain agricultural                                   |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Agriculture and         | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Agriculture and Rural Development                         | The purpose of this bill is to exempt from property tax certain real properties in this state owned by a nonprofit   |













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|      | and industrial fairs and expositions  |  | Rural Development                                      | <b>Senate Ref. 2</b> - Finance   | <p>corporation with the purpose of organizing, support and maintaining a contemporary agricultural and industrial fair and exposition.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>  |
| <a href="#">SB 153</a><br>  <br>(None)       | Changing determination of compensation paid to landowner when eminent domain used for pipeline  |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Energy, Industry, and Mining      | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Energy, Industry and Mining<br><b>Senate Ref. 2</b> - Judiciary | <p>The purpose of this bill is to change the determination of “just compensation” to be paid to the landowner when eminent domain is used for a pipeline and the pipeline does not connect directly to a residential or commercial end user. The bill provides that the just compensation will be the higher of either the value to the landowner of the landowner's interest taken or the value of the pipeline to the person or entity seeking to use eminent domain for the pipeline; regular payments contingent upon the value of the pipeline over time may be awarded.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p> |
| <a href="#">SB 172</a><br>  <br>(None) | Increasing compensation of elected county officials   |  | 01/18/22 - To House Government Organization            | <b>House Ref. 1</b> - Government Organization<br><b>House Ref. 2</b> - Finance         | <p><a href="#">Add a note.</a></p>   |
| <a href="#">SB 234</a><br>  <br>(None) | Creating surcharge on fire and casualty insurance policies to help municipalities and counties with certain fire-related cleanup and demolition |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Banking and Insurance             | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Banking and Insurance<br><b>Senate Ref. 2</b> - Finance         | <p>The purpose of this bill is to create a fund to relieve the burden upon municipalities and counties of certain fire related cleanup and demolition.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>  |
| <a href="#">SB 242</a><br>  <br>(None) | Restricting authority to prevent or limit owner's use of natural resources or real property in certain agricultural operations                  |  | 01/12/22 - To Senate Agriculture and Rural Development | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Agriculture and Rural Development                               | <p>The purpose of this bill is to limit the authority of counties and municipalities to prevent or limit an owner's complete use of natural resources or real</p>  |




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|   |   |                           |  |  | property for farm or agricultural operations.<br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   |
| <a href="#">SB 273</a> (None)<br>    | Relating to number of state troopers in county  |                           | 01/14/22 - To Senate Government Organization | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Government Organization                                   | The purpose of this bill is to provide that troops shall be allocated to counties by the Superintendent based on the 2020 Census.<br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   |
| <a href="#">SB 415</a> (None)<br>    | Capping severance tax collections in general revenue at specified percentage                  |                           | 01/18/22 - To Senate Finance                 | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Finance   | The purpose of this bill is to diversify certain severance tax funds, capping severance tax collections in general revenue at a specified percentage and dedicating any excess above the specified percentage to a special revenue account; creating an Economic Development Growth Fund; setting out the purpose of the account and use of funds therein; and providing for administration of the account.<br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a> |
| <a href="#">SB 417</a> (None)<br>  | Relating to authorized expenditures of revenues from certain state funds for fire departments | <a href="#">SI HB4101</a> | 01/18/22 - To Senate Government Organization | <b>Senate Ref. 1</b> - Government Organization<br><b>Senate Ref. 2</b> - Finance | The purpose of this bill is to clarify allowable expenditures for fire departments receiving distributions from the Municipal Pensions and Fire Protection Fund or the Fire Protection Fund. This bill was recommended for passage during the 2022 Regular Session by the Joint Committee on Volunteer Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services.<br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   |
| <a href="#">HB 2041</a> (None)<br> | County Budget Flexibility Act   |                           | 01/12/22 - To House Political Subdivisions   | <b>House Ref. 1</b> - Political Subdivisions<br><b>House Ref. 2</b> - Finance    | The purpose of this bill is to create the County Budget Flexibility Act. The bill permits a county to hold over unspent budgetary funds or excess revenue for future uses. The bill requires those funds be deposited in a county's Future   |













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|   |   |  |  |   | Needs Fund. The bill authorizes the use of those funds for future or unexpected needs. The bill makes findings and sets forth an intent.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   |
| <a href="#">HB 2048</a> (None)<br>   | Relating to Deputy Sheriff Retirement System  |  | 01/12/22 - To House Pensions and Retirement  | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Pensions and Retirement<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Finance  | The purpose of this bill is to permit partially disabled deputy sheriffs to engage in other gainful employment without limiting earnings.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">HB 2081</a> (None)<br>   | Relating to withholding tax on income of nonresidents from natural resources royalty payments                                 |  | 01/12/22 - To House Energy and Manufacturing | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Energy<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Finance                   | The purpose of this bill is to require lessees of West Virginia real estate who make natural resources royalty payments for in-state property to any nonresident lessor, to withhold West Virginia personal income tax on natural resources royalty payments. The bill provides exceptions, penalties, defines terms and grants rule-making authority.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a> |
| <a href="#">HB 2091</a> (None)<br> | Creating a process by which voters may recall a county ordinance in a special election  |  | 01/12/22 - To House Political Subdivisions   | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Political Subdivisions<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Judiciary | The purpose of this bill is to create a process by which voters may recall a county ordinance in a special election.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   |
| <a href="#">HB 2104</a> (None)<br> | Relating to compensation paid to landowners when interest in property taken by eminent domain is for a nongovernmental entity |  | 01/12/22 - To House Judiciary                | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Judiciary   | The purpose of this bill is to increase any award of just compensation to a property owner by 25 percent for eminent domain takings by nongovernment entities. The bill also provides for a 25 percent increase in compensation for takings by government entities that are transferred to nongovernment entities within 10 years of the original taking.   |





















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| <a href="#">HB 2209</a> (None)<br>   | Exempting firefighters and volunteer firefighters from payment of income and real and personal property taxes |  | 01/12/22 - To House Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Finance | <p>The purpose of this bill is to exempt firefighters, who are full-time employees of a local fire department, and volunteer firefighters who have successfully completed training requirements under §29-3-6 of this code and who are employed by a volunteer fire department, from payment of income and real and personal property taxes.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>   |
| <a href="#">HB 2273</a> (None)<br>   | Dividing pretrial detention jail costs between arresting authorities  |  | 01/12/22 - To House Judiciary                                       | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Judiciary<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Finance                                       | <p>The purpose of this bill is to divide the responsibility for pretrial detention jail costs between arresting authorities. Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, Class I and Class II municipal corporations, as defined in §8-1-3 of this code, shall reimburse the Division of Administrative Services for the pretrial detention costs of housing persons arrested by law-enforcement agents of those municipalities: Provided, That a specific state agency shall reimburse the division for the pretrial detention costs of housing persons arrested by that agency, and county commission corporations shall reimburse the division for the pretrial detention costs of housing persons arrested by the county's sheriff's department: Provided, however, That in the instance a person is arrested by members of a multi-jurisdictional or interagency task force, the pretrial detention costs of the arrestee shall be borne by the entities comprising the task force pursuant to a memorandum of understanding or other agreement.</p> |










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| <a href="#">HB 2297</a> (None)<br>         | Limiting the maximum number of appointees to certain county and municipal bodies                       |  | 01/12/22 - To House Political Subdivisions   | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Political Subdivisions<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Government Organization | The purpose of this bill is to impose limits on the number of appointees to certain county and municipal bodies; and impose quorum requirements on certain county and municipal bodies.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">HB 2319</a> (None)<br>         | Prohibiting the regulation and licensing of occupations by local government                            |  | 01/12/22 - To House Government Organization  | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Government Organization   | The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the enactment or application of local laws for the registration, certification, or licensing of any trade, occupation, or profession.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">HB 2369</a> (None)<br>         | Provide that you can make monthly payments on property taxes   |  | 01/12/22 - To House Finance                  | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Finance   | The purpose of this bill is to allow for monthly payments on current real and personal property taxes.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   |
| <a href="#">HB 2493</a> (None)<br>   | Providing valuation limitations for coal property taxation and clarifying the penalties for non-filers |  | 01/12/22 - To House Energy and Manufacturing | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Energy<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Finance                                 | The purpose of this bill is, for assessments made on or after July 1, 2022, to provide that the arithmetic means for annual production and average coal price to value coal properties shall be based upon the full calendar year immediately preceding the July 1st assessment date; to provide that the Tax Commissioner shall utilize an average coal density of 1800 tons per acre foot, unless clear and convincing evidence is submitted by a tax payer establishing a lower density value; to provide that density information reported on returns, due on or before May 1 of each year, shall be used to determine values for the immediately following July 1 assessments; to provide that the Tax Commissioner shall take into consideration economic viability |










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|   |   |  |   |  | <p>and engineering considerations when establishing values for coal properties; to provide that coal beds which are of a thickness of less than thirty-five inches shall not be classified as mineable coal for valuation for property tax purposes unless there is clear and convincing evidence to the contrary; to provide that no permitted coal seam may be classified for taxation as active until actual depletion of coal commences under a permit; to provide that for any owner, operator, or producer which fails to make a return within the time required, any and all penalties imposed shall be equally and uniformly applied across all forms of industrial property and natural resources property; and to specify an effective date.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>   |
| <p><a href="#">HB 2563</a></p> <p>(None)</p> <p>  </p> | <p>Requiring certain municipalities to pay for the incarceration of inmates</p> |  | <p>01/12/22 - To House Political Subdivisions</p> | <p><b>House Ref. 1 - Political Subdivisions</b></p> <p><b>House Ref. 2 - Finance</b></p> | <p>The purpose of this bill is to require certain municipalities to pay certain costs for the jailing of an inmate arrested by their police. When inmates are placed in a jail facility under the jurisdiction of the commissioner pursuant to §15A-3-16(f) of this code, the county, and municipality if the incarceration is a municipal violation, shall pay into this fund a cost per day for each incarcerated inmate to be determined by the State Budget Office, by examining the most recent three years of costs submitted by the commissioner for the cost of operating the jail facilities and units under his or her jurisdiction, and taking an average per day, per inmate cost of maintaining the operations of the jail facilities or units: Provided, That beginning July 1, 2018, and continuing through July 1, 2021, in no case shall any county or municipality be</p> |

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|  |  |  |   |   | <p>required to pay a rate that exceeds \$48.25 per day, per inmate. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that the per diem cannot be decreased or be less than \$48.25 per day per inmate. In cases in which the inmate was arrested by the municipal police of a municipality which participates in municipal home rule and which levies a local sales tax, the municipality shall pay the first five days of the jail bill.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p> |
| <p><a href="#">HB 2603</a> (None)</p> <p>  </p>       | Limit number of visitor bureaus that can exist in a county                               |  | 01/12/22 - To House Government Organization | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Government Organization                                 | <p>The purpose of this bill is to authorize the West Virginia Tourism Office to limit the number of visitor bureaus in the counties of the state in order to maximize effectiveness of one main visitors bureau in smaller populated counties.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>  |
| <p><a href="#">HB 2608</a> (None)</p> <p>  </p> | Relating to property taxes dedicated to volunteer fire departments                       |  | 01/12/22 - To House Banking and Insurance   | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Banking and Insurance<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Finance  | <p>The purpose of this bill is to increase the fire and casualty insurance surcharge from .55 percent to one percent to be distributed solely to volunteer and part-volunteer fire departments.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>   |
| <p><a href="#">HB 2686</a> (None)</p> <p>  </p> | Establish a system to remediate fiscal emergencies of local governments                  |  | 01/12/22 - To House Political Subdivisions  | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Political Subdivisions<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Finance | <p>The purpose of this bill is to establish a system to remediate fiscal emergencies of local governments.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>  |
| <p><a href="#">HB 2710</a> (None)</p> <p>  </p> | Providing counties the power to establish a county sales tax under certain circumstances |  | 01/12/22 - To House Political Subdivisions  | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Political Subdivisions<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b>         | <p>The purpose of this bill is to allow counties that contain municipalities with a home rule sales tax to also enact a sales</p>  |
















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|   |  |  |   | Finance   | tax equal to that of the municipality.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   |
| <a href="#">HB 2751</a> (None)<br>         | Modernize the process for dissolution of municipal corporations in this State  |  | 01/12/22 - To House Political Subdivisions  | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Political Subdivisions<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Judiciary | The purpose of this bill is to establish a system to remediate fiscal emergencies of local governments, and to modernize the process for dissolution of municipal corporations in this State.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">HB 2777</a> (None)<br>         | Repeal municipal amusement tax   |  | 01/12/22 - To House Finance                 | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Finance   | The purpose of this bill is to establish a system to remediate fiscal emergencies of local governments, and to modernize the process for dissolution of municipal corporations in this State.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">HB 2866</a> (None)<br>   | Establishing the Municipal Home Rule Program   |  | 01/12/22 - To House Government Organization | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Government Organization<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Finance  | The purpose of this bill is to remove the authority of municipalities participating in the Municipal Home Rule Program to impose a municipal sales tax.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">HB 2907</a> (None)<br>   | Prohibiting political subdivisions from enacting certain ordinances, regulations, local policies, local resolutions, or other legal requirements |  | 01/12/22 - To House Political Subdivisions  | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Political Subdivisions<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Judiciary | The purpose of this bill is to create the Local Government Labor and Consumer Marketing Regulatory Limitation Act. The bill prohibits political subdivisions from enacting any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution or other legal requirements regulating certain areas of the employer-employee relationship and the sale or marketing of consumer merchandise. The bill sets forth prohibited areas of regulation. The bill identifies exceptions. The bill sets forth a purpose, |










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|  |  |  |  |  | <p>defines terms and provides for private causes of action.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>   |
| <p><a href="#">HB 2910</a> (None)</p> <p>  </p> | To modify the allowable number of magistrate judges per county                           |  | 01/12/22 - To House Judiciary              | <p><b>House Ref. 1 - Judiciary</b></p>   | <p>The purpose of this bill is to establish factors by which magistrates are allocated for each county and allow adjustment every 10 years following the census.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>  |
| <p><a href="#">HB 2934</a> (None)</p> <p>  </p> | Allow local governments to hold property owners more accountable for upkeep of buildings |  | 01/12/22 - To House Political Subdivisions | <p><b>House Ref. 1 - Political Subdivisions</b></p> <p><b>House Ref. 2 - Government Organization</b></p> | <p>The purpose of this bill is to empower county commissions and local governing bodies to compel removal of unsafe real property conditions. A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §7-28-1, and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §8-20B-1, all relating to unsafe real property conditions in counties or municipalities; providing a process by which county commissions may compel the cleanup of hazardous real property conditions; providing a power to assert a lien if a real property owner fails to comply with a county commission's hazardous condition resolution; providing a hearing an appeals process regarding unsafe condition determinations made by county commissions; providing a process by which local governing bodies may compel the cleanup of hazardous real property conditions; providing a power to assert a lien if a real property owner fails to comply with a local governing body's hazardous condition resolution; and providing a hearing an appeals process on unsafe</p> |










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|  |   |  |  |  | <p>condition determinations made by local governing bodies.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>  |
| <p><a href="#">HB 2935</a> (None)</p> <p>  </p> | Limit amount a county tax assessor can increase assessed value of antique or classic cars   |  | 01/12/22 - To House Political Subdivisions | <p><b>House Ref. 1 - Political Subdivisions</b></p> <p><b>House Ref. 2 - Finance</b></p> | <p><a href="#">Add a note.</a></p>  |
| <p><a href="#">HB 2974</a> (None)</p> <p>  </p> | To implement a Property Tax Poverty Exemption - School Excess Levy  |  | 01/12/22 - To House Finance                | <p><b>House Ref. 1 - Finance</b></p>   | <p>The purpose of this bill is to allow an exemption from payment of a school excess levy to an owner of a residence whose annual household income is at or below the latest federal poverty guidelines.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>   |
| <p><a href="#">HB 2984</a> (None)</p> <p>  </p> | To revise the West Virginia Tax Increment Financing Act to authorize a county commission or municipal levying body to modify the termination times of certain districts |  | 01/12/22 - To House Finance                | <p><b>House Ref. 1 - Finance</b></p>   | <p>The purpose of this bill is to amend the code as it relates to property tax increment financing districts and real property of public service businesses situated within such districts. The bill amends the definitions of base assessed value, current assessed value, and payment in lieu of taxes, and adds a definition for public service business. It also authorizes payment in lieu of tax agreements for property located within property tax increment financing districts. The bill authorizes a county commission or municipality to extend the length of existence of certain districts and extends the length of existence of certain districts from 30 to 40 years. It removes the requirement that a copy of the proposed project plan for tax increment financing be provided to other levying bodies with the power to levy taxes prior to any public hearing to consider the project. It clarifies the base assessed value and termination date when two or more tax</p> |







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|  |   |  |  |  | <p>increment financing districts have been combined and modifies language related to the discharge of any tax increment financing obligations outstanding on the termination date of a property tax district. It also eliminates certain limitations on the terms of property tax increment financing obligations issued to refund existing obligations. The bill requires the Auditor to apportion and certify the value of real property owned by a public service business within a development or redevelopment district to the county commission and municipality that created such district, and requires a sheriff to properly allocate taxes and levies apportioned by the Auditor.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p> |
| <p><a href="#">HB 2990</a> (None)</p> <p>  </p> | <p>Requiring that any municipality or county commission intending to approve a location for a video lottery retailer must first announce their intention to do so and hold a public hearing</p> |  | <p>01/12/22 - To House Political Subdivisions</p>            | <p><b>House Ref. 1</b> - Political Subdivisions<br/><b>House Ref. 2</b> - Judiciary</p>                          | <p>The purpose of this bill is to require that county commissions and municipalities who intend to approve a new or existing location for a limited video lottery retailer must first announce their intention to do so; and to provide that those entities hold a public hearing before approval.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>  |
| <p><a href="#">HB 2999</a> (None)</p> <p>  </p> | <p>Relating to property ownership by Farmland Protection Board</p>  |  | <p>01/12/22 - To House Agriculture and Natural Resources</p> | <p><b>House Ref. 1</b> - Agriculture and Natural Resources<br/><b>House Ref. 2</b> - Government Organization</p> | <p>The purpose of this bill is to remove the authority of county farmland protection boards to acquire ownership of farm property or other properties for farm uses and protection.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>   |
| <p><a href="#">HB 3068</a> (None)</p> <p>  </p> | <p>Exempt 100% disabled combat vets from property tax on primary residence</p>  |  | <p>01/12/22 - To House Veterans' Affairs and</p>             | <p><b>House Ref. 1</b> - Veterans' Affairs and Homeland Security</p>   | <p>The purpose of this bill is to exempt from taxation the primary residence of combat injured veterans with 100</p>   |



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|   |  |  | Homeland Security                                 | <b>House Ref. 2 - Finance</b>  | percent disability as a result of the combat.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">HB 3086</a> (None)<br>         | Exempting motor vehicles from personal property tax  |  | 01/12/22 - To House Technology and Infrastructure | <b>House Ref. 1 - Technology and Infrastructure</b><br><b>House Ref. 2 - Finance</b>                 | The purpose of this bill is to exempt motor vehicles from personal property tax.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   |
| <a href="#">HB 3122</a> (None)<br>         | Relating to the establishment and operation of regional water, wastewater and stormwater authorities |  | 01/12/22 - To House Technology and Infrastructure | <b>House Ref. 1 - Technology and Infrastructure</b><br><b>House Ref. 2 - Government Organization</b> | The purpose of this bill is to establish the operation of regional water, wastewater, and stormwater authorities.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">HB 3127</a> (None)<br>         | Relating to Public Utilities Audit   |  | 01/12/22 - To House Government Organization       | <b>House Ref. 1 - Government Organization</b><br><b>House Ref. 2 - Finance</b>                       | The purpose of this bill is to create new duties and powers for the State Auditor to review and audit public utility tax returns.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">HB 3179</a> (None)<br>   | Limit property tax increases on certain individuals  |  | 01/12/22 - To House Finance                       | <b>House Ref. 1 - Finance</b>  | The purpose of this bill is to limit property tax increases for individuals who are over 65, permanently disabled, or widowed and earn less than \$20,000 per year.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>  |
| <a href="#">HB 3220</a> (None)<br>   | Restrictions on Taxpayer funded lobbying   |  | 01/12/22 - To House Government Organization       | <b>House Ref. 1 - Government Organization</b>  | The purpose of this bill is to require disclosure of information from state agencies, municipalities, counties, or county school districts that have contracted with a state agency for consulting services related to lobbying.<br><br><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a> |

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| <a href="#">HB 3223</a> (None)<br>         | Prohibit state, county, and municipal governments from dedicating or naming any public structure for a public official who is holding office at the time |  | 01/12/22 - To House Government Organization | House Ref. 1 - Government Organization | <p>The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the dedication or naming any state, county, or municipal building or public structure for a public official who is holding office at the time of the proposed dedication or naming.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>  |
| <a href="#">HB 3253</a> (None)<br>         | Relating to late fees for property taxes   |  | 01/12/22 - To House Finance                 | House Ref. 1 - Finance                 | <p>The purpose of this bill is to limit the amount of fees for late payment of property taxes; limit the amount of charges that may be levied on delinquent property; provide that no penalty may exceed the lesser of \$1000 or the amount of actual tax due; limit publication charges; and provide for a limitation of late fees.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>  |
| <a href="#">HB 3267</a> (None)<br>   | Relating to inventory tax reduction  |  | 01/12/22 - To House Finance                 | House Ref. 1 - Finance                 | <p>The purpose of this bill is to change the method of assessing inventory for taxing purposes.(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, and consistent with Article X of the West Virginia Constitution relating to taxation and finance, this subsection shall govern inventory property assessment, but not the rate of the tax on the assessed inventory property. (1) Property considered as inventory commodities, which include grains and other agriculture products, including fuels, and otherwise considered as inventory, may be assessed only after these items have been held by the taxpayer in this state for a period of 180 days. (2) Property or assets which may include cash and securities, and otherwise considered as inventory, may be assessed only after these items have been held by the taxpayer in this state for a</p> |

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| <p><a href="#">HB 4033</a> (None)</p> <p>  </p>       | Prohibit a county from charging for a building permit if the value of the improvement is less than that required for a contractor's license |  | 01/12/22 - To House Political Subdivisions                          | <p><b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Political Subdivisions</p> <p><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Government Organization</p>                          | <p>The purpose of this bill is to prohibit counties or municipalities from charging for a building permit when the value of the improvement is less than that require for a contractor's license.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>  |
| <p><a href="#">HB 4079</a> (None)</p> <p>  </p> | Require counties provide a road naming if there is more than one landowner  |  | 01/13/22 - To House Technology and Infrastructure                   | <p><b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Technology and Infrastructure</p> <p><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Judiciary</p>                                 | <p>The purpose of this bill is to require all roads which service one or more landowner to be named.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>   |
| <p><a href="#">HB 4087</a> (None)</p> <p>  </p> | Allowing variance in state fire code for certain buildings used solely for emergency equipment storage                                      |  | 01/14/22 - To House Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services | <p><b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services</p> <p><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Government Organization</p> | <p>The purpose of this bill is to requiring the State Fire Commission to propose rules providing that buildings commencing construction after July 1, 2022, housing emergency fire, rescue, or ambulance services shall be protected throughout by approved automatic sprinkler systems, and providing an exemption.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>   |

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| <a href="#">HB 4092</a> (None)<br>   | Providing property tax relief to rare earth industries  |  | 01/14/22 - To House Energy and Manufacturing | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Energy<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Judiciary                | <p>The purpose of this bill is to provide property tax relief to rare earth industries. The bill is to be titled "Rare Earth Property Tax Industrial Development Act." The bill provides for definitions. The bill creates valuation of certain rare earth business personal property. The bill creates an initial determination with a process for protest and appeal. Finally, the bill creates an effective date.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p> |
| <a href="#">HB 4101</a> (None)<br>   | Relating to authorized expenditures of revenues from certain state funds for fire departments |  | 01/17/22 - To House Pensions and Retirement  | <b>House Ref. 1 -</b> Pensions and Retirement<br><b>House Ref. 2 -</b> Finance | <p>The purpose of this bill is to clarify allowable expenditures for fire departments receiving distributions from the Municipal Pensions and Fire Protection Fund or the Fire Protection Fund. This bill was recommended for passage during the 2022 Regular Session by the Joint Committee on Volunteer Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services.</p> <p><a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a></p>   |