

2023 Legislative Priorities for Housing Affordability, Habitability, & Stability

Affordability | Everyone deserves a home they can afford.

- SB941 (Senator Hashmi)

Make it easier for tenants to recover their security deposit after moving out.

- SB1340 (Senator Barker)

Require all landlords to make their tenant screening policies and fees publicly available.

• Budget Amendment (Delegate Bulova & Senator Marsden) Increase the appropriation to the Virginia Housing Trust Fund to build more affordable housing.

- HB2046 (Delegate Carr)/SB839 (Senators Locke & Ebbin)

Direct the Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct a statewide housing needs assessment every five years with measurable goals and outcomes and report to the General Assembly.

Habitability | Ensure homes are safe and healthy.

- HB1635 (Delegate Bulova)

Clarify the process for the rapid refund of money paid by tenants when the property is not habitable at the start of the lease term.

Stability | Help families remain stably housed.

- SB1330 (Senator McClellan)

Give tenants more time to catch up on rent by extending the “pay or quit” period from five to fourteen days.

- HB1702 (Delegate Maldonado)

Adds a provision to the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act requiring landlords to send a separate notice of any rent increase to tenants at least 60 days prior to the end of the lease term/date the rent increase becomes effective.

- Budget Amendment

Provides a grant to non-profit housing providers and groups of residents to allow them to purchase mobile home parks, thereby preserving these communities.

- SB1138 (Senator McPike)

Prohibits mid-lease term rent increases unless the tenant and landlord make an agreement in a separate written document that details (1) the new rent amount, (2) the date when the rent increase becomes effective, and (3) any additional terms or benefits to the tenant in exchange for the increase in rent.

- HB2441 (Delegate Price)

Curbs mass evictions by requiring landlords who are terminating 20 or more month to month leases at the same property at a time to provide those tenants with a 60-day notice.

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